

OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

MAY 3RD, 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 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"**.
 - Nolan O. read the "The Twele Traditions"
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #5
 - Melanie R.G did a report on tradition 5 which states "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the addict who still suffers."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 6th tradition for next month.
 - Marco M. volunteered to give a report on tradition 6.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2025 Dates: 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 MAY BIRTHDAYS?

- ⇒ Kathy W. celebrated 2 years
- ⇒ Frank P. celebrated 36 years
- ⇒ Nichol M. celebrated 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:

New GSRs: Emmanuel B. for the "Wednesday Night Miricale Meeting" and Nichol M. for T "When the Fiends Come out to Recover."

- **Steve C. makes a motion to accept the new GSR's. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** did not read **GSR Duties** for new GSRs he asked the new GSR's to see him after the meeting.
- 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., Melanie R.G., Neelam A., Besty L., Donovan B., Steve C., Alonzo M., Nolan O., Liz M., Gina G., Jenn C., Carlo P., Mathew M., Nick B., Angelina T., Angel G., JJ M., Matt A., Evan L., Marco M., Spencer B., Jessica M., Brayden S., Emmanuel B., Nichol M.,
 - **Absent:** Jason S., Jose A., Dan S. (has proxy), Matt S., Celia T., Kathy W., Adam S., Frank P., Alex G.
 - **Quorum: 16**
- ⇒ **Secretary:** Passed the Master Contact list for any changes or updates to the Roll, Schedule, and Website. She also passed around a form for everyone to put their updated phone numbers and emails.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertains a motion to accept the minutes for the last GSO meeting.
- **Nick B. makes a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
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- ⇒ **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. reassures everyone that if they have any questions, concerns or difficulties, you can 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: Nothing to report at this time.
- ⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504
- Report: Betsy L. reported that she would like to transfer money over to our savings account to get back up to \$6000 to prepare for paying out for the conference. She also reported that when she goes to the bank today, she will be able to close our old checking account with the new one fully set up with our nonprofit status.
 - Neelam A. asked how much money Betsy L. would like to transfer to our savings. Betsy L. responded with \$1242.
 - Melanie R.G. asked if Tony A. had completed our taxes. Betsy L. responded by saying she submitted all the paperwork on April 1st, 2025. She followed up with him and Tony said he would submit on May 15th, 2025, because that's when the non-profit due date is.

Previous Balance	\$ 752.64
Donations	\$ 4217.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 2279.17</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 2701.65
Savings	\$4758.03

- **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. reported that if we put our saving at \$6000, we won't have a lot of money to write checks today. He also congratulated those who helped with our activities.

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

- Report: Steve C. explains referrals. He also shared that there are going to be a lot of changes in the S&B. Below are the specific changes in the S&B.

Changes in S&B:

S&B Article 4, Section 2.9. currently states – Article 4, Section 2.9 to require of the executive board a biannual ratification during the executive board meeting. This vote shall take place for each member of the executive board during that meeting. If a member is not ratified, that seat shall be vacated. A member who has been vacated in this way may appeal at the next GSO, and the decision of the board may be overturned with a three-fourths majority vote. The chairman may participate in discussion and voting for this procedure.

- Steve C. reported that we found that that was unduly burdensome and unfair in practice, and so we've decided to change it with vetting with how we worked – the people that it affected, and S&B worked hard to try and come up with the best solution that we think we have.

New Potential Wording In S&B:

Article 4, Section 2.9. The executive board must hold a biannual, twice-a-year, ratification during the executive board meeting. The chairman may participate in discussion and voting for this procedure and may use assessment tools before a vote at their discretion. The procedure is as follows.

- Point 1, this process of ratification shall take place in April and October of every year. The results of this vote must be made public at the next regular meeting of the GSO.
- Point 2, the board may vote to ratify the entire board by unanimous consent. Only if there is an objection will each member of the board be discussed and voted upon separately.
- Point 3, if a member of the board is not ratified through the first vote, detailed reasoning from the remaining board members must be provided to that member who is not ratified that they may be given a chance to address the issues.
- Point 4, a second vote is taken. If the reasoning is satisfactorily addressed, the board members must take this into consideration when voting.

