

## Minutes for the District Meeting of August 17, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:30 by Alejandro as Ron was unable to attend. The Declaration of Unity was read.

Chuck T requested that the promotion of specific group's meetings on the website be discussed under new business and it was agreed.

The **Twelve Traditions checklist**, Tradition Eight, was read by Blake.

The **Twelve Concepts checklist**, Concept Eight, was read by Paul M.

The **Secretary's minutes** from the July meeting were approved.

Jay Y gave the **Treasurer's report** which was approved, with special acknowledgement of his exceptional handwriting skills.

With Ron being absent and Alejandro being the only person present from the recent Intergroup meeting, Alejandro gave a **combined DCM, Alternate DCM and Intergroup report**.

The Intergroup chair suggests changes in the Intergroup agenda. Please contact Bob with any input you may have.

Al-Anon will participate with the AA booth that will be at the upcoming county fair August 22-25.

Al-Anon will host an ice cream social September 25 at the Lihue Lutheran Church. It will cost \$5 per person and there will be an AA speaker who has yet to be determined. If you have any suggestions as to whom the speaker should be, please contact Jim S of the PI committee.

There have been complaints that the Hot Line volunteers are often not friendly and helpful and that the calls frequently go to voicemail. Also that voicemail messages are often not answered. Because of this, it has been suggested that there be a training session for hot line volunteers. No definite decision on this was expressed.

Intergroup has agreed to sell pamphlets to the district for their needs but will still supply pamphlets to the area literature racks for free.

One of the jail counselors is requesting pamphlets for inmates who are scheduled for release. No specific decision on this was made either.

The Labor Day picnic will be Monday, September 2nd at Salt Pond and will be hosted by Bob and Marcel. Intergroup has donated funds in support of this activity.

The Area Committee is scheduled to meet here on Kauai in February 2014 though a definite date and location have not been set. Jim S suggested that it may be the responsibility of the host district to supply the dates that their location would be available in order to get a definite time set. Alejandro will look into this. Also the Lihue Neighborhood Center was suggested as a possible location for the meeting. If anyone has any other suggestions, please contact either Ron or Alejandro.

Finally it has been noted that some groups have a problem with their meeting secretaries not being comfortable with conducting meetings and it has been suggested that a secretaries' workshop be held.

### **GSR Reports:**

Koloa Nooners: George reported that meeting attendance has been strong and that last month's dinner meeting with Ken K as the speaker was a success with attendance being approximately forty people.

Koloa Aloha: Kathy stated that the meetings have been attended well. She also noted that one of the founding members of the group, Mike B, was recently diagnosed with leukemia and flown back to the mainland. They have been unable to find a suitable marrow donor for him and Gerald M will coordinate a blood drive for Mike here on the island on October 25th.

Princeville, Hanalei: Paul M says the groups 10 meetings are experiencing great attendance and they will have their business meeting tonight.

Keep It Simple: Alyson D expressed many thanks for the district covering half of her airfare expenses for the upcoming conference in October. The meetings have had lower attendance due to the Men's house moving to Koloa. The meetings are still giving away free copies of 'Living Sober'. She pointed out that the meetings are still a good place to find sponsees.

Serenity Group: Laurel said the meetings are having good attendance.

Happy Hour: Jennifer D reported that attendance has been good and visitors are able to find the location easily. It was also pointed out that the meeting place is within walking distance of the Marriott.

Hui Ohana: Pattilynn has recently been elected the GSR for the group. She says the group is still struggling but she will be attending the October conference.

TGIF: Jay Y says attendance has been low. The meetings are Friday at noon at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. It is a Big Book/12 and 12 study. A motion was made and passed for the district to pay half of the airfare for the GSR of the group to attend the October conference.

Experience, Strength and Hope: Alejandro reminded everyone that the meetings are held every Friday at 10 AM at the First Hawaiian Church. The meetings have had good attendance, especially from Rebecca Readings organization.

