

Minutes of the District 6 Meeting, October 19, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:33 by Ron L. and the Declaration of Unity was read.

The only item **added to the agenda** was an update on the upcoming Area Committee meeting which will be discussed in the DCM report.

The Tenth Tradition from the **Twelve Traditions checklist** was read by Jay Y.

The Tenth Concept from the **Twelve Concepts checklist** was read by Paul M.

The **Secretary's minutes** from the September meeting were presented by George K. and were approved.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Jay Y who proudly announced that the district is in budget. There was a question raised about the allocation of funds in the different areas of the budget, specifically about the funds being spent by the PI committee which appears to be over budget at this time. Ron was able to settle this matter with the announcement that the funds used by the PI committee for different events be taken from the events budget rather than the PI budget. All souls seemed satisfied with this. Jim D also asked about the possibility of the district giving an additional contribution to Area 17 at the end of the year if the district bank balance remains above \$3000. It was agreed that this would be taken under consideration at the end of the year. Mathea then educated the assembly by telling that her research since the last meeting had uncovered that the initials RSX on the budget stand for 'treatment'. She was pronounced the literary hero of the day.

Alternate DCM report - Alejandro gave a quick update on the recent Budget Assembly held on Oahu. There were 16 representatives from Kauai and the proposed 2014 budget was approved. Scott C was elected as the nominee for Pacific Region Trustee. He also stated that it was good to hear from the other districts and see the different ways in which they were in service.

There is still a GSO position available and anyone interested can contact Ron or Alejandro or go on the Area 17 website to see the qualifications and to get an application.

The Grapevine is looking for stories from special needs individuals.

Alejandro brought up the proposed change to the Kauai meeting schedule and the other DCM's didn't like the addition of phone numbers of other 12 step groups to the schedule.

He also noted a number of languages that the Big Book is now being translated into. If anyone has a need for the list of new languages, contact Alejandro and he will gladly inform you as to which ones they are.

Intergroup report - Mathea reported Intergroup has approved the proposed change to the schedule that lists the e-mail contact for physicians wishing to get in touch with the physicians in AA. The new schedule will reflect that change and Susan will add it to the website.

The Halloween party on the North Shore is going to be a spectacular event and everyone is invited. As a reminder it will be Saturday, October 26th at the Hanalei Community Center from 6 to 10 PM. Be there or be *haunted!*

Preparations for the Thank-A-Thon are going well. Everyone is reminded to check the flyer to see what dishes your area should be bringing.

The Koloa Nooners Last Saturday of the Month meeting is reverting back to a potluck. This month's dinner will feature music from the '70's following the speaker.

DCM Report - Ron started off letting everyone know that he will not be able to participate in PRAASA this coming year due to business commitments; however Alejandro will attend in his stead.

He then announced that, due to the time frame of communication between Ken and the GSO regarding the upcoming committee meeting and its agenda, the Area Committee Meeting on Kauai is scheduled for

March 1st and 2nd. The site of the meeting is still being determined and if anyone has any suggestions, please contact Ron. The committee has requested a second day in which to put on a skit they have prepared that will give insight into the purposes of the various committees followed by a Q&A session. This extra day will necessitate a system for Home Stay and Transportation. Jennifer D has graciously volunteered to head up the Home Stay committee while Pattilyne will coordinate transportation. This year's Thank-A-Thon will be marked by a revival of the Kauai GSR Players who will perform their rousing and spirited version of 'Snow White and the Seven Character Defects'. To pull this off, they will need 16 or 17 volunteers to participate. Please contact Ron if you would like to be a part of this wonderfully off-beat group. Acting experience is not required and may actually be a hindrance.

GSR Reports -

Princeville/Hanalei - Paul M said that all 10 meetings have had good attendance. They will have their business meeting tonight. He said the group is very interested in the proposed Secretary's Workshop.

Hui Ohana - Pattilyne said her group will participate in the upcoming Gratitude Luncheon and they are in the process of deciding who will attend.

Serenity Group - Laural very enthusiastically stated that the group is doing great.

Young Peoples - Ron reported that the group does not currently have a GSR (he is serving as treasurer). Their monthly water meeting is in jeopardy due to poor attendance. It is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at Lydgate Park and is a pot luck affair. Everyone who can make it is encouraged to attend. The dinner starts at 11 AM and the meeting at 1 PM. Details are on the website www.kauaiaa.org.

Keep It Simple - Alysson D said that their group will not participate in the Gratitude Luncheon. They are still giving away free copies of Keep It Simple at their meetings. Attendance is good at 15-20 per meeting. They are also interested in the proposed Secretary's Workshop. They are also trying to plan a New Year's Eve party.

It's Not Them - Alejandro reported that the meeting is small but good. They had 5 visitors at the meeting 2 weeks ago which was refreshing. He reminded everyone that the meeting is Wednesday at 5 PM at the United Church of Christ in Kapaa.

Hui Lokahi - Jon S could hardly contain his excitement as he announced that attendance at the meeting is fabulous. He is now the new GSR and John D is the alternate.

Saturday Third Tradition - Barbie announced that the meeting is doing well and that they continue to give away Big Books to new members.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Alejandro said that the group is in need of support. They meet at 10 AM on Fridays at the First Hawaiian Church in Kapaa.