If the member is not ratified a second time, then their seat shall be vacated. Five, a member who is vacated in this way may appeal at the next GSO and the decision of the board may be overturned with a two-thirds majority vote. The GSO board must approve public reasoning only should such a vote take place.

This right of appeal cannot be violated.

- Steve C. explained the ratification process.
- Nick B. asked how we define an assessment tool to which Steve C. explained that assessment tool is like a performance review.
- Nick B. shared that he disagrees with ratifying everyone at once because during discussion it can be discovered that there is room for improvement and growth.
- Melanie R.G agreed with Nick B. so we can protect people's ability to be candid and authentic in their feedback.
- Steve C. continues to answer questions about ratification.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to approve the revised section of the S&B. Seconded.**

- Nick B. was against the motion because he does not believe it is a good idea to do a blanket ratification for all members as a discussion on each individual may yield a productive discussion that could change the decision.
- **Nick B. makes a friendly amendment to Point 2 That each member will be discussed separately.**
- Chris J. asked if anyone objects to the friendly amendment. No one objected.
- **Steve C.'s motion is on the floor with revised wording. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Vice-Chair Matt A. reported that this month S&B will go through their monthly housekeeping. They will cover the first 15 pages of the document. S&B meets monthly to make sure the document is up to date. They're still in the process of putting together their internal guidelines. He also shared that he has a couple of loose-leaf copies of the service manuals. Their next meeting is going to be June 14th at 9 a.m. for anyone who wants to join.
- **Matt A. makes a motion to be reimbursed thirty-one dollars for the printing of the five copies. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Report: No report at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- Report: No report.

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

- Hotline Sub-committee: Neelam A. gave the report for Jason S. that the website is up to date.

Total Calls:	18
Avg Duration:	1 minute and 9 seconds
Longest Call:	7 minutes and 47 seconds
Voicemail:	0

- Webservant Subcommittee:

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

- Report: Liz M. reported that there is a panel spot that's open and a potential panel coming on. There is a WhatsApp, if anybody's interested in getting on there for speakers.
- As a reminder, if there is an H&I rep at your meeting, to announce what H&I is, and to do a 7th tradition for H&I. If there is no H&I rep then GSR should take over this role.
- May 17th from 1pm – 5pm H&I will be hosting the "God Shot Card Draw" in Dana Point at Heritage Park. H&I is looking for volunteers for this event and to message JJ for any questions.

Liz M. makes a motion to request \$203.21 for little big books. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

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

- Report: Jenn C. gave the report for PI and reported that on May 11th – May 17th they will be having their Poster Blitz event in Santa Ana. On May 31st they will be going to Anonymous Peddlers in San Bernadino to support Inland Empire PI. June 14th at the Anaheim Alano Club they will be having their Alano Block Party will be from 10am – 2pm and check in will be 8am and they will have a booth there. On May 17th PI will be at the God Shot Card Draw.
 - **Jenn C. made a motion for \$30 for printing. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Angel G.- 714.369.4813
Report: Angel G. reported from April to May there were 6,200, 100 interactions, and 28 new followers on our social media. 13 people shared our post and our ad got a total of 2,000 views.

Angel G. makes a motion for \$30 for boosting ads. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- ⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322
- Report: Jenn C. reported that they are trying to reach out to jails to see if they can get a meeting into the jails.
 - Steve C. mentioned that she has a friend at Lamereau Justice Center that has been passing out CA business cards and if there were more cards that he would pass them along.

- ⇒ **Unity Committee** - Jenn C. - 714.605.0322
- Report: Jenn C. reported that Change for Change has been going well and thanks all the delegates who have been able to come to the events. They have collected a total of \$676 from Change for Change. Upcoming dates are May 6th at "All the A's" speaker will be Alex G, May 15th at "Ups and Downs" speaker will be John W., and May 20th will be at "Last House" speaker will be Emily A.
 - Meeting of the month is "Not in Vein" which will be a potluck starting at 6:30pm.
 - Nick B. mentioned we should reach out to meetings beforehand as a reminder for Change for Change and meeting of the month, so they are not caught off guard and have the space available 30 minutes in advance.
 - JJ mentioned as part of outreach for Unity he can reach out to meetings.