It's Not Them: Meetings are Wednesday at 5 PM and Alejandro said that the group needs support. There is always a good topic and the format is open.

Hu Lokahi: Chuck T reported that the group has excellent attendance with Standing Room Only frequently. There has been talk of moving the location to allow for more seating but the secretary is against that.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

PI: Jim S reminded everyone about the fair coming up on the 22nd-25th of this month. Participants are having a meeting to review the activities at the fair booth. A video will be reviewed that shows all of the meeting places on the island. CD's will be offered as well. There will be a literature rack, schedules, and coffee available. Banners will be displayed.

There will be a county health fair in September and the committee will discuss AA participation in that.

A gratitude luncheon is being planned for November. Current plans call for eight tables, each with ten chairs. It has been proposed that each table will be offered to groups at a cost of \$100. The money will go toward the PI committees funding. The committee recommends that for each table the group invite one member of their community whom they want to thank for their support of AA, one member of their group who has long-term sobriety, and the remaining seats be sold to group members at a

rate of one penny per day of sobriety (for example, a member with three years and ten days of sobriety would pay \$11.05). There will be a speaker at the luncheon but details have not been firmed up yet.

Website: Susan addressed the issue of the posting of flyers on the website. She stated that there is a disclaimer on the links that states specifically that presence of the flyer on the website does not infer endorsement. She also said that anyone wishing to participate on the website committee was welcome.

Grapevine: Pattilynn said that another subscription has been noted and reminded everyone that other magazines and books are available through the Grapevine. The committee plans to promote this fact, especially the beginner's books, and wants the district to release the funds earmarked for the Grapevine committee so that they may purchase books toward this promotion.

They hope to have Grapevine participation at the Fair.

Susan will be in charge of the Grapevine display at the Labor Day festivities.

Pattilynn again expressed the fact that the committee wants to emphasize book exposure and sales in light of the fact that magazine subscriptions are down.

Paul M brought up some very good suggestions regarding promotion of the Grapevine and Pattilynn was very appreciative.

Finally, she stated that they hope to combine the Grapevine committee and the Events committee.

## **Old Business**

The proposal to combine the PI and CPC committees was tabled again until next month.

## **New Business**

The first item brought up was the percentages of contributions posted as a proposal to the groups in the minutes from last month. Susan pointed out that there are several formulas presented in the Seventh Tradition pamphlet. She also raised the point that since our district does not have to support an intergroup office there is no need for Intergroup to require such a large percentage of the contributions. Kathy pointed out that every group is autonomous and that it is up to each group how much they contribute, if any, to each level of AA. In the end, Jennifer D suggested that instead of recommending a percentage distribution to the groups that we simply encourage each group to discuss the distribution of their funds with their members. This suggestion was well received.

Chuck T then brought up the subject of the website posting the flyers for the 'unorthodox' Koloa Nooners' Saturday Night meetings at the end of every month. Susan reiterated that there is a disclaimer on the website stating that the fact that something is posted does not mean it is endorsed. The rest of the discussion was engaging and had wide participation. At the end, a motion was made and passed that at the next district meeting the old business would include a review of the existing policy regarding items posted on the website.

Jim S suggested that between now and the end of the year all of the policies of the District committees be reviewed at the district meetings.

## **Announcements**

Alejandro announced the Thank-A-Thon will be on November 28th. There will be a flyer coming out soon regarding this. There will not be an imu this year so they are asking that the groups donate turkeys that are already cooked and bring them to the event. Alyson D will be the meeting chair for Thank-A-Thon.

Halloween festivities will be held October 27th at the Wailua House Lots Park. Intergroup will help with the paper products. Further information will be forthcoming.

The **meeting was closed** at 11:05 with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting Participants:**

Alejandro

Chuck T

Jay Y

Pattilynn

Jim S

Jim

Susan Ok

Jennifer D

Blake

Paul M

Kathy S

Alyson D

Laurel

George K