

OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3RD, 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**".
- Liz M. read the traditions.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #8.
- Matt A. reports on tradition 8 which states: "Cocaine Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to give a report on the 8th Concept.
- Bryce W. reports on the 8th concept which states: "The Trustees of the World Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all Directors of these entities."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 9th Tradition for next month.
- Celia T. volunteers.
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 9th Concept for next month.
- Steve C. volunteers.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2024 Dates: 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 JULY BIRTHDAYS?

Nick B. on August 4th with 9 years, Evan L. with 3 years, and Jacob W. with 1 year.

- ⇒ **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: "Sunlight of the Spirit," Women's Meeting, Sunday 12:00-1:30 at the Fountain Valley Alano Club. (Hybrid.)

New GSRs: Alex G.

- **Nick B. makes a motion to affirm the "Sunlight of the Spirit Women's Meeting" as a new meeting of Cocaine Anonymous. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Nick B. makes a motion to affirm Alex G. as a new GSR for the "Sunlight of the Spirit Women's Meeting". Seconded. Motion 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 roll 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., Steve C., Nolan O., Jason S., Neelam A., Mathew M., Liz M., Chris J., Angel G., Mat A., Jenn C., Bryce W., Mat S., Celia T., Anthony D., Gina G. and Alex G.
- **Absent:** Alonzo M. (proxy), Dan S. (proxy), Carlo P., Jose A. (proxy), Ron D. (proxy), Doc E., Evan L. (proxy), Jacob W., and Kathy W.
- **Quorum:** 17 (of 25 voting members)

⇒ **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 C. makes a motion to accept the minutes from the last GSO meeting. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Parliamentarian:** 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: Frank P. reports that he will be travelling to conference at the end of the month to support the delegates and alternate delegates. The tradition 11 change will be announced.
- Donovan B. reports at this time that we have received a letter from the IRS that we will be registered as "OC Cocaine Anonymous" doing business as "Orange County Cocaine Anonymous." They will meet with the accountant on Monday. Frank P. adds that we will have this in place by the time we get back from conference.

⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report**

-Nick B.-

949.382.9288

- Report: Nothing to report at this time.

⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Melanie R.G. - 714.675.2731

- Report: Nothing to report at this time. Melanie R.G. thanks Neelam A. for making the copies of the agenda, minutes and meeting schedule.

⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504

- Report: Betsy L. reports:

Previous Balance	\$ 2,051.34
Donations	\$ 2,869.60
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 2,567.70</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 2,363.24

- Steve C. is standing in for Dan S. and has his request for reimbursement for conference. The expenses including per diem are \$1,623.71. Melanie R.G. brings up the \$1,500 limit reimbursement for delegates. There is a discussion on this that points to the reason why he has higher expenses than Steve C. and Nolan O.

- **Chris J. makes a motion to reimburse Dan S. for expenses to attend conference as a delegate in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **Nolan O. makes a motion to reimburse Steve C. for \$250 in per diem for the conference. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

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- Nick B. requests that we check to see if with this per diem reimbursement they are still under the \$1,500 threshold. Donovan B. says they are.

- **Liz M. makes a motion to reimburse the alternate delegates (Liz M. and Melanie R.G.) \$250 each for attending the conference. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **Treasurer:** will ask for 7th tradition donations. OCCA Venmo: @betsy-Lyons-1 949.220.3504

⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Donovan B.- 949.910.0901

- Report: Donovan B. just reiterates that we are close to fixing the issue with our nonprofit status and that once that is done his work for the GSO is finished.

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

- Report: Steve C. reports that the Executive Board met ten minutes ahead of the GSO meeting because it had to take care of some issues needed for our incorporation. This resulted in four motions for changes to our S&B to be able to have all requisites for our incorporation.

- 1. Article one of the S&B contains our statement of purpose, in that we have the purpose of organization as Orange County Cocaine Anonymous, General Service Organization here to refer as OCCA GSO, or simply GSO. We want to add into here "Orange County Cocaine Anonymous, General Service Organization incorporated as OC Cocaine Anonymous."

