

DISTRICT MINUTES – February 12, 2011
DISTRICT 6, AREA 17, PANEL #61

Present: David J., Henry, Jim S., David V., Heather, Jim D., Mathea, Alejandro, Neal, Susan On, Mo

1. A Declaration of Unity - "This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

2. Any items to add to the agenda?

Henry started the meeting at 9:35am as Chair 15 minutes late. He proposed that he be grapevine for district on a temporary basis. Jim D. read structures and guidelines – it's the DCM's responsibility to present standing committee chairs (page 4). Henry says he'll be acting in the meantime – just make announcements, etc. but stick to structures and guidelines. Henry wanted to add GV rep be added to agenda.

3. The Twelve Traditions Checklist - of the month

4. The Twelve Concepts Checklist - of the month

5. SECRETARY'S MINUTES – Heather reported. Date corrected. Minutes accepted.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – no report. Past treasurer gave Jim D. checks to deposit at the bank. \$522.04 and balance is \$1233.29. Of the \$522.04, \$75 was registration fees for the assembly. The rest come from several groups. Motion passed for report. Is the assembly money going to be kept separate? We only have one bank account. Is it important to do assembly accounting separately? Registration forms keep record of who pays, how much, etc.

7. GSR REPORTS:

David J. (Koloa Nooners) –His group is doing what they usually do – the meetings are small, spirited discussion on AA topics. Looking forward to assembly. Group has agreed to pay for its GSR's registration at PRAASA. He will be attending.

Henry (Previously representing Came to Believe, now representing new meeting Guidelines group). Has one driver for the assembly. Brought flyer with new group information.

Susan On (speaking for Steps to Freedom) – everything is just fine. Birthday

meetings continue to welcome lots of newcomers. Since started, faces have changed which is great – new recovery happening.

Heather – (Happy Hour) Voted against doing the Valentines day party via Happy hour. Possibly co-making meals for assembly with other groups, new panel doing well, Happy Hour assigned to PI Chair Area standing committee and received info from Chair.

Jim S. (Koloa Aloha) – both doing well, 20+ people, 30% newcomers – keeps it fresh and lively. Things are good.

Mathea (reporting for Sunrise Sobriety) – 5 mtgs per week. Secs for each meeting. Well attended by visitors. Giving money to District.

Alejandro (standing in for Hui Ohana) – priorities for Intergroup survey sent in and offered meal at assembly. Attendance is steady.

8. ALTERNATE DCM REPORT: (Mathea says the duty of ALT. DCM is to go to Intergroup and give a District report. She says Susan On. did a great job last panel).

Neal – He's willing to continue as Alt. DCM but can't commit to being DCM because of lack of time due to work and limited availability on weekends. Willing to try and learn.

At this point, Neal was in charge of running the meeting (good job Neal!). Jim D. – we should quickly as possible have an election. Open it up for ppl who want to do this as it's an extraordinarily rewarding experience. Problem is the upcoming assembly. Registration is in good shape, as is transportation. Homestay – 4 ppl offering homestay. We're going to be OK, but with the pressure of that we're going to have trouble holding an election. Even if we have to change the District meeting time/location to accommodate schedules.

9. INTERGROUP REPORT: Mathea reported - Each group requested to give 4 names to intergroup Chair so she can pass on to phone service (not 12 step list), to know who they can contact regarding information for each group). \$200 to build shelves to organize storage locker (now just one locker). Schedules – 3 new meetings and 5 minor changes. Lit report is a list of how many books are in the locker, etc. Hotline doing remarkably well. Chair was asked to attend this meeting for assembly information but didn't come. Underscores how important it is to have representation and work harmoniously together. Wider interest in both groups. More people involved in District as a result.

10. DCM REPORT:

Alejandro – read from Dianne and Mo's report from Orientation Assembly. Feb 19th, will be the committee meeting and each district will get a topic. GSR's will get. Non-GSR's can come to assembly and attend and listen. Meals only for registered. Got email from GV chair of grapevine standing committee members in District. He is going to resign as DCM today instead of in July. Still wants to help with homestay for assembly. Henry recommended announcing to groups about the resignation so we can find a replacement ASAP. Motion to accept registration. Passed. Moving on and forward now.

Jim D. – made a motion that we announce in our groups that we need a treasurer and a DCM. And those who have an interest in serving the district in either of these categories or some substructure thereof... – ask ppl to respond to the District 6 secretary by email. (Decision is made at the March district meeting). Motion passed.

Neal will be functioning DCM until position is filled.

Asked who will be attending Area Committee Meeting and PRAASA? Need someone to go 'as DCM' and attend DCM roundtables, etc. and bring back the report. Motion – we vote on who would do this. Mo volunteered. Mo will also go next Saturday to Committee Meeting. Motion that Mo step up to Alt. DCM passed.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Held elections, all positions filled except Archives.

Grapevine – David J.

PI – David V.

CPC – Mathea

Archives – none yet

Corrections – Alejandro

Treatment – Mo and Dianna.

Wondered whether CEC (Co-operation with Elderly Community) should be added too? Would have to add to service structure. There's been a proposal to add CEC as a standing committee so they can give a report. Mathea – proposed that in may we take up standing committee names and responsibilities. Revising will be further along in agenda, under Special Needs.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY:

The registration form approbed for Kauai assembly. Was distributed at the assembly. Not on Area 17 website yet. It was approved by committee so should be online. Alejandro will mail some out. David J. – are we still building

committees for the various aspects and do we have all our volunteers in place? Not yet. Will report later. Alejandro passed out transportation and homestay volunteer forms to give to groups. Wants groups to participate with providing meals. So far just one group, Koloa Nooners and still have 4 more meals. David V. – Mo says he's ok. Next planning meeting for the assembly is the 14th Monday at Hui Ohana 8am. Money for Area treasury for assembly hasn't been secured yet. (David V. has four drivers. Three requests so far).

Closing - Responsibility Pledge: "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that - I AM RESPONSIBLE."