

Minutes from the District Meeting of December 21, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:32 by Alejandro with the reading of the Declaration of Unity.

A budget proposal was added to the agenda to be taken up during the Treasurer's report.

The **Twelve Traditions checklist** was presented with Jim D. reading the Twelfth Tradition.

The **Twelve Concepts checklist** was presented with Jon S. reading the Twelfth Concept.

The **Secretary's Minutes** were presented by George K. and were approved.

The **Treasurer's report** was given by Jay Y. Income this month was \$525 and there were no expenses. The Treasurer's report was approved.

At this time Jay proposed that we carry the figures from this year's budget over to next year's budget as we have been under budget for the year. The discussion that followed questioned the value of having an 'Events' category in the budget when all events are handled through the PI committee. It was agreed that it would be logical to roll the Events budget into the PI budget and this was approved. Further questioning revealed some confusion over the need for a budget line for the GIS Newsletter. Jay said he would research this and get back to us. Another question arose about funding for the Archives committee and the funding line for 'Workshops'. It was agreed that these items would be tabled for now and brought up after the first of the year.

The **Alternate DCM report** was presented by Alejandro.

He reiterated that he will be going to PRAASA in San Diego but will not be attending the conference in January.

The Grapevine is requesting stories for upcoming publication in celebration of their 70th anniversary in June 2014. If you're interested in sharing your story, contact Alejandro or the information page at www.aagrapevine.org/GV70. The deadline for submission for the June issue is January 5, 2014.

The Area 17 Committee Meeting will be held March 1st and 2nd at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. Everyone is invited to attend and watch service at the Area level. A flyer is available to register for the event as evidenced by the fact that Alejandro had one, however I cannot seem to find it online. During the meeting, our district will be responsible for serving breakfast