Happy Hour - Jennifer D said that the meeting is going well but they would appreciate anyone with any sober time to visit the meeting. It is at Nawiliwili Beach Park every day at 5 PM. She also said that the meeting has had a positive effect on the area as they have had to move their meeting closer to the water which has resulted in a decrease in the pot-smoking in that area. Lastly, the group will participate in the Gratitude Luncheon and in the Secretary's Workshop.

TGIF - Jay reminded everyone that the meeting is Friday at Noon at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. They have a new secretary (Jackie) and they are in the Traditions. There are 12-15 people per meeting and they are doing well. Stew is the GSR but was unable to attend today's meeting.

Koloa Aloha - Mathea proudly announced that the meeting has all of its positions filled. The meetings have as many as 50% of their attendance as visitors. They have started handing out chips now. Also, their GSR (Hilly) will be attending PRAASA.

Koloa Nooners - George reported that the meetings are doing well. This month's Last Saturday of the Month meeting will be a potluck and will feature music from the 70's. There will also be a Halloween Costume contest with a nice prize going to the winner.

Pau Hana - The new GSR for this group (Mahea Y) was unable to attend the district meeting but contacted me to say that the group is in dire need of support from sober members with time. The meetings

are Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the United Church of Christ in Hanapepe. Most of the attendees are new members who are in need of sponsors. This is a great service opportunity for members with time.

Standing Committee Reports

PI - Jim D said the committee will have its regular meeting today at noon. They are finalizing plans for the upcoming Gratitude Luncheon. So far there are 4 tables plus the head table. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jerry Young; the AA speaker has yet to be determined. Mathea asked about having a table for those individuals who wanted to participate in spite of their group's desire not to and Jim said they would work on that. The fee would be \$15 and anyone interested can contact Jim D at publicinfo@kauaiaa.org.

He also stated that all of the racks on the island are full and that they need to order another rack.

PI reps are needed so Jim put out a call for all groups to ask if anyone would like to participate on the committee as a representative for their group.

Jim also noted that parking for the Gratitude Luncheon will be limited and he encourages those who can to carpool.

Corrections - Jon S reported that during the recent budget assembly meeting the corrections representatives discussed the fact that one of the neighbor islands had a corrections volunteer who was taking non-AA literature into the jail. After what sounded like a very spirited and heated discussion, they decided that it was up to the district involved to make a decision about any action that should be taken, if any.

He also noted that there is an upcoming training day for those wishing to participate in the corrections program. A flyer for the November 2nd training activity is on the website.

Grapevine - Pattilyne stressed that the Grapevine is AA approved literature (which was evidently brought into question at the budget assembly). Beginners books have been received and are being given out.

She had a very good discussion with Ken (the previous area Grapevine representative) about how to increase participation in the Grapevine and she conducted the round table at the budget assembly. Expect to be hearing from Pattilyne soon.

CEC - Barbie learned at the assembly that the Oahu CEC is contacting physicians on the island who work with the elderly to get their cooperation in identifying and aiding those who might benefit from AA. She is interested in doing that on this island but needs more people on her committee. Barbie is asking all groups to see if anyone would be interested in working on the CEC committee. It is a great service opportunity and sorely needed. Contact Barbie if you are willing to help.

Treatment - Mathea noted that the island has no inpatient facilities and only one outpatient facility but that facility is well-connected with AA here on the island. They have still not identified any blind or deaf members on the island.

Archives - Mathea stated that Kauai is very important in the Archives. We are still getting the Alaska monthly summary of AA history and it is posted in both the Mynah Bird and the website.

Old Business -

The proposal to combine the PI and CPC committees has been dropped so another call has gone out to all groups for anyone willing and able to perform the duties of CPC chair here on the island. It should be noted that anyone willing to do so will have the cooperation of the members of the Doctors In Sobriety group that is on the island.

The review of the existing policy regarding items posted on the kauaiaa.org website was tabled due to the absence of Susan and the lack of a copy of the current policy.

New Business -

Once again it was brought up that the upcoming Area Committee Meeting on Kauai has been moved to March 1st and 2nd. The site is still open for suggestions. It will need to be able to accommodate about 40 people.

Announcements -

Paul M reminded everyone about the North Shore Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 26th at the Hanalei Community Center. Volunteers are still needed and they can contact Mary L. There is a very nice flyer for the event that is being distributed.

George K reminded everyone about the Koloa Nooners Last Saturday of the Month meeting on Saturday, October 26th at the Salvation Army Chapel. It will be a potluck and there will be music from the '70's as well as a Halloween costume contest.

PRAASA will be March 7th - 9th in San Diego. So far it appears that Kauai will be well represented but anyone wishing to go can get details at <http://praasa.org/2014/>.

The 52nd Annual Hawaii Convention will be held on Oahu November 14-17 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. Contact www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com for details.

The 50th International Women's Conference will be held February 6th-9th on Oahu at the Hawaii Convention Center. For information, contact www.internationalwomensconference.org.

The **meeting was closed** at 11:15 with the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance:

George K.
Mathea A.
Laural S.
Jennifer D.
Corey N.
Pattilyne B.
Malcolm V.
Paul M.
Jon S.
Alysson D.
Jim D.
Barbie H.
Jay Y.
Ron L.
Alejandro