
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 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:** 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 Twelve Traditions"
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #2
- Nolon O. does a report on tradition 2 which states "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority –a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 3rd tradition for next month.
- Matt A. volunteered to give a report on the 3rd tradition next month.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2025 Dates: February 1st, March 1st, 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?

- Adam S. celebrated 4 years on February 5th
- ⇒ **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: Marco M. for "Up's and Down's" & Adam S. for "Not In Vein"
- **Steve C. 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:** 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 please announce your principal for the record."
- ⇒ **Secretary:** called the roll and announces quorum.
 - **Present:** Chris J., Melaine R.G., Neelam A., Betsy L., Donovan B., Steve C., Nolan O., Liz M., Gina G., Jason S., Jenn C., Mathew M., Jose A., Nick B., Daniel S., Angelina., Matt A., Evan L., Matt S., Celia T., Kathy W., Alex G., Frank P., Adam S., Marco M., Alonzo M.
 - **Absent:** Carlo P., Ángel G., Bruce W.
 - **Quorum: 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.
 - **Steve C. makes a motion to accept the minutes. 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** - Chris J.- 714.713.8280
 - Report: Chris J. asked that you approach him with any questions, and he will be more than willing to help.
- ⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Melanie R.G..- 714.675.2731
 - Report: Nothing to report at this time.
- ⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Neelam A.- 714.675.2731
 - Report: Neelam A. reported she is going to recount the quorum and for everyone to speak loudly when doing their report or making a motion.
- ⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504
 - Report: Betsy L. reported that she transferred \$500 to savings and our balance is \$4,007.86

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| Previous Balance | \$ 3,747.29 |
| Donations | \$ 843.55 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>\$ 1,238.30</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ 2,852.54 |

 - **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. reported that we have our nonprofit status. We would keep our old bank account open for a few months. He would get in touch with Tony our accountant to get our taxes done and open a new bank account.

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

- Report: Steve C. reported that S&B are working on their housekeeping. Anyone is welcome to make referrals if anyone wants to see a change in the S&B's. The other thing Steve C. mentioned is we are drafting our internal guidelines, which do not affect anybody but the S&B does say that every committee should have internal guidelines to pass on to other people so you can explain how your committee works.
- Matt A. reported the next S&B meeting is March 15th at 9am and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

- Report: Nothing to report at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

⇒ **Group Relations Committee** -Nolon O.- 407.687.8656

- Report: Nolan O. reported that for the betterment of the group he would be stepping down from this position.
- Melanie R.G. mentioned that this position must be run by a delegate and Nick B. clarifies that ideally it is held by a delegate but it is not required.
- Angelina T. asked what the requirements are for the position.
- Steve C. mentioned that according to the S&B it is just like any other 1-year commitment and requirement is 2 years of sobriety. Essentially you go to different meetings and make sure they are OCCA compliant. You would educate members on why we follow the traditions in this way and make sure the meeting is not applying any outside affiliation.

- **Nick B. nominates Gina G. and Dan S.**

- Gina G. responds that she declines as she does not have the time until she retires.
- Dan S. responded by saying he will take the commitment until Gina G. is able to take over.

- **Chris J. asks if there are any objections. None. Therefore Dan S. will serve as GRC Chair.**

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

- Hotline Sub-committee:

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| Total Calls: | 12 |
| Avg Duration: | 55 seconds |
| Longest Call: | 4 minutes & 10 seconds |
| Voicemail: | 0 |

- Webservant Subcommittee: Jason S. asked for support with this committee. And says the website is up to date.

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

- Report: Liz M. reported that if anyone needs a roaster to let her know she will be more than happy to send a digital copy. She also requested that the GSR's spread the word at their meetings and offer roasters and add anyone who wants to speak to our H&I speaker's chat. Another reminder Liz mentioned is to get our H&I reps at the meetings to collect donations and if there is not a H&I rep then for the GSR's to take this role. We have H&I activities chair open.
- Liz M. says we have 5 panel spots open.

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

- Report: Jose A. reported that he was able to get in touch with the commission coordinator for the high school to participate in some of their events. They also voted in Jenn C. as a boost card which means she would reach out to the community in Orange County and to find them booth and resources.

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

Report: Angel G. reported for the month of January we had 5000 views on our social media and 10% of that was from the ad we are boosting. 84% of our followers have been following consistently. We've been getting 15% of non-followers that have been consistently on our page. We have also been getting 223 constant views on our reels. Angel G. also reported that if any committee wants to submit their event to him, he will make a flyer and post it on our social media account.

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322

Report: Jenn C. reported she has been in touch with some resources but is playing the waiting game on responses so they can represent CA in the community.

