
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1ST, 2025

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

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called the meeting to order, requesting all cell phones be turned off or silenced.
 - Chairperson Chris J. called the meeting to order.

- ⇒ **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**".
 - Marco M. volunteers to read the 12 traditions.

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #3
 - Matt A. reports on tradition 3 which states "The only requirement for CA membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all mind-altering substances."

- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 4th tradition for next month.
 - Jose A. volunteers to give the report on the 4th tradition for next month.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2025 Dates: April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 12th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th
Location: Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church
2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E Costa Mesa CA, 92627 Suite 8

ARE THERE ANY MARCH BIRTHDAYS?

- Neelam A. celebrated her 2 years on March 24th
 - Liz M. celebrated her 3 years on March 17th
 - Marco M. celebrated his 6 years on March 28th
 - Alonzo M. celebrated his 36 years on March 14th
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- ⇒ **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: JJ for the Zoo

- **Motion was made to accept the new GSR. Seconded. 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.

- Chairperson Chris J. stated that he would supply the new GSR with a GSR packet after 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 please announce your principal for the record."

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

- **Present:** Chris J., Melaine R.G., Neelam A., Steve C., Betsy L., Donovan B., Alonzo M., Nolon O., Liz M., Gina G., Jen C., Carlo P., Mathew M., Jose A., Nick B., Angelina T., Matt A., Evan L., Marco M., Alex G., Adam S., Frank P., JJ M.,
- **Absent:** Jason S., Daniel S., Matt S., Celia T., Kathy W., Jessica M.
- **Quorum: 15**

⇒ **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.

- Secretary Neelam A. shares minutes from last meeting are not ready but will be by the next GSO.

⇒ **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."

- Parliamentarian Steve C. goes over his reminders for debate and questions that members may have.

BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

- ⇒ **Chairperson's Report** - Chris J.- 714.713.8280
- Report: Chris J. reported that he is here to help run things smoothly and if there are any questions, please reach out to him.
- ⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Melanie R.G..- 714.675.2731
- Report: Nothing to report at this time.
- ⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Neelam A.- 559.306.4551
- Report: Neelam A. shared quorum with the group. She also stated that she has passed around the master meeting schedule and the roll call sheet so that members may make changes.
- ⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504
- Report: Treasurer Betsy L. passed out the budget.
 - Steve C. asked if our treasurer would like the budget approved today and Betsy L. replied she would.
 - **Steve C. makes a motion to approve the budget. Neelam A. seconded the motion.**
 - Chris J. asks everyone to look over the budget.

- Melane R.G asks how much we spent last year and what is the difference between last year's budget and this year's budget?
- Betsy L. stated that last year it was \$28,799 and we were able to get more accurate this year since we were tracking in real time. Total expenses were \$22,000 which did not include the money we donate to World Service.
- Melane R.G and Frank . asked what our income was from last year. Betsy L. stated that our income last year was \$21,830.
- Melanie R.G pointed out that we spent more than what we brought in last year and Betsy L. replies that is why we had to transfer from our savings.
- Frank P. asked if this is because we don't account for the contribution to World Service?
- Betsy L. said that does not account for the money that we donated to World since that is not technically an expense but we did have a beginning balance at the beginning of the year so we collect about 21, so we had to transfer about \$1500, \$2500, or \$3500 over from savings to checking, but now we have to get back on track we need to transfer about \$1250.

- **Chris J. restates the motion the motion on the floor to approve the budget. Previously seconded. Passes unanimously.**

Previous Balance	\$ 2,852.54
Donations	\$ 801.30
Disbursements	\$ 750
Ending Balance	\$ 1,485.05
Savings	\$ 4,758.03

- **Treasurer:** asks 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 still getting our taxes done and thanks Frank P. for giving us the accounts to work with. We should have our taxes done within the next month. After the meeting a few members go to the bank to set up the new bank account.

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

- Report: Steve C. reported that S&B committee met this month, and if there are any new referrals to have them submitted ASAP so they can go over them at the next meeting.
- Matt A. stated that there isn't too much to report on. They are currently in their housekeeping process for the S&B document and the service manual with a couple of referrals open but none that are too pressing. The next S&B meeting is on March 15th at 9am and all are welcome to attend.
- Chris J. asked if a SR-14 can be explained.
- Steve C. explained that SR 14 stands for standing rule 14 which is one of the standing rules of CAWSO. Any referral that's put in to be presented at the conference must be submitted 120 days before the conference to the WSO. They then must submit it to the delegates 90 days before the conference to process and digest that information, bring it back to our groups, and get a group conscience on the issues that are going to be voted on. So, there's a lot of standing rules. This is probably the biggest and most used one in Cocaine Anonymous. Steve C. also mentioned that if any of the delegates currently have anything at all that they want to have submitted, now is the time to do it so it can get to those respective committees prior to the SR 14 deadline.
- Chris J. also mentioned that anyone and any member could submit a referral for any changes you want to see to literature or process pretty much anything.
- Neelam A. asked for clarification on what a referral is, Steve C. replied that a referral is simply a written request.

