

## Minutes for District Meeting of March 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 by Ron with the Declaration of Unity.

There were 3 items added to the agenda under new business: The ongoing debate concerning the distribution of surplus funds, the election of a new treasurer for the district, and the election of a new district chair for the Grapevine.

The Third Concept from the Twelve Concepts Checklist was read by Jennifer D.

The Third Tradition from the Twelve Traditions Checklist was read by Tiannah.

Pattilyne then jumped in with a change to the agenda as she needed to get to class. She reported on the Grapevine committee, informing us officially that she is stepping down as the district chair for the Grapevine and as the GSR for Hui Ohana as she has been elected to fill the remaining term of the Area chair for the Grapevine. She did get the extra copies of the old Grapevine subscriptions sent to the other islands as requested last month so she leaves with a good conscience.

The Secretary's Minutes from the February meeting were presented by George K. They were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jay Y. February's income was \$236.80, expenses were \$686.58. The current bank balance is \$3,614.01. There was some confusion about the PRAASA expenditures as the district paid for Alejandro to attend the function last week but no entry showed up in the February expenses for it. Jay explained that the tickets were purchased last year so they showed up on the 2013 budget ledger. After some gnashing of a bicuspid or two, Jay agreed to make a notation on the 2014 ledger about the PRAASA cost. The report was then approved.

Alejandro gave the Alternate DCM report which he apologized for from the start because he had not had a chance to edit it prior to the meeting. He thanked God and the District for sending him to PRAASA, saying that it was a life-changing experience. His summary of the service concept of PRAASA was very good and he emphasized that members who perform service shouldn't think of it as a hollow job. All of our service positions provide a true and necessary purpose and should be handled as such. He also stressed the importance of groups doing an inventory of their service. Following Alejandro's report, Mathea announced that after the meeting she would be giving a summary of the PRAASA assembly for anyone interested.

Intergroup report was given by Mathea. The big news is that the Fourth of July celebration this year will be held at Poipu Beach rather than Lydgate due to the large pavilion at Lydgate being reserved by another group. Hui Ohana will again host the event, expected to have a budget of \$500.

Ron then gave the DCM report, starting off with thanks to all who participated in the setup and function of the Area Committee Meeting held March 1st and 2nd here on Kauai. The Area Committee members were very appreciative of our hospitality. He stated that he would not be going to the committee meeting in May but that he would be going to the Inform The Delegate assembly in April on Oahu. After a mild prompting by Jim D, Ron then went over the process for the April assembly. The agenda was e-mailed to all of the GSR's Friday and it contains all of the 61 topics. Every active GSR has been assigned to a committee and their committee will discuss the agenda topics pertaining to their committee at the assembly. For those GSR's not assigned to a committee or who don't know what committee they are assigned to, they can contact Clifford, the Area 17 registrar and he will get them taken care of.

### **GSR reports:**

**Princeville/Hanalei:** Paul M said the meetings are going great. He attended PRAASA and is encouraging getting groups to support service at the group level and beyond. His group will be discussing the group inventory questions this evening.

**Hui Lokahi:** Ron reported that the meetings are huge and growing. They continue to give out Big Books to newcomers. There is also a new treasurer and he is sending out donations to the various levels of AA on a regular basis.

**Experience, Strength and Hope:** Alejandro said that the meeting attendance is good and the meetings are doing well. They did their inventory and are considering making packages for beginners. They have started a phone list. He reminded everyone that the meetings are at 10 AM on Fridays at the First Hawaiian Church.

**Step Sisters:** Barbie announced that the meetings are averaging between 4 and 5 people.

**Saturday 3rd Tradition:** Barbie was excited to report that the meetings are doing great with an attendance around 60. She said the room capacity is only 69 so she is keeping an eye on that. They have great speakers. The group now has a treasurer and they are looking for an Intergroup rep. She was also excited to announce that the group is sending her to the upcoming assemblies.

**Meditation Monday:** Showing her vast ability to roam, Barbie said that the group appears to be starting off well as there were 14 people at the last meeting.

**Happy Hour:** Tiannah (who is serving as the alternate GSR for the group) reported that the meetings are having good attendance. They will have their first pot luck at Kalapaki tomorrow at 2 PM followed by a meeting at 5 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**TGIF:** Jay reminded everyone that the group studies the Big Book and the 12 & 12. They have been discussing what is and isn't AA and have found it to be a great help with the newcomers. The group meets every Friday at Noon at the Lihue Neighborhood Center.

**Kaloa Aloha:** Mathea started by reminding everyone that there are two meetings in this group: Friday and Sunday mornings. They average about 25 and are about 50% visitors. They send their GSR to PRAASA every other year and this year Hilli got to go. All of their service positions are filled.

