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# OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

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JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

## **\*\*NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON CHURCH PROPERTY\*\***

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called the meeting to order, requesting all cell phones be turned off or silenced.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** read the "CA Preamble".  
Cocaine Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to read: "**The Twelve Traditions**".
  - Mackenzie M. read the Twelve Traditions.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #1
  - Kyandra M. reported on Tradition 1 which states: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon C.A. unity"
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to give a report on the 1<sup>st</sup> Concept.
  - Nick B. reports on Concept 1 which states: "The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for C.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship"
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition for next month.
  - Chris J. volunteers.
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept for next month.
  - Steve C. volunteers.
- ⇒ **Chairperson: Committees Statement of Purpose:** as per Nick request, we will ask Committee Chair's to read their statement of purpose at the time of their report.

**GSO Meeting 2024 Dates:** February 3<sup>rd</sup>., March 2<sup>nd</sup>., April 6<sup>th</sup>., May 4<sup>th</sup>., June 1<sup>st</sup>., July 13<sup>th</sup>., August 3<sup>rd</sup>., September 7<sup>th</sup>., October 5<sup>th</sup>., November 2<sup>nd</sup>., and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Location:** Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church  
2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E Costa Mesa CA, 92627 Suite 8

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## ARE THERE ANY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS?

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DREIA M. ON 1/13/22 FOR 2 YEARS, RON D ON 1/19/03 W/ 21 YEARS, DOC E. 1/8/00 WITH 24 YEARS, AND JOHN J W/3 YEARS

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertained a motion to affirm the new GSRs or confirm a new meeting, if any, as Directors of OCCA and arrange for them to receive a new GSRs packet.

**New Meetings Petitioning to Join Area:** none

**New GSRs:** Neelam A new GSR for Live Free

- **Steve C. moves to approve the new GSR, Nick B. Seconded. Motion passes.**

⇒ **Chairperson:** reads **GSR Duties** for new GSRs.

**GSR Duties:** The G.S.R. (General Service Representative) is a very important position. One year of sobriety is required to hold this position and it is a one-year commitment. The G.S.R. is required to attend the monthly business meeting, the G.S.O. (General Service Organization) to get chips, literature, schedules, flyers, and any other pertinent info, to bring back to the meeting.

⇒ **Secretary:** prepared to call role and reminds members that "During Roll Call, when you hear your name, announce "Present", your current Position (if carrying more than one, state positions following this precedent: Officer, Delegate/Alternate, Committee Chairperson, GSR.) and if you are carrying a Proxy vote. If you are a proxy, please announce your principal for the record."

⇒ **Secretary:** called the roll and announced quorum.  
25 are present, Quorum is 17

**Present:** Frank P., Nick B., Betsy L., Donovan B., Steve C., Alonzo M., Jason S., Dreia M., Carlo P., Matt M., Jose A., Tess M., Ron D., Chris J., Doc E., Angel A., Matt A., Evan L., Jenn C., Russell E., Matt S., Neelam A., Kyandra M., MacKenzie C., and Nate M.,

**Absent:** Dan S., Nolan O, Laura R.

**Absent w/substitute:** Melanie R.G.

**Not 100% sure:** Anthony D.

⇒ **Secretary:** Passed the Master Contact list for any changes or updates to the Roll, Schedule, and Website.

⇒ **Chairperson:** entertained a motion to accept the minutes for the last GSO meeting.

- **Steve M. makes a motion to accept the minutes. Dreia M. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Parliamentarian:** reminds members to "To keep things orderly, when wishing to engage in debate/make motions, you will be placed on a list after being acknowledged by the chair, it will then be your turn to debate or make motions when you are called upon relative to your spot on the list. When in debate, please state if you are in favor, not in favor, or asking a question. For any questions of procedure, call for a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry (waiting till someone is done speaking) to ask the Parliamentarian directly."

- Steve C. also asks everyone to state their name before speaking for the purpose of clarity in the meeting transcription.

## BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

⇒ **Chairperson's Report**

- Frank P.-

714.514.4150

- Report: emphasis made on recording of the meeting and to state your name before speaking for the purpose of the transcription.
- **Tradition 11 CAWSO ballot:** Frank turns it over to Steve C. who explains the ballot process for the proposed change to tradition 11 changing the wording from "...at the level of press, radio, television, and films." To "...at the level of **all public media**"; there is no rush, groups are encouraged to have healthy discussion on this issue, ballots are due by July, 2024, ballots were distributed for GSRs to bring back to their groups, multiple discussion and substantial unanimity encouraged before voting and completing the ballot, once completed the ballots must be turned in to

the area chair, every group worldwide will receive these ballots to obtain a worldwide group conscience for this vital decision.