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

- Report: Nothing to report at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- **Group Relations Committee** - Dan S.- 714.403.8326
 - Report: Nothing to report at this time.
- **IT Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500
 - Hotline Sub-committee: Jose A. is filling in for Jason S.
 - Steve C. asked how Jason's search is going to find some help for IT.
 - Jose A. shared that he is currently going to help Jason S. with the phone calls and website.
 - Total Calls: 11
 - Avg Duration: 1 minute and 29 seconds
 - Longest Call: 10 minutes and 40 seconds
 - Voicemail: 0
 - Webservant Subcommittee:
- **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Liz M. - 714.266.4081
 - Report: Liz M. reported that she has a few hard copies of our panel roster, and she also sent out tit out in an email so if anyone wants to have the panel roster emailed to them, they can get in touch with her. She also requested that if there is not an H&I rep at your meeting, for the GSR's to announce a quick H&I report and do a 7th tradition for H&I. She can provide rosters to be distributed, and anyone is able to add members to our speakers chat on WhatsApp since we can always use more speakers. All of the panels are filled for now.
 - **Liz M. makes a motion for \$200 for little Big Books. Seconded. Mathew M. makes a friendly amendment to the motion from \$200 to \$203.21. Nobody opposes the friendly amendment. Passes unanimously.**
- **Public Information Committee** - Jose A.- 714.615.1167
 - Report: Jose A. reported that a future PI event will bring awareness to those who can't be reached in the rooms.
 - Angel G. reported that on March 15th PI is going to have an "Anonymous Pedalers" bicycle ride, and anyone is welcome to attend. There are also a limited number of shirts for sale.
 - Jose A. reported that they are planning on going to the men's prison in May and are just waiting on more details.
 - Jenn C. reported that they will be going to the Chino prison quarterly. They had gone recently and manned a booth at CIW where women asked them to do more groups.
 - **Jose A. made a motion to request \$45 for a banner that has CA's information on it. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - For the bike ride they will be meeting on 55 and Chapman at 8:30am.
 - Steve C. mentioned that we should get in touch with the Inland Empire to let them know we are doing events in their area to avoid any conflict and keep a paper trail. Jenn C. will add it to their agenda for their next meeting.
- ⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Angel G.- 714.369.4813
 - Report: Angel G. reported 1714 accounts were reached which were our normal followers. Total use for our website or IG handle 5,873 people. 45% were non-followers. 54% were followers. Our top reel for this month was the Chili Cook off with 400 views which was created by Jose A. The next reel was the meeting of the month with roughly 343 views. Overall, we got a 127 increase in activity.
 - **Angel G. made a motion to request \$30 for boosting our platform. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322
Report: Jenn C. reported that they are reaching the community and getting in contact with the parole agency and setting up events with them.

- **Unity Committee** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322
 - Report: Jenn C. reported that our last "Meeting of the month" was a success with an attendance of 65 people. Next meeting of the month is at Doheny State Beach on March 18th, 2025, for the meeting "All The A's" at 6pm. Everyone was encouraged to attend and bring a dish for the potluck.
 - Chili Cook Off: will be held on March 8th, 2025, with the set up starting at 11:30am at Santiago Park. The speakers are Jose A. and Jasmine from the Inland Empire. There is a \$50 entry fee for meetings who wanted to have their chili taste tested and \$10 to vote on the chili and \$5 for treatment centers/sober livings. At the time of the meeting there were 8 shirts left for purchase at \$25. The winner will get a \$100 gift card.
 - Melaine R.G mentioned that in the past the winner would donate the money back. Jenn C. responded by saying that we do not know who is going to win and if they would donate the money back.
 - At the time of the meeting, we have 10 meetings registered.
 - **Jenn C. made a motion to request \$300 for food at the chili cook off. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - Jenn C. reported that the next Unity Committee meeting will be held on March 11th, 2025, at 8:30pm. With all the events that unity is planning, Jenn C. will hold 2 meetings a month.
 - Chris J. asked if Jenn C. was planning on going to the storage unit to see if there was anything she could use from there. Jenn C. said yes.
 - Mathew M. reported that propane grills are allowed just no commercial grate grills.
 - Melaine R.G requested the GSR's really sell the chili cook-off to their meetings and encourage members to join the Unity and PI committee.
 - Jenn C. responded by saying we got an anonymous donation to book the amphitheater. The meeting spot would be the gas house.

⇒ **Activities and Fundraising Subcommittee**
Report:

- **Literature Committee** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829
 - Report:
Number of Sales: \$113
 - **Mathew M. makes a motion to request \$ 400 for C.A. literature and \$ 131.10 for A.A. literature. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - Dan S. shared that he would be going to Arizona in the next few weeks and could do another pick up.
- **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
 - Report: Nick B. reported that we had 1 attendee, and that Evan L. is now helping him for the workshop. The next workshop is going to be on March 15th, 2025. The workshop is held every 3rd Saturday of the month. A \$25 donation will get you the workbook, light breakfast, and a light lunch. Get your 4th step done in one day. There is room for 8 people at every 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:
 - **Carlo P. made a motion to waive the time requirement to continue keeping his position. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - Dan S. mentioned that he has chips from the first Friday night meeting sitting at his house and he can donate the chips to a meeting, or we can resell them.

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

- **Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. 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 Ended at 11:07am