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

- Report: Jenn C. reported that the Unity Committee is announcing meeting of the month to support other meetings that need help. The first meeting of the month will be held on February 18th at 6:30pm for "Last House" in the same room that we are having our meeting right now. This is a potluck, so each meeting is encouraged to bring a dish. Jenn C. passed out flyers to everyone so GSR's can take them to their meeting and encourage members to support this event.
- Next month is "Celebrate Around the World" which is our 18th annual chili cookoff. It will be held on March 8th 12pm – 4pm and set up will be at 11:30am at Santiago Park. Jenn C. also reported that we have 48 shirts made which will be sold for \$25 and will be requesting funds for that. It will be \$50 for each contestant and \$10 for voting tickets and \$5 for treatment centers/sober livings.
- Neelam A. asked if we could use a park that doesn't cost us.
- Jenn C. replied that this park has beautiful scenery and has a stage for our speakers.
- Nolan O. asked if there was a projected fundraising profit since this is a fundraising event.
- Steve C. asked how we are going to recoup the loss to pay for the venue.
- Jose A. mentioned that this is our one event of the year where we can reach a lot of other members in the community and that there would be no loss with the T-shirts and the \$50 coming in from the contestants.
- Dan S. mentioned that there are a lot of drug addicts near that park and by us being us we could reach more people who can use our help.
- Angel G. asked if we have a past projection they can use as an example. He would also be willing to help find donors to help with costs if that is a main concern.
- Betsy L. shared that we brought in \$300 last year but the planning that is going on this year is going to result in a more profitable event than last year.
- Melanie R.G. shared that we could encourage people, if they can, to donate more and we would appreciate that.
- Jenn C. made a motion to request \$407.50 to rent our spot at the park for 4 hours and \$507 for t-shirts.
 - **Chris J. restated the motion requesting a total of \$914.15. Steve C. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Melanie R.G. mentioned that we have been having a discussion during the unity meeting for raffles and we would need a permit which costs \$30 for the year to allow us to have raffles.
 - **Melaine R.G. makes a motion requesting \$30 to request a raffle permit. State Attorney General Neelam A. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

⇒ **Activities and Fundraising Subcommittee**

Report:

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

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| Number of Sales: | \$122 |
| Request for Funds: | \$0 |

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

- Report: Nick B. reported that we had 4 attendees in January and that went well. The next workshop will be 2 weeks from now on February 15th. The cut off for signing up is on February 12th. A \$25 donation will get you supplies, a light breakfast, and a light lunch. Get your 4th step done in 1 day.
- Gina G. asked where she could find the information for this workshop.
- Nick B. replied by saying it can be found on the website.
- Neelam A. said it can also be found on the GSO WhatsApp chat
- Chris J. shared it is also on the agenda
- Evan L. volunteered to help Nick B. run the workshops

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

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

- Report:

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| Amount of Sales: | <u>\$39.30</u> |
| Request for Funds: | <u>\$0</u> |

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

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

- Nolan O. reported that he was nominated for TEC along with Aurora and if she could not attend then he would go 3 days early to the conference.

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

- Steve C. reported that he got his email this morning from WSOT, which is the director of operations for Cocaine Anonymous and he has submitted the final copy of the World Service Manual so that should be approved and posted soon. If there are names of people, we want to nominate for trustee for pacific south region to come to him because we must have them approved by the area.

- **Steve C. nominated Dan S. for the Pacific South Regional Trustee.**

- Nomination was accepted by Dan S.

- **Nomination was seconded. Nomination passed unanimously.**

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

- Melanie R.G. reported that she attended the literature, chips, and format committee and she volunteered to be co-secretary. There is a deadline for stories for Hope, Faith, and Courage which is May 31st, 2025. 2500-word max for the stories.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Liz M.- 714.266.4081

- No report at this time.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178

- No report at this time.

BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**

1. Robert's Rules Workshop –Steve C.
 - Steve C. reported that he is doing a Roberts Rules Workshop with Chris W. and if anyone wants to join, they can reach out to him for more information. Steve C. is also doing a professional seminar in mid-March, and he can get about 5 people in if anyone wants to join. If anyone wants Steve to run a Roberts Rule Workshop, he is more than willing to give a 30-minute crash course.

⇒ **New Business:**

- Dan S. shared that the second quarter of the grapevine for Cocaine Anonymous is suggested our self esteem in sobriety so if anyone wants to write an article about your self esteem go to ca.org then news gram.
 - **Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded.**
 - **Motion was made rescind the motion to adjourn to answer more questions for new business. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Nick B. asked if we could have a QR code on the World Service Cocaine Anonymous App.
- Jason S. replied by saying we would need to make a page that would lead people to the google play store to download the app. The QR code on our meeting schedules would take you to the webpage that he could build which then would lead people to the google playstore.
- Angel G. mentioned that he has made 2 QR codes that redirect to the google playstore and app store for apple.
- Dan S. said he would reach out to Cameron to see if CA as a whole already has a QR code for us to use.
 - **Nick B. makes a motion to donate \$100 to World Service. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

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

- Motion was made to adjourn
 - **Motion was 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 11:20am.