Melanie R.G. makes a motion for \$25 to reimburse Chris J. for the engraving of the trophy for the chili cook off. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Steve C. mentioned that under the S&B, groups and committees need to have guidelines. This is a really good role model for people that come after you to write down what you do and how you do it so that way, when eventually the time does come that the spirit of rotation and somebody else rotates in, you're able to communicate to them how you do things.
- Mathew M. mentioned when he reached out to "Spiritual Lines" and that they did not know about Change for Change on Mat 29th and would vote as a group if they would like to have Change for Change or not and he would have a more detailed conversation with them.

- ⇒ **Activities and Fundraising Subcommittee**
Report:

- ⇒ **Literature Committee** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829
- Report:
Number of Sales: \$138
Request for Funds: \$0

- ⇒ **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
- Report: Nick B. reported April, we had three attendees, and it went well. Evan L. is helping me every month as well now. The next workshop will be two weeks from today, on Saturday the 17th. The cutoff for signups will be on Wednesday beforehand on the 14th. It's a \$25 cost, which covers expenses, including breakfast, lunch, and a binder of printed material to get the 4th step done in one day.

- **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: \$392
Request for Funds: \$350

- **Carlo P. makes a motion for \$350 for chips. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
- Nothing to report at this time.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416
- Steve C. reported that if other delegates haven't booked their flight, he can add them to his itinerary.
 - At World Service he is vice chair of S&B for World Service. He is currently the acting chair, and he might end up being the acting chair on the conference floor.
 - There's a lot of good things coming forward from S&B this year that are going to be some changes to the World Service manual, which provides guidance for our entire fellowship.
 - He shared that they are submitting our SR-14s very soon.
 - SR-14 are essentially all of the referrals that go to the conference to get voted on.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731
- Melanie R.G. reported that she will be flying out to the conference on Tuesday. She shared she sits on the Literature, Chips and Format committee. They are also preparing their SR-14s of motions to be voted on at the conference. (17:45) Some of the things that we're going to put through is "The Power of PI" pamphlet, the "Tools of Recovery" pamphlet, and revisions to the Literature and Topic meeting format.
 - There is a project called the "Glossary of Terms" that she is the new lead for. She is supposed to form a subcommittee that's local, and this "Glossary of Terms" is for the World Service Office to be used in helping them translate documents.
 - She will meet with the conference chair the following day on Zoom.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Liz M.- 714.266.4081
- Liz M. reported she may not be able to attend the conference this year.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178
- Gina G. reported she will be going to the conference a day early and that her airfare has been donated by another CA member.

BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**

⇒ **New Business:**

- Neelam A. mentioned that she talked to the group relationship and S&B about a person being able to be the GSR at 2 different meetings and was asking for clarification.
- Steve C. shared our group conscience, when we put the S&B together and we all approved of it. In the S&B it states that a person can't be the GSR for 2 meetings because it means one meeting voice isn't being heard since the same person holding 2 GSR position still only has one vote. If you're a GSR for two meetings, the meeting that you became GSR last, most recently, you must drop it within 60 days. After 60 days that meeting just wouldn't have a GSR until the position has been filled.
- JJ M. mentioned that at the "Live Free" meeting a cop came up to them and told them that they could not use their own firepit but has to be the ones provided at the beach. Due to this and for the meeting to be easier to find by treatment centers, they will be moving it to the same spot as the rest of the CA bonfire meetings during the week.

- Neelam A. mentioned that if that meeting doesn't gain traction that they will have it move to Zoom to see if it can have better attendance there but only after a month or two of seeing how it does from this week.
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⇒ **Chairperson** entertains a motion to Adjourn.

Nick B. makes a motion 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 adjourned at 11:35 AM