
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1ST, 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"**.
 - Doc E. reads the Twelve Traditions.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #6.
 - Nolan O. reports on tradition 6 which states: A C.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the C.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to give a report on the 6th Concept.
 - Chris J. reports on the 6th concept which states: "On behalf of C.A. as a whole, our World Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the World Service Board of Cocaine Anonymous."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 7th Tradition for next month.
 - Melanie R.G. volunteers.
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 7th Concept for next month.
 - Carlo P. volunteers.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2024 Dates: July 13th., August 3rd., September 7th., October 5th., November 2nd., and December 7th.

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

ARE THERE ANY JUNE BIRTHDAYS?

Dan S. on June 1st, 1993, 31 years, Jenn C. on June 5th, 2021, 3 years, and Melanie R.G. on June 21st, 2021, 3 years.

⇒ **Chairperson:** entertains 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:

New GSRs: Bryce W. for "Ups and Downs" meeting and Jacob W. for "Messengers" (Jacob W. voted in later in the meeting).

- **Doc E. makes a motion to approve Bryce W. as a new GSR for "Ups and Downs".
Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Chairperson:** read **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 remind 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.

- **Present:** Frank P., Nick B., Melanie R.G., Betsy L., Donovan B., Dan S., Nolan O., Dreia M., Carlo P., Mathew M., Jose A., Liz M., Ron D., Chris J., Doc E., Angel G., Matt A., Jenn C., Evan L., Bryce W., Neelam A. (L), Jacob W., Matt S., and Gina G.
- **Absent:** Steve C. (proxy to Melanie R.G.), Alonzo M., Jason S., Anthony D. and Kathy W.
- **Quorum:** 23 voting members at the count of roll, quorum is 16.
- Melanie R. G. asks if there is a GSR for Messenger. Jacob W. states his qualifications.

- **Chris J. makes a motion to accept Jacob W. as the new GSR for the "Messengers" meeting. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **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.

- **Chris J. makes a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting.
Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Parliamentarian: (Nick B. read in place of Steve C.)** reminded 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."

BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

- ⇒ **Chairperson's Report** - Frank P.- 714.514.4150
- Report: No report.
- ⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
- Report: Nick B. says that he is standing in for Frank P. today as Frank P. is at a retreat but present on Zoom.
 - Nick B. reminds the group that if you're a GSR, it's part of our structure and bylaws that you are required to be a part of a standing committee. As we go through the committee reports you can see what the options are. There are many opportunities to get involved and be of service, whether you're just speaking on a panel, or helping plan activities, or doing a poster campaign for example. This is to spread the message to the addict that still suffers.
 - Nick B. adds that there are a couple of committees that still don't have a scheduled committee meeting that is on a particular day, or week, either on Zoom or in person to do committee work. We encourage this to facilitate participation by more people. He asks that you please work on this.
- ⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Melanie R.G. - 714.675.2731
- Report: No report.
 - Nick B. says that he saw a message from Neelam A. that she will be arriving with the agendas soon.
- ⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504
- Report: Betsy L. states our savings are still at around \$6,000.
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| Previous Balance | \$ 1,972.49 |
| Donations | \$ 1,914.35 |
| Disbursements | \$ 3,093.77 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 793.07 |
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| Bank Balance | \$ 794.44 |
- **Treasurer:** asked for 7th tradition donations. OCCA Venmo: @betsy-Lyons-1 949.220.3504
- ⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Donovan B.- 949.910.0901
- Report: Donovan B. reports that we are working with a new accountant. We have sent him the necessary information and he is trying to get us reinstated, we are still waiting.
- ⇒ **Structure and Bylaws Officer's Report** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416
- Report: Steve C. is absent.
 - Referral for vote on change of language in Unity section.
 - Nick B. just states that he knows that Steve C. will bring that to us and that it is a referral requesting the language around Unity be more inclusive and up to date.
- ⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Alonzo M.- 714.715.0405
- Report: Alonzo M. is absent.
 - Nick B. mentions that he is aware that Frank P. was to give archives some more materials from the collection of Ray Grosse. Frank P. will fill us in at the next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- Report: Dan S. reports that all is going well with meetings. He says that he heard from a delegate or trustee, not sure, that AA has told us that if we are to use the "How it Works" reading, it needs to be read straight out of the Big Book. He will find out what CA's stance on that is either at the conference or elsewhere as we do want to avoid stepping on the toes of AA.

