

# OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## **\*\*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"**.
  - A member volunteers to read "The Twelve Traditions"
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** calls on an addict to report on Tradition #4
  - \_\_\_\_\_ did the report on tradition 4 which states "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or C.A. as a whole."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 5<sup>th</sup> tradition for next month.
  - Melaine R.G volunteers to give a report on the 5<sup>th</sup> tradition.

**Remaining GSO Meeting 2025 Dates:** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## ARE THERE ANY APRIL BIRTHDAYS?

- ⇒ **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:** None  
**New GSRs:** Spenser for All the A's & Brayden S. for Madd Realm.  
**Nick B. makes a motion to accept the new GSR's. Seconded. Motion passed 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:** prepares 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 please announce your principal for the record."

⇒ **Secretary:** calls the roll and announces quorum.

- **Present:** Chris J., Melaine R.G., Neelam A., Betsy L., Donovan B., Steve C., Liz M., Nolan O., Dan S., Jason S., Jenn C., Mathew M., Jose A., Nick B., Angelina T., JJ M., Matt A., Evan L., Marco M., Spencer, Kathy W., Adam S., Frank P., Jessica M., Brayden S.
- **Absent:** Gina G., Carlo P., Angel G., Matt S., Celia T, Alex G., Alonzo M. (Mathew M. proxy).
- **Quorum: 25 present quorum is 17**

⇒ **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.

**Melaine R.G makes a motion to accept the February and March minutes of the GSO. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

⇒ **Chairperson:** entertains a motion to accept the minutes for the February GSO meeting.

⇒ **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

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| ⇒ <b><u>Chairperson's Report</u></b>   | - Chris J.-    | 714.713.8280 |
| • Report: No report at this time.  |                |              |
| ⇒ <b><u>Vice-Chairperson's Report</u></b>  | -Melanie R.G.- | 714.675.2731 |
| • Report: No report at this time.  |                |              |
| ⇒ <b><u>Secretary's Report</u></b>   | -Neelam A.-    | 714.675.2731 |
| • Report: No report at this time.  |                |              |
| ⇒ <b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b>   | -Betsy L.-     | 949.220.2504 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report: Betsy L. reported she is debating about going to the bank after the meeting to transfer our accounts, so if she writes anyone a check today to please wait this evening or Monday to put it in so she can make sure everything gets transferred. If for any reason she can't transfer the account today she would let the respective parties know.</li> <li>• Betsy L. also reported that she would get in touch with Jason so she can activate the card so the payment for the website can be made.</li> <li>• Melaine R.G asked if the numbers provided included what was brought in from the Chili Cook Off. Betsy L. shared that she is counting the profits from the Chili Cook Off today and would have the numbers for us next month.</li> </ul> |                |              |

Previous Balance	\$ 1,485.05
Donations	\$ 1,141.57
Disbursements	\$ 1,172.91
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 752.64</b>

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

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

- Report: No Report Given.

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

- Report: Steve C. reported that they are revisiting some of our Orange County Structure and Bylaws manual, so that way we're trying to make processes that are overly burdensome or maybe unfair. We're trying to change some things, make things a little bit easier and smooth. They have noticed many areas that could use some improvements and they are working on resolving them. One of the things that they are working on is our ratification process we found on the board that does not work as intended. The S&B approved through our process a way to change that. It was submitted to the board, and the board approved it. Next month the S&B will bring a full text for everyone to view.
- Frank P. asked what was unfair about the ratification process.
- Steve C. replied that essentially is a member was not ratified they would be out of their position completely, without any sort of ability to improve, which is a pretty unfair process. So, what we've decided that we're going to do is we're going to try to change it to a two-tiered process, where is somebody doesn't make it through the first vote, they have to be informed of why and given an opportunity to address why. We do need to protect our organization and our fellowship but not in a manner that hurts someone in the process. The board would also have to come back to the GSO and account for why the board choose not to ratify someone.
- Matt A. reported that he printed out 5 loose-leaf copies of the service manual for any new GSRs, or for anyone who wants one.

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

- Report: Absent with proxy. No Report.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- Report: No report at this time.

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

- Hotline Sub-committee: Jason S. reported that if anyone is interested in the hotline committee to reach out to him as well as anyone who wants to help with IT.

Total Calls:	18
Avg Duration:	1 minute 33 seconds
Longest Call:	7 minutes and 59 seconds
Voicemail:	0

- Webservant Subcommittee: Jason S. reported that the website is up to date.