- There are some questions for clarification: due date is July 10<sup>th</sup>, for filling out the ballot our region is Pacific South Region, need this by then for the delegates to be prepared for conference, some healthy discussion about the importance of this vote and the importance of anonymity in media takes place mainly between Steve C. and Matt S.
- **First Committee Meetings need to be announced:** Frank P. asks for committee chairs to announce the date of their first committee meetings during their report so people can get involved, if not yet known please update ASAP.
- **Planning for Celebrate Around the World:** to be done by Unity committee, usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in March.
- Preliminary budgets: if you have a budget please let us know for appropriate planning
- **CPC week** is 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Jan: Jose A. reports PI committee to meet this week and plan on organizations to reach out to.
- **Change for change schedule:** Nolan O. to chair, not present at GSO.
- Sponsorship committee: Laura not present, no report
- **Secretary commitment:** Melanie R.G. willing to stay on as secretary but requesting some help, an ad hoc committee to help to delegate the work to make the commitment more manageable; accurate transcriptions emphasized again.
- Nick B. clarifies for the group the secretary elected last month has stepped down, Steve C. asks the group if there are objections for Melanie R.G. continuing or if the group would like an election.
- Mackenzie C. asks if S&B will work on structure as secretary will be committee, Steve C. clarifies it will be an ad hoc committee and new structure is not necessary, Melanie R.G. looking for a little help with clerical work/transcriptions/etc. in order to make the commitment more manageable. Steve C. also adds someone working on this committee would be gaining experience to potentially rotate into the secretary position in the future.
- No one objects to Melanie R.G. continuing as secretary, she will fulfill the original term she was elected for.
- Matt S. comments on the idea of "service sponsorship" and comments on concept 1, Steve C. comments that the secretary commitment is a lot of work and it is a good idea to allow the secretary to seek help/delegate in order to keep the service work manageable, accessible, exciting, and fun.

⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288  
 • Report: covering for secretary, no further report .

⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Melanie R.G. - 714.675.2731  
 • Report: no report

⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.910.0901  
 • Report:

Previous Balance	<u>\$ 3,089.03</u>
Donations	<u>\$ 1,421.25</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,112.93</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 3,397.35</u>

- **Steve C. makes a motion to transfer enough money to get the prudent reserve to \$6000, Matt seconded, total would be \$495.79, Donovan B. makes a friendly amendment to transfer \$500, Nick B. objects, would prefer the exact amount per S&B but withdraws objection if the group as a whole wants to transfer \$500. Motion passes.**

- There were various questions regarding the treasury report spreadsheet for specific meeting contributions, most of the confusion arising due to this being a new year, Betsy L. and Donovan B. provided clarification.
- Chris J. asks how to add a new signer (Betsy) to the bank account, Donovan B. states he needs the meeting minutes to show that there is a new treasurer (copy provided) and Chris J. can go to the bank to be removed as a signer.

- **Treasurer:** will ask for 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations.
  - OCCA Venmo ID: @Donovan-Block (714-713-8280)

⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Donovan B- 714.713.8280

- Report: no report.

⇒ **Structure and Bylaws Officer's Report** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416

- Report: Steve C. reports that there is a what's app group for S&B that anyone can be added to, and also the main GSO group can be used for flier approvals.
- Steve C. explains use of CA logo from the World Service manual, common question is about the color of the logo, yes it can be changed as long as the background is solid, also use the trad 6 disclaimer on fliers.
- Working on service manual in committee, goes over GSR duties and all committees.
- Matt S. (vice chair) reports the committee has been working on multiple referrals, thanks other members for their service.
- Matt S. asks a question about fliers which Steve C. clarifies; he then asks if there is a place where all approved documents are stored electronically, Steve C. explains what's app can be searched, but they are kind of scattered, there is not a single archive for them.
- Jose has parliamentary inquiry about proxy votes, if they are for anyone or just GSRs, Steve C explains it is for everyone and the vote can be proxied to anyone with the exception that board members can only proxy to other board members
- Steve C. reminds people that they welcome any referral, and they will work to word it and bring it back to the GSO. Matt S. adds that this committee is here to support all the committees and the fellowship.

⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Alonzo M.- 714.715.0405

- Report: no report, Steve C. comments it is great to have Alonzo on the executive board.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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⇒ **Group Relations Committee** - Dan S.- 714.403.8326

- Report: Steve C. reports Nolan O. went to the new meeting All the A's and it is compliant.
- Nick B points out "Spiritual Lines" GSR position listed as vacant and no representative has been to the GSO recently, Steve C. reports Chris W. is reaching out to them, Steve C. intends to go to the meeting in January as well to touch base about representation at the GSO.
- Donovan B. points out we are running low on time and requests that all motions for checks be completed ASAP.

⇒ **Hotline Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500

Number of Calls: 14      Duration: the average is 90 sec and longest was 4min, 45 sec  
 Voicemails: None.