- **Steve C. makes a motion to add into our statement of purpose, "incorporated as OC Cocaine Anonymous". Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- 2. Under Section One provisions, we would like to add:

- **Steve C. makes a motion to add “we hereby incorporate using the name OC Cocaine, Anonymous, doing business as Orange County Cocaine Anonymous.” Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- **Matt A. makes a motion to add to the structure of the S&B under Article 4, which is the Executive Board section two, which is duties, to add “all members of the OCCA Board must abide by the OC Cocaine Anonymous Conflict of Interest Policy.” (See appendix one). Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- **Steve C. makes a motion to add to the end of the S&B, document appendix, roman numeral one, Conflict of Interest Policy. Seconded.**
- Steve C. speaks to his motion to explain that this applies only to the Executive Board, and it is to prevent any conflict of interest that might come up between the business of Cocaine Anonymous and a person’s personal benefit.
 - **Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Archivist’s Report** -Alonzo M.- 714.715.0405
 • Report: Jenn C. proxy for Alonzo M. says there is no report at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

⇒ **Group Relations Committee** - Dan S.- 714.403.8326
 • Report: Absent.

⇒ **IT Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500
 • Hotline Sub-committee: Jason S. brings up the discussion at the last meeting about all the nonsense calls the Hotline gets and says we have discussed this before. He is of the opinion that there is nothing to be done about it because the option of blocking the numbers was discussed and due to the nature of the Hotline, it was decided not to do so. He understands its annoying.

Total Calls:	<u>24</u>
Avg Duration:	<u>1 minute 34 seconds</u>
Longest Call:	<u>10 minutes 54 seconds</u>
Voicemail:	<u>0</u>

- Melanie R.G. asks for a status update on the new app where CA meetings around the world are listed. Steve C. responds that he needs to connect Jason S. with the head of the IT chair for World Service conference. That way we can get them your contact information, and we have to submit our stuff through Jason S.
- **ACTION ITEM: Steve C. will see the chair of IT, Tom, at the end of this month at conference and give him Jason S.’s contact information.**
- Webservant Subcommittee: Jason S. adds that if anyone is interested, and a little bit savvy with WordPress and is interested in jumping on and helping out with the website, he would love some help.

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Liz M. - 714.266.4081
 • Report: Liz M. reports on the “God Shot Card Draw” on Sunday, August 4th from 12-4 pm at Doheny State Beach. The speakers are Jannik S. from San Clemente and Lisa F. from Anaheim. There’s a cookout, an opportunity raffle with various items.
 • Liz M announces that our next event is going to be a beach clean-up on August 24 at Newport Beach Peninsula Park. This event is being brought back.

- Nolan O. reports on Lifeline by saying we are trying to compile this "Lifeline" phone list to take in the treatment centers so they can find their first CA meetings coming out of treatment. He has a template for your meeting phone list person, and it has a column on it to check if members wish to be on the Lifeline's list.
- Liz M. reports that we have many panels with a need for panel leaders and panel speakers in north, central and south Orange County. She has the roster in print and online for anybody who needs it.
- Matt A. contributes that he believes it is important to take the opportunities available to be of service at the area level and explain these at your meetings, such as H&I, S&B, PI, IT, etc. as many newcomers are unaware that there is this entire structure at the area level helping the program work.

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

- Report: Angel G. reports for Jose A. and says that in July they went to the OC Extravaganza which is a car show, with Dan S. and Alonzo M. bringing classic cars and the booth had a lot of attention which caused a many people to showed up to a meeting.
- Angel G. adds that there was a poster blitz in July, and there will be one in August in Huntington Beach and Newport Beach utilizing a couple of flyers.

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

Report: Angel G. reports that the boosted reel that we agreed on last month had a total of 2300 views and jumping up more than all the other ones that we've done before. Usually, we get around like 200 and now about 1,800 people came to CA social media through it. The post announcing the event "Wiggin Out" is also doing well.

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to get reimbursed for what PI spent at the OC Extravaganza event for \$207.72. Seconded. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.**

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829

Report: Jenn C. reports that they attended the resource fair in Santa Ana and made a connection with the public defender's office next door and she will follow up with what they might need like literature.

- Angel G. says they are planning to join a bike ride from Huntington Beach to Newport, and they will be representing OCCA. Let him know if you want to join.
- There is a brief discussion about the funds reimbursed to PI haven been asked for previously through the chat and approved by the Board.

