

Minutes for District 6 Meeting of April 19, 2014

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:37 by Ron L with the Declaration of Unity.

The **Twelve Traditions Checklist**, Tradition 4 was read by Tiannah.

The **Twelve Concepts Checklist**, Concept 4 was read by Jon S.

The **Secretary's report** was presented by George K and was accepted.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Ron L in Steve Q's absence. After a rousing rendition of the month's numbers, a bombastic yet droll discussion was held regarding the district's financial support for the Garden Island Sobriety newsletter. In the end a motion was made to support the GIS in principle and to send financial contributions if requested. The motion passed.

Alejandro enthusiastically presented the **Alternate DCM report**. He said the recent GSR workshop was well-attended (9 people were present) and went great. Susan and Jim were presenters and were well-received. He has already obtained his tickets to attend the upcoming committee meeting. Finally, he brought up changes to the District 6 Structures and Guidelines. There have been several changes in the structure of the district as well as AA in general so Alejandro has proposed some changes to bring the Structures and Guidelines up to date. This led to another fascinatingly frustrating discussion that ended in the changes being tabled until Ron can determine exactly who is responsible for maintaining the upkeep of the Structures and Guidelines.

The **DCM report** was presented by Ron, who started off by stating that the recent Inform-The-Delegate assembly was informative and fun. The Area 17 website has a link (<http://www.area17aa.org/category/take-back/>) in the blog section entitled 'What To Take Back' which has all the pertinent information for GSR's to give to their groups. The GSO conference will be held at the end of this month and Ron is anxious to repeat having Ken come to Kauai to present the results to our members. He hopes to have him speak closer to the North Shore this time. There is also an updated contact list for the Area 17 officers. Box 459 is looking for any celebrations regarding the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Big Book. He summed up the report with a list of the upcoming events:

May 18 - Committee meeting - Oahu

July 11-13 - Pacific Regional Forum - Boise, ID

August 1-3 - HICYPAA - Big Island

August 16-17 - Area Budget Assembly - Maui

October 18-19 - Election Assembly - Big Island

October 30 - November 2 - Annual Hawaii Convention - Honolulu

(They are looking for a new secretary (paid position), an area chair for the 2015 convention and for volunteers from all islands.)

December 18-21 - WACYPAA - Kona, Big Island

July 2-5, 2015 - International Conference - Atlanta, GA

Intergroup Report - Unfortunately, there was no intergroup report due to the absence of the Intergroup rep. We will correct this situation as soon as possible.

GSR Reports:

Princeville/Hanalei - Paul M stated that he had a wonderful time at the assembly and is determined to have the delegate come speak at the North Shore this year. The meetings are going strong and there is very active participation among the members. Paul does have a write-up about the financial reasons for a group having a GSR attend the conferences if anyone wants it.

Hui Ohana - Kalei K is the new GSR for the group. The group meets every day and is huge and growing. They are currently looking for a new secretary. Kalei attended the GSR workshop and found it very rewarding. They are looking for volunteers to assist with the upcoming 4th of July celebration that will be held at Poipu Beach this year instead of Lydgate. If anyone is interested, especially from the South Shore groups, please contact Kalei.

Hui Lokahi - Jon S reported that the meetings are going strong. They are still giving away Big Books to new members and they were able to send someone to the assembly.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Alejandro said the group is doing well. They are averaging about 10 people with visitors. Meetings are great and they are in the process of making up beginner kits.

Saturday Night 3rd Tradition - Barbie attended the assembly and also found it informative. The meetings have very good speakers and attendance is almost to the point of maxing out the meeting space. They might be looking for a new secretary soon. The group still hands out Big Books to new members.

Happy Hour - Crystal was able to attend the assembly and the GSR workshop. She says the meetings are good and they have gotten 2 more positions filled. Cookouts have been very successful and they were going to have an Easter egg hunt for the Keiki on Easter Sunday.

Koloa Nooners - George reported that the meetings are still going strong and are well-attended. The Last Saturday Dinner theme this month will be a salad bar.

Keep It Simple - Jon said that the meeting is still giving out copies of Living Sober to new members. The current GSR for the group will be leaving the island soon so the group is looking for a new GSR.

Sunrise Sobriety - Sonia spoke as the alternate GSR. She attended the assembly and said it was very intense but at the same time very cool. The group gave 2 scholarships for ladies to attend the Women's Conference recently. Meeting attendance is strong with anywhere from 18 to 30 people present.

Aloha Group - Geoff George is the new GSR for the group. He said the group is healthy with solid attendance. He is going to encourage the group to get all their positions filled.

Steps to Freedom - Pattilyne said that the group is doing well and is currently voting on a new GSR.

Standing Committee Reports -

Corrections - Jon S said there are 5 people currently holding the meetings and they are in need of more if anyone is willing to go through the qualifying procedure. The meetings have good attendance. A new rule that has just been put into effect is that all attendees must wear collared shirts.

Grapevine - Paul M. reminded everyone about the upcoming 70th anniversary of the Grapevine. They are currently still mulling over some type of recognition of the event here on

the island. On May 17th they will have a workshop on the Grapevine following the District meeting. He encourages all groups to elect a Grapevine representative and have them attend the meeting. The Mynah Bird Area newsletter is in need of submissions. Paul also reminded everyone that Grapevine subscriptions only cost \$20/yr.

PI - Jim continued to remind everyone that the PI committee meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Happy Hour tables at Nawiliwili. He encourages every group to elect a PI rep and have them attend. The weekly Wednesday meetings continue to be held at 7PM at Dr. McKenna's office. The group is scheduling speakers at the monthly DUI classes and anyone interested in speaking can contact Jim. One again the County Fair is coming nigh and the committee needs input as to whether or not to have a booth. The cost for the booth would be \$575.

Old Business - The formal budget was brought up and discussed. Jay was supposed to come up with a written budget for the district but was unable to attend the meeting so a vote on the budget was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business - District elections are coming up and the discussion centered around when to have them in light of the fact that the Area Election Assembly will be held on the Big Island in October. A motion was made and unanimously passed for the District elections to be held at the District Meeting in September so as not to conflict with the Area elections.

Following this, a rousing and seriously frustrating discussion was held regarding the giving away of Big Books by some groups on the island. In the end, no absolute decisions were made regarding this matter, but I'm sure it will be brought up again, much to the chagrin of all involved.

GSR and District concerns - Sonia was concerned about the length of time it takes for new GSR's to receive their packets from the GSO. Ron stated that this a matter for the GSO and district has no control over it.

Announcements -

Young Peoples announced that, starting May 1st, their meetings will be held at the Stone Church at 7 PM.

Experience Strength and Hope will have their meeting of April 25th at the Kapaa Neighborhood Center.

The **meeting was closed** with the Responsibility Pledge.

In Attendance:

Ronald L	Paul M
Jon S	Alejandro H
Crystal B	Jim D
Sonia B	Barbie
Tiannah	Geoff G
Kalei K	George K
Pattilyne B	