**Koloa Nooners:** George reported that the Nooners are doing well with their 28-30 meetings per month. The monthly Dinner and a Speaker meeting on the last Saturday of the month will be the 29th of March and will be an American Picnic theme potluck. Hot dogs will be provided so bring your favorite sides.

**Waimea Canyon Group:** Shoshanah announced that the west side meetings are currently undergoing a transition. Marcel has stepped down as secretary of the Hanapepe meetings so they are in need of some help with the Pau Hana meeting. The Thursday meetings in Hanapepe are no longer welcome at the church so the meetings currently being held are the Tuesday meeting in Hanapepe at the United Church of Christ and the Thursday and Friday meetings in Waimea at the Smokey Valley Clubhouse. The meetings are doing well with about 16 people in attendance.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Archives:** Shoshanah says that she is still learning the duties of the position. She is attending both the District meetings and the Intergroup meetings and is trying to complete as thorough a history as possible of AA in Kauai. To this end, she is interested in interviewing any longtimers who are willing.

**Corrections:** In Jon's absence, Alejandro reported that the meetings are doing well with good attendance. The Men's meetings are every Tuesday at KCCC and the Women's meetings are every Sunday. They study the 12 & 12 at the meetings.

**Grapevine:** Paul M wanted to amend Pattilyne's earlier report by stating that with the upcoming 70th anniversary of the Grapevine, he will plan a workshop for either May 17th or 24th to teach anyone interested how to write and submit their story.

**Public Information:** Jim D said that they are still holding the Wednesday meetings and are committed to doing so at least until June. The committee is still mulling over the idea of having a float for some of the local parades in spite of the fact that it was voted down last year. (You have to admire their persistence.) Also, he mentioned that it was time to start planning for any participation in the Fair this fall.

Treatment Settings/Special Needs: Mathea says she has read the literature from GSO and has studied the Oahu committee's activities yet she still finds that this is the committee with the least amount of responsibility on Kauai. She has evaluated all of the meeting places on the island for wheelchair access and finds the Koloa Nooners the only group not in compliance. They continue to assure her that they are working in the problem.

Website: Susan swooped in from parts East with two large boxes of material with which to scare the wits out of Jon S but was foiled by his absence. She assured everyone that everything on the website is working correctly. The Twelve Concepts checklist and the Twelve Traditions checklist are both posted on the website for anyone interested. She is currently in the process of updating the information on the website so anyone having need of updating the information for their meetings is urged to contact Susan, either on the website or through the hotline.

There was deemed to be no **Old Business**.

### **New Business:**

The first item was a discussion regarding the distribution of surplus funds which has been a topic of interest and controversy for the past several months. It evidently still is. The discussion was lengthy, lively and invoked wide participation. Initial discussions had involved sending funds to GSO, Area and possibly other AA entities; however, an excellent point was made about these entities already getting funding from the group level. Remembering that the most important levels of AA are the individual and the group, it was agreed for the most part that these funds should be used to aid in increasing participation among the groups of the island in service. Among these ideas was increasing the district's GSR Travel Budget to aid groups that do not have the funds to send their GSR's to Area conferences on the other islands. Another was to increase the budget for Workshops so as to increase the number of workshops held throughout the island and make them more effective. The final decision of the discussion was that Jay should come up with specific numbers of which budget items to increase to allow for the most effective and efficient use of the surplus funds so that we may vote on them at the April District Meeting. The second order of new business was to railroad, er, elect Paul M. to the position of district Grapevine representative. He graciously gave his qualifications, the most important of which was "Sure, I'll do it". Finally, Steve Q was nominated as District Treasurer. He gave his qualifications and after assuring everyone that he would try to tame his New York accent and start learning Pidgen, he was elected.

### **Announcements:**

Pattilyne (who had snuck back into the meeting after her class) reminded everyone about HICYPAA 2014 on the Big Island, August 1-3. Also WACYPA A on the Big Island this December 18-21. Alejandro reminded everyone that PRAASA 2015 will be held in Utah. He also had a whole slew of other events going on in the upcoming months, including but not limited to MauiFest X, the 53rd Annual Hawaii Convention, and the Big Island Bash. For information on these events, I refer everyone to the website.

The meeting was **closed at 12:05 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.**

### **In Attendance:**

George K	Jay Y
Mathea A	Opal W
Shoshanah B	Pattilyne B
Tiannah L	Ron L
Jim D	Alejandro H
Jennifer D	Barbie
Steve Q	Paul M
Susan Ok	