- Jason S. says that if anyone wants to answer the Hotline to please send him your contact information and you will be welcome.
- Jason S. also reports the OCCA website is up to date and the GSO minutes are uploaded

• **At this point we skipped ahead to the literature committee per Donovan's request so motions for funds can be made.**

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Tess M. - 949.370.5827

- Report: H+I doing well, some new facilities opening up, looking for leaders for a new facility in Dana Point 1<sup>st</sup> Fri at 2 pm.
- Tess M. will be stepping down as chair, but another chair and vice chair have been voted in at the H+I committee, new chair will be at February GSO to be officially voted in to the position.

- **Tess M. for \$200 (\$100 for little big books, and \$100 for pamphlets for the H+I committee), Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>, no objections and motion passed.**

- Discussion ensued clarifying that this is Tess's last meeting as chair, former vice-chair is interim chair and will come to February GSO, new GSO vice chair is Rick G.
- Mackenzie C. (H&I secretary) emails out H&I rosters/agendas and can add you to the email list.
- Tess M. also mentions there was discussion in committee about adding an H&I treasurer, not decided upon yet.

⇒ **Public Information Committee** - Jose A.- 714.615.1167

- Report: Jose A. reports the committee is doing well, currently preparing for CPC week to reach out to the professional community; also attending various PI meetings, will be at the North America PI meeting 1/7/24.

⇒ **Web Servant Subcommittee Report:** -Vacant/Frankie A. sub-

- Report: Jason S. gave report earlier.
- Steve C: reports that S+B has a referral to create the IT committee, which would combine the hotline and Web servant committees, discussion ensues and Steve C. MM to bring the referral to S&B, passes, most likely to be motioned/voted on in February.
- Jason S. asks if IT committee will include social media, Steve C. clarifies, no that would remain under PI.

⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Vacant-

- Report: At this time the committee is also trying to expand onto TikTok and is figuring out how that would work.

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080

- Report: Matthew M. reports he will most likely be taking over as CPC chair.

- Steve C. asks the PI committee when their committee meeting, it will be 1/9/24 at 6 pm, he asks them, and all committees, to post committee meeting times in the GSO what's app so more can get involved.
- Matt A asks why post the committee times only in what's app and not on the website? Lengthy discussion ensued; essentially these committee meetings are only for CA members, not open meetings; also, all of the committee chairs have their contact info listed on the meeting schedules and website.

Request for Funds: \$ None

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Dreia M.- 909.446.2647

- Report: Dreia M. reports working on T-shirt designs for Celebrate around the world.
- If it rains during the chili cookoff Alonzo M. will make the FV Alano club available; fliers are also being worked on, date of chili cookoff not set 100% yet, will be in March.
- No request for funds, working on a budget at this time/looking at options for drinks/other items needed.
- Unity committee typically meets on Sun at 6pm, next meeting not set at this time.
- Once flier is made and approved Jason S. can post it on the website.
- \$50 entry fee for a chili, \$10 to go, \$5 if in sober living/treatment, annual fundraiser to fund sending our delegates to the WS conference.

Request for funds: none.

⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Nolan O.- 407.687.8656

- Report: Dreia M. reports God shot card draw coming up on 2/4/24 12-4pm at Doheny Change for change intended to start back up in April.

⇒ **Literature Committee** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829

- Report:

Number of Sales: \$ 337

Request for Funds: \$ 550

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to request \$ 550 (\$350 for CAWSO, \$200 for OC AA Central Office), Steve C. 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.**

⇒ **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

- Report: Nick B. announces that the next 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> and the cutoff date to sign up will be the 17<sup>th</sup>. \$25 dollar fee covers, breakfast, lunch, and all-day coffee as well as all necessary materials.
- Feb workshop will be 2/7 (cut off 2/14)

**Capo Beach Church: 25976 Domingo Ave, Dana Point, CA 92624  
Call Nick B. 949.382.9288**

⇒ **Chip Committee** -Carlo P.- 714.587.1258

- Report:
  - Amount of Sales:     \$ 224
  - Request for Funds:   \$ 250

- **Carlo P. makes a motion requesting \$250 in funds for CAWSO to replenish the chips. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

### WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

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⇒ **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326

- **Report.** No report (absent)

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656

- No report (absent)

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416

- Report: PSR is supposed to have a full dead slate of trustees, we have the option to put up 6 names (the entire region), Steve encourages OC area to put forward a name for trustee.
- WS S&B working on numerous referrals.
- Matt S. asks a question about the structure and trustees and if it is the same as AA, Steve C. briefly clarifies.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

- No report.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Kyandra M.- 928.503.2328

- No report.

### BUSINESS

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⇒ **Old Business**

⇒ **New Business**

- Chris J. asks if we have quorum, voting members counted, 21 present.

- **Chris J. makes a motion to donate \$250 to World Service Organization. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

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⇒ ~~Chairperson~~ entertains a motion to Adjourn.

- Dreia M. makes a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

- Upon adjournment, **Chairperson** calls for a moment of silent meditation and requests an individual to lead the GSO in a prayer of their choice.

⇒ Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM. (ish)