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

- Hotline Sub-committee: Melanie R.G. says that Jason S. sent the report for the hotline this morning. Jason S. mentioned that the volume of calls was very low this month. Melanie R.G. reports:

Total Calls:	9
Avg Duration:	27 seconds
Longest Call:	56 seconds
Voicemail:	None

- Webservant Subcommittee:
 - Follow up on uploading meetings to the new app.—tabled to next meeting.
 - Melanie R.G. requests that if you see something that needs to be updated on the website to contact Jason S. directly or her and she will pass it on.
 - Nick B. states that if you have technology skills and are willing to help Jason S. out, he will accept the help. Jason S. has been running our website for years and he does a great job. If you want to join the Hotline, your help there will be appreciated as well—just reach out to Jason S.

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Liz M. - 714.266.4081

- Report: Liz M. announces the upcoming H&I "God Shot Card Draw" event on August 4th at Doheny State Beach from 12-4. Guest speakers are Jannik S. and Lisa S. Liz M. also announces the upcoming event on June 16, the San Juan Loop; a hike that will take us to a waterfall and creek where there will be a speaker meeting. Tim D. of San Juan Capistrano is the guest speaker.
- Liz M. announces that H&I has panels in need of leaders, and she has the roster available. She asks that people announce at their meetings these opportunities.

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

- Report: Jose A. reports that PI participated in the San Clemente resource fair and the chair of the human affairs committee thanked them for their participation. In addition, some groups asked that we bring CA to them. They were asked to come back, and it was a great experience because they were able to talk to the VA and people in the military, in hospitals and institutions and they were able to exchange phone numbers and information.
- Jose A. announces that the poster campaign will now be adopting stickers and that he is asked people to take four of them, place them somewhere important in the community, take a photo and upload it on to the WhatsApp chat.
- Jose A. passes out the sticker posters and also the laminated QR codes that they put together.

⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Angel G.- 714.369.4813

Report: Angel G. reports that this month we have 625 accounts that were engaged with 29 of them clicking the link, and 10 new followers, which is better than last month. Some of the reels are blowing up with the one for the Monday night meeting (Keep it Simple) and the one for H&I is as well with 168 views. They are posting every day and letting them run 24 hours. He asks that if you post it on your Instagram, we can grow our reach to more people. Followers tend to be between 25-35 years of age.

- Angel G. also requests that if you have had any events, milestones, etc., he would like to know, and get pictures so he can post a recap of the month in a reel.

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** -Matt M.-

Report: Jenn C. reports that this week they went to the Anaheim probation office where they left a rack with literature and other materials. They made a direct contact with an employee there and it was rewarding.

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

- Update on vote of no confidence for Unity Chair.
 - Dreia M. states that her work situation has changed, and she is no longer working for the company she was which had her working some weird hours. With this change she says she can now refocus on the GSO and her work in Unity. She adds that Neelam A. has really stepped up and will be her vice chair for Unity and that she has other folks expressing interest in helping. She thanks those that reached out to her.
 - Dreia M. says that she will start weekly meetings again and will be posting it on the WhatsApp to make sure everyone knows what is going on.
 - Dreia M. says that if you have any questions, concerns or comments to reach out directly to her. She adds that she does not want questions regarding her commitment to the GSO because that has never changed.
 - Nick B. explains that there was a vote of no confidence last month, which is not a removal vote, it just asks what is going on and it sounds like all of the issues we had were addressed right there. Nick B. says "you're going to have committee meetings, you're scheduled has opened up to be able to fulfill the commitment, you're telling me you're committed to this committee of the GSO. Those are essentially all the issues we had."
 - Frank P. requests that we table it to next month. Nick B. says that if there are no objections we can do so.
 - **Melanie R.G. makes a motion to table it to next month. Seconded. Motion passes.**
- Report: No report.

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

Report: Nolan O. reports that the next Change for Change is at the "Not in Vein" meeting with guest speaker Erin P. from Santa Barbara, who is an excellent circuit speaker.