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Neelam A.- 559.306.4551

- Report: Neelam A. reports that we have three activities spread out and they will be planned in detail at our upcoming committee meeting on the 17th.
- October will be our Halloween Party: Kim O. will be leading this effort and Nolan O., and Tim have done it successfully in the past. Last year had great turnout.
- November will be our Turkey Bowl and Chris J. will be working with Niko B. to make it happen.
- December is our gratitude banquet. Our application has been approved for the Costa Mesa Norma Hetzog community center. We get a great rental rate if we have our nonprofit status by November 15th when our deposit is due. The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th from 5-9. There is a discussion about the details and preliminary budget for this event and Neelam A. requests that if you have ideas and experience, they will be welcome. Nolan O. gives us an idea of what this event is by saying speakers are invited from Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside and Orange County and those speakers bring about 10 people and then we are counting on our fellowship to participate. There is a discussion about the food, and other details and the work will be taken back to the committee.

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

Report: Covered above.

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

- Report:

Number of Sales:	\$ 247
Request for Funds:	\$ 215

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to request \$ 215 dollars for AA Central Office for literature. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- ⇒ **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
- Report: Nick B. reports that the last workshop had 4 attendees. The next is August 24. It is usually the third Saturday, but he will be busy, so he had to push it out a week. Sign up cutoff date is 21st.
 - There is a discussion about having this workshop in north Orange County. Nick B. says that he gets people from all over and that if someone else wants to do them he suggests that they come and do the workshop with him for six months to train and he will support their effort.
 - There is a discussion on where on the website the workshop is listed, and the conclusion is that people should announce it to be the third and if they are interested give them Nick B.'s phone number to sort out the date.

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

- ⇒ **Chip Committee** -Carlo P.- 714.587.1258
- Report: Nick B. reports for Carlo P.
Amount of Sales: \$ 174.10
Request for Funds: \$ None

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326
- Dan S. is absent.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
- Nolan O. says he is looking forward to the conference, he is trying to get more plugged in with his world service committee, which is North American PI outreach where they will be voting in new commitments.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416
- Steve C. reports that everything is set up for the conference. As the vice chair of S&B World Service he received permission to share that Tradition 11 change received 997 votes in the affirmative, 225 against and 44 abstention which means that it passes the three fourths in the affirmative threshold. The change is going to be ratified at this conference with a plan to suspend the rules and suspend SR 14. He reminds us that the Tradition 11 now reads "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion. We need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, television and films." which will be changed to "we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of all public media" if it passes.
 - There is a discussion about what this change means to all our materials and clarification that it has yet to be ratified so we need to wait until the closing of the conference. Also discussed is what happens if there is a violation to this tradition in that a meeting might not be able to change the banner right away and so on. The important thing is to maintain the spirit of the tradition.
 - There also will be many changes to the S&B World Service Manual. He adds that our alternates and our delegates are going to be having an SR 14 meeting on August 11th.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Liz M.- 714.266.4081
- Liz M. reports she is excited for conference and the SR-14 meeting.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731
- Melanie R.G. reports that she has a ticket, hotel reservations and looking forward to hosting the SR-14 meeting that is open to all.

BUSINESS

- ⇒ **Old Business**

1. Tax Status-already covered.
2. Robert's Rules Workshop –Steve C. reminds us that he is always willing to give this workshop for people to feel comfortable using Robert's Rules, it can be a half hour and will cover the basics.

⇒ **New Business:**

1. Betsy L. advises us that we will be in the negative in our checking account and asks permission to transfer \$1,000 from savings to checking with the reminder that we have to replenish that.
 - **Chris J. makes a motion to donate \$ 200 to World Service. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - Chris J. speaks to his motion reiterating the importance of committing to support World Service Organization, especially now they are moving the office. He points out that the prudent reserve is there to support the delegates to attend conference and that has already happened.
 - Mathew M. announces the Back-to-Basics Marathon on October 25-27 at the Fountain Valley Alano Club.
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⇒ **Chairperson** entertains a motion to Adjourn.

- **Liz M. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- 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 11:27 AM**