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

- Report: Liz M. reported that we have 50 active panels in Orange County, and they are all filled. She will be sending out an email with our roster, our agenda, and our minutes if anyone would like to receive those to reach out to her. Liz M. also reported that we have a new H&I activities chair, and we will be having activities such as the God Shot Card Draw and our H&I hikes. We will be working with unity to make sure our events do not clash. If anyone would like to help with H&I activities to feel free to reach out. Lastly, Liz M. reported to all GSR's to be collect donations at their meetings for H&I.

**Liz M. made a motion for \$250 for pamphlets. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

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

- Report: Jose A. reported that this week is PI week which will be April 6<sup>th</sup>– April 12<sup>th</sup>. What that means is that the PI committee will be going out into the community and informing people about Cocaine Anonymous.

- Jose A. reported that during the Chili Cookoff the PI committee made a contact list for anyone that wanted to volunteer on the PI committee. Jose A. will be reaching out to those individuals.

**Jose A. made a motion for \$75 to make a banner and printing for PI. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

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

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322  
Report: Jenn C. reported that they will be visiting the Orange County Jail, Probation, and Juvenile Hall this week to attempt to get Cocaine Anonymous into those facilities.

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322

- Report: Jenn C. reported that the Chili Cook Off was a success. We had over 78 people in attendance and brought in \$2863 from that event. Frank P. asked what our expenses were for the Chili Cook Off to which Jenn C report \$1208.

- Expenses: \$1207
- Brought In: \$2863
- Revenue: \$1656

- Jenn C. reported that Change for Change flyers are posted on our website. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz M. spoke at Messengers. Our upcoming Change for Change dates are April 7<sup>th</sup> at Keep It Simple with David W., April 14<sup>th</sup> at Madd Realm with Jerney, and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Zoo with Jannik S.
- Jenn C. reported that our meeting of the month is also this month for the Live Free meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

⇒ **Activities and Fundraising Subcommittee**  
Report:

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

- Report: Mathew M. requested \$250 for quite peace.  
**\$250 motion made for Quite Peace. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**  
Number of Sales: \_\_\_\_\_  
Request for Funds: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Report: Nick B. reported we had 3 attendees in March. The next workshop will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> the cut off for registration is April 16<sup>th</sup>. So far there are 4 inquiries for this month. \$25 cost includes breakfast, lunch, and a binder with the materials to the workshop.

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

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

- Report: No Report.  
Amount of Sales: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Request for Funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

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

- Nolan O. reported that they are on the PSR right now and voting Dan S. for a trustee position and getting ready to go to the conference in September. Next month he will be able to get more information on what they will be voting on in the World Service.

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416
- Steve C. reported that our delegates are submitting SR 14 since the deadline is about a month and half away. If there are any referrals the GSO would like to submit for it to be voted on during the conference, now is the time to get those submitted. Including sharing at our local meetings the delegates will also be coming to events and fundraisers and talk to anyone who would like to know more about it.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731
- Melanie R.G reported that all the committees of World Service are wrapping up to make sure they all have their Standing Rule 14 submitted before the conference so that the delegates can have 90 days to talk about it. She shared that she is on the literature, chips, and format committee and she had mentioned that the book "Recalling the Early Days" was sent off to a book designer and they got it back with no design. So that committee is trying to figure that out as well as the glossary of terms. Hope, Faith, and Courage still needs some more submissions to hear the younger voices in the fellowship as well with the maximum word count being 2,500 words.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Liz M.- 714.266.4081
- No Report at this time.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178
- Absent w, proxy. No Report.

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## BUSINESS

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- ⇒ **Old Business**
1. Robert's Rules Workshop -Steve C.
    - If anyone needs a crash course on Roberts Rules Steve C. will be more than willing to work with anyone just reach out to him if needed.
- ⇒ **New Business:**
- Nolan O. Fundraising Breakdown
    - Total Cost: \$304
    - Board Approved: \$250
    - Requesting: \$54
    - Potential Revenue: Over \$1000

**Motion was made for \$54 for fundraising items. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Jenn C. is requesting funds for unity to bring their own chips for change for change and meeting of the month to not take away extra resources from those meetings.

**Motion was made for \$200 for chips. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

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- ⇒ **Chairperson** entertains a motion to Adjourn.  
**Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passed 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 Ended At 11:46 AM**