- Nolan O. reports that last month, they turned in \$737 from Change for Change. \$225 came from shirt sales, \$366 from the opportunity drawing and \$146 in cash donations in the bucket. This month they turned in \$535 of which \$250 was in shirt sales, \$273 in the opportunity drawings and \$12 dollars in cash donations.
- Nolan O. adds that he turned in \$405 from the "Card Shot Draw" event which will go into the H&I account. There was a good turnout. He is looking forward to the next one and hopes to get some stuff to raffle off there or donate.
- Nolan O. announces the Beach Bash for the fourth of July coming up where there will be fireworks. Hopefully we'll have some stuff to raffle off there.
- Nolan O. says he is looking forward to taking on more of a supportive roll instead of heading the activities up all the time. He is asking for people to step up and help him and Dreia M.

- Plan for Labor Day Picnic Delegate Fundraising—not addressed at this meeting.

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

- Report:
Number of Sales: \$ 327
Request for Funds: \$ 250

- **Mathew M. makes a motion requestion \$250 for Big Books and 12 and 12's. Seconded. Motion passes.**

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

- Report: Nick B. reports that there was one attendee at the last workshop. Next one is on the third Saturday per usual. That is the 15th so cutoff is the 12th. If you have sponsees stuck on the fourth step, send them to the workshop.
- Doc E. suggests that for those who also do AA to announce it there as they do not have a monthly one.

- **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: \$ 115.00
Request for Funds: \$ 0

- Carlo P. explains that if you order less than \$200 worth of chips you do not get the 20% discount, so he will wait to do so next month as we have enough to last us through this month.

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326

- No report.

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

- Nolan O. says he has his ticket, hotel and all else for conference. When the information comes out on what we will be voting for, we will be meeting at Melanie R.G.'s house to go over that and will come back to report.

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

- No report- absent.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Liz M.- 714.266.4081

- Liz M. states that she has her ticket and registration and hotel room. She adds that we had a meeting with Steve C. to guide us through a more thorough understanding of Robert's Rules used at the conference.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731

- Melanie R.G. says it has been covered above.
- Melanie R.G. states that the schedules have just arrived, and she will pass the master as well as copies for people to take back to their meetings. This month Melanie R.G. asked Neelam A. to make less of them this as there have been some left over.

BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**

1. Tradition 11 vote update
 - a. Nick B. reports that all meetings except one voted on the proposed change to tradition 11. It will require three fourths vote at conference to pass.
2. Robert's Rules Workshop –Steve C.
 - a. Nick B. reports that Steve C. did a workshop this month with four in attendance.
3. Tax Status
 - a. This has been covered earlier.

⇒ **New Business:**

1. Chris J. announces that he is organizing a Narcan training, and they have a lady that does harm reduction. She will be here next month after the GSO and will bring Narcan and other equipment. He invites all the GSR's to attend so they can always have it available at their meetings. She's also going to provide test strips for fentanyl and Tranq. It is free for us and open to anybody. Frank P. requests that Melanie R.G. put this on the agenda next month, so people remember to set aside time for the training.
2. Nolan O. announces that he has a box of "Hope, faith and Courage" books that Chris W. gave him and can save us some money.
 - Frank P. says that he knows the accountant working on our tax status and he hopes to get it done by next year.
 - Neelam A. announces that she has flyers for all the upcoming events. The events have been covered by Nolan O.'s previous report.
 - Nolan O. reports that the meeting "Spiritual Lines" just lost their building in Lake Forest due to people not respecting the rules on smoking. They are having trouble finding a new location. Nick B. states that this is a reminder why it is so important for us to follow the rules and be respectful of our meeting places where we are guests. We have lost meeting places before like the Messengers meeting now on the beach used to be in the San Juan Library.
 - **Chris J. makes a motion to donate \$75 to World Service. Seconded. Motion passes.**

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

- **Chris J. makes a motion to close. Seconded. Motion passes.**
- Upon adjournment, **Chairperson** calls for a moment of silent meditation and requests an individual to lead the GSO in a prayer of their choice.
- Bryce W. takes us out with the Serenity Prayer.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.