
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

MAY 2ND, 2026

- ⇒ **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 a member to read: "**The Twelve Traditions**".
 - Russ S. read The Twelve Traditions.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #5
 - Jessica M. does 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** asks for an addict to give a report on the 6th tradition for next month.
 - Gina G. volunteers.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2026 Dates: June 6th, July 11th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th

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

ARE THERE ANY MAY BIRTHDAYS?

Travis M. on May 31st 3 years

Frank P. on May 5th 37 years

Russ E. on April 3rd 4 years

⇒ **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: Vince M. for "The Zoo"

- **Gina G. made a motion to accept the new GSR, Vince M. for the "The Zoo."**
 - **Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Present:** Chris J., Melanie R.G., Amy G., Betsy L., Jessica M., Frank P., Gina G., Russ E., Marucs K., Jason S., Carlo P., Russ S., Nick B., Dave W., Michelle D. Cierra J. (late), Keith D., Isis M., Adam A., Travis M.
- **Absent :** Angelina T., Kim O., Jason S., Nathan E., Matt S., Mathew M., Jenn C., Katie S. and Chris W. (No vote), Matt M.,
- **Quorum:** 18 present, quorum is 12.

⇒ **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.

- **Motion made to accept the minutes. Seconded. Motion passed 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: OCCA is doing well financially and as a whole. H&I is doing great.

⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731

- Report: Melanie R.G. oriented Amy G. to Secretary position during this past month. Melanie R. G. also went through meeting schedule, App and website for changes that needed to be updated and passed them onto Nolan to make pertinent changes. She encouraged GSRs to go to app, website and check meeting

schedules for any discrepancies and pass them on to the secretary Amy G. GSRs or to email Jason S. with any changes necessary.

⇒ **Secretary Report:** -Amy G.- 909.261.7368

- Report: Amy G. asks everyone to carefully review the role sheet, confirming their email, phone number, sobriety date, meeting information, and any events or officer listings. She mentions that she is glad to be serving and asks for grace as she learns her new role.

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

- Report: Betsy reports that after reconciling the books with the minutes, she realized that when she had written a \$100 check to World Service, it was intended to be \$200. The first \$100 has already been received by World Service, so she will write an additional \$100 check to correct the donation.
- Betsy added that she has a 12:30 p.m. bank appointment that day to add a signer to the account. She explained that she had tried to handle this after the last meeting, but the bank had been too busy. She will return next month with details on what was required and what was done.
- Frank P. reported that the group's tax filings would be completed once he got through the main April tax season rush. Betsy confirmed this refers to their routine tax obligations.

Previous Balance	\$ 1,548.16
Donations	\$ 3,512.95
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 1,467.33</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,395.78

Savings: \$4,501.52

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

⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Jessica M.- 714.381.0037

- Report: Nothing to report currently. Jessica asked if she had been added to the bank account. Betsy responded that Jessica was not yet added and she needed to email the minutes to the bank.
- Chris J. inquired about the status of the taxes. Betsy said that she needed to give some information and type up a profit and loss document to Tony tomorrow (May 3, 2026) and then taxes would be complete. Frank P. said that he too needed to get some information to Tony by the end of the day, but we are right on schedule for our May 15, 2026 tax deadline.

⇒ **Structure and Bylaws Officer's Report** -Frank P.- 714.514.4150

- Report: Frank P. stated that S&B is continuing its housekeeping meeting every other Saturday at 6:30 am and everything is moving ahead.
- The Committee meets every other Saturday at 6:30 a.m., mainly for housekeeping. They spend about an hour reading through the manual, correcting errors, updating wording, and fixing issues they may have missed previously. Frank P. invited anyone interested to join.

⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Gina G.- 675.456.8178

- Report: Gina reports that archives will be doing a presentation at the convention in three weeks
- Gina is in need of anything from the group that could be used in archives. A folder about Camp-vention was found and will be useful.
- Gina has conducted one interview but would also like Cameron to have a place in the OCCA website where individuals can give an account of their experience through the years in CA.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

⇒ **Group Relations Committee**

-Vacant-

⇒ **IT Committee**

- Jason S. -

818.263.3500

- Website: Jason S. updated the website with the information received from the last GSO via Melanie and that two items remain that will be sorted with Melanie offline.
- Hotline Sub-committee: Chris J. reads the report on behalf of Jason S.

Total Calls:	8
Avg Duration:	1 minute and 19 seconds
Longest Call:	4 minutes and 42 seconds
Voicemail:	0

- Jason reported that changes were made to the website that Melanie R.G. had requested.
- Jason also expressed the need for individuals to help with the hotline. Help is also needed with updating the website and Jason requested that this information be passed down to the meetings.

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee**

- Russ E. -

714.396.2796

- Russ reports that they are continuing to refine the panels and keeping information about the panels updated. Panel etiquette was discussed to individuals' interest in doing a panel. discussed among his groups.
- Russ also said Rick was also was voted in as chair because he (Russ) needed the position to be taken over due to personal needs that required more of his focus and time. Rick is not present at this meeting so voting cannot take place until Rick is present, then a motion can be made.
- As a new addition to H&I, Kelly C. from Fernando Valley. She currently is serving on H&I in the San Fernando valley and is already facilitating a few panels in the area. She will hopefully be introducing CA into the jails.
- H&I still has panels that are vacant.
- H&I is looking for an activity chair, lifeline chair and a vice chair.

⇒ **Public Information Committee**

- Russ S. -

912.314.3275

- Report: Russ E. reported that he is working on two booths; one at Twin Home and the other at Redondo market night. Waiting to hear back.
- Chris J. stressed the importance of using the name "cocaine anonymous" instead of OCCA when filling out applications as to not cause confusion. Presenting ourselves upfront.
- Matt A. currently has information about booth at OC fair that is needed in order to move on in process.

⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Chris W.- 714.980.1186

- Report: Chris W. absent, no report.

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Vacant -

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Angelina T. - 657.342.0470

- Report: Angelina was absent; however, Jessica M. gave report. The last Change That Counts collected ~\$197.00.
- New flyer for the next 4 upcoming Change That Counts meeting is being worked on and will need approval.
- Inquired about group interest in Angle's baseball game for group activity and will get further details.
- Starting work on next pancake breakfast and scheduled for some time in June.
- Adam A. (unity secretary) announced that Change That Counts needs meetings for October, November and December.
- Melanie R.G. thanked unity for their work and changing the meetings to once a month.

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

- Report: Absent.

⇒ **Literature Committee** - Marcus K.- 479.305.9708

- Report: \$391.00 in literature sold today. Suggested that we purchase \$200.00 of AA literature and \$200.00 for CA literature. He reports that we are not quite in need of \$200.00 worth of CA literature yet, but a 15% discount is given for a \$200.00 order.
- Marcus also reported that our order forms are outdated. Big Books are now \$15.00 and 12X12 are \$14.00.

- **Marcus made a motion to request \$200.00 for AA literature. Seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Marcus made a motion to request \$200 for CA literature. Seconded. Motion passed.**

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

- Report: No attendees for the April workshop but there have already been inquiries for the May 16th workshop. Information for workshop below. Workshop is \$25.00 and includes binder, workshop facilitation, breakfast and lunch. Cutoff for registration is May 13th.
- Chris J. encourage sponsors to pay for sponsees to attend if sponsee could not afford to go.

**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 reported:
Amount of Sales: \$179.00
Request for Funds: \$230.00

- **Carlo P. made a motion to request \$230 to restock on chips. Seconded. Motion passed.**

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731
- Melanie reported that she has been active with World Service's Literature, Chips & Formats (LCF) Committee, attending several meetings focused on preparing Standing Rule 14 (SR-14) material for World Service Conference. LCF oversees CA's books, pamphlets, chip designs, and formats (such as Hope, Faith & Courage) and is currently reviewing procedures and considering new chip designs.
 - She also serves on the World Service Translations Committee, which is formalizing translation processes for CA materials as the fellowship grows internationally.
 - Anyone may join LCF—no special background is required—and they especially welcome reader. LCF meets on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Pacific via Zoom, since members are worldwide and the current chair is in Ireland.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178
- Archives world service committee meets on Saturdays at 9:00 am. She is currently preparing to attend world conference. She explained that anyone can attend the conference, having a position in GSO or being a delegate is not a requirement.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Kim O.- 949.310.6824
- Report: Absent

BUSINESS

- ⇒ **Old Business**
- Open Positions:
 - Literature Chair
 - Chris mentions that Marcus K. has continued to do the job even if he doesn't have the time yet and that we are very grateful for his service.
- ⇒ **New Business:**
- H&I Chair
 - Before closing, Chris J. reminded everyone they can bring any questions, concerns, suggestions, or appreciation to the Board, including ideas for changes to how the GSO meeting runs. He emphasized that the Board's role is to serve the fellowship and help facilitate discussion and appropriate change.
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- ⇒ **Chairperson** entertained a motion to Adjourn.
- **Jessica M. made a motion to close. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Meeting ended at 10:58 AM