

Minutes for the District 6 Meeting of AA, June 15, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:35 by Ron A-L (not really sure how he wants me to represent his last name now that he's hitched) with the Responsibility Pledge.

No new items were added to the agenda.

The **Twelve Traditions checklist** for the month was read by Jay.

The **Twelve Concepts checklist** for the month was read by Paul M.

The **Secretary's Minutes** from last month were not available but it was resolved that they would be tracked down so that they could be read and approved for next month's district meeting.

The **Treasurer's report** was given by Jay who stated that there were no new expenses for the month of June.

Alternate DCM report was given by Alejandro. He has completed and distributed the updated contact list for the groups on the island. He will have another update by October. Founder's Day was a great success. Thanks to the North Shore for their support. Alejandro also said that he would be going to the October Budget Assembly and would be purchasing his ticket this month to take advantage of the reduced fare.

Jim S. gave the **Intergroup Report**. He said there were no significant changes but he did note some minor ones. Linda (the literature chair) brought to everyone's attention that GSO has raised the minimum amount for free shipping to \$500 from \$250. Because of this it is more important than ever for the groups to act collectively and proactively to give her their literature needs with enough advance notice so as to allow for her to take advantage of the free shipping. Al-Anon will host an ice cream social September 21st at the Lihue Lutheran Church. They are looking for an AA speaker for this event. Lastly, the intergroup caravan to support the group meetings will be traveling to the Koloa Nooners Last Saturday of the Month meeting on June 29th.

Ron A-L graciously stopped by in between his international jaunts to give the **DCM report**. He has a copy of the Delegate's Report and stated it is available online for those who wish to review it. He will contact Ken K. to come to Kauai and give his delegate's report in person. It has been tentatively agreed that this will occur at the Koloa Nooners Saturday Evening Meeting on July 27th to take advantage of the dinner fellowship and the Salvation Army meeting hall, but Ron will let us know if that works out with Ken. The proposed budget for 2014 has been posted online and is available for review before the budget assembly in October where it will be voted on. The remainder of the DCM report was taken up with a very enthusiastic discussion regarding the Seventh Tradition and its impact on the budget. Ron noted that Seventh Tradition contributions to the district by the island groups were good in April but very poor in May and in general. He urged the GSR's to discuss the Seventh Tradition with their groups and to emphasize how their contributions are what keep AA alive for everyone. It was noted that some groups may not fully realize their relationship to AA as a whole and a proposal was made to invite the treasurers of all the island groups to a workshop to let them know how the structure of AA works. The suggestion was met with much excitement and it was tentatively decided that the workshop would be held at the beginning of the district meeting on July 20th at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. Jay will make arrangements. Finally, it was noted that the area meeting last month had two suggestions for support of the corrections committee as it does not have the ability of self-support because the corrections system does not allow for the seventh tradition. The first idea was to have a pink can at the meetings that was designated for contributions to corrections. The other was to save any loose change that may end up in the collection basket and give that to corrections.

GSR Reports:

Keep It Simple: Jon S. reported that the treasury for KISS is pleasantly transparent to all who attend. They have recently increased their prudent reserve to \$200 to cover all of the attendant expenses of the group and they easily met that. The group continues to give out copies of Living Sober (approximately 5 copies every 2 months). Their attendance has increased to 30-35 leading them to a required increase in the infrastructure for the group (books, literature, etc.). Ron commended the group on their ongoing commitment and responsibility.

Hui Lokahi: Jon S. said that the group's overall attendance numbers have increased.

TGIF: Jay reminded everyone that the group now meets at the Lihue Neighborhood Center and that it is going well. There remains a core group of 7-8 regular attendees. The meeting alternates between Big Book Study and the 12 and 12. Meeting attendance is solid.

Happy Hour: Jennifer D. said the meetings are good with court attendees starting to show more participation. They are currently developing a survey/group inventory to try and improve their meetings.

Princeville/Hanalei: Paul M. reported that the group has 10 meetings and averages about 15 people per meeting. They are having a business meeting this evening and the group is doing well. The Men's group is going strong but is having a dilemma about their classification. They want to emphasize that it is a gender specific meeting for alcoholics but don't like the 'closed' classification.

Koloa Nooners: George said that the overall attendance for the meetings is stable or increasing. The end-of-the-month meetings are well-attended and this month's meeting will be a fish fry.

Experience, Strength and Hope: Alejandro reported that the meetings are well-attended and they have had some visitors.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: No representative present

Corrections: Jon noted that the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) takes effect this year and anyone going into the prison for purposes of AA (or any other group) must go through the training session which deals with rape prevention and reporting. Contact Jon for details. Also, attendance has been low lately.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: No representative present

Grapevine: Alejandro reported the committee is doing well with subscriptions increasing.

PI: Jim said there will be a meeting this evening. The PI committee will have a presence at the upcoming Fair (August 22-25). There will be a booth with literature that needs volunteers. If there is interest, he can arrange for coffee. The cost for the booth totals \$405. Adding coffee will require buying access to another outlet. Volunteers will have a free pass to get into the fairgrounds. Slots are projected to be 4 hours long. The hours are: Thursday and Friday 6PM-11PM, Saturday Noon-Midnight, Sunday Noon to 5PM. If anyone is interested in volunteering, contact Jim at PI@KauaiAA.org.

CEC: No representative available

Treatment Settings/Special Needs: No representative available

Website: No representative available

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: George announced that the Koloa Nooners Last Saturday meeting this month will be a fish fry on June 29th. Alejandro reminded everyone about the July 4th celebration at Lydgate Park. It will be a potluck and will start about 8 AM lasting until about 3 PM. Everyone was also reminded about the workshop for all group treasurers that will be held at the next district meeting, July 20th, at the Lihue Neighborhood Center at 9:30 AM. It will last approximately 45 minutes and anyone needing information can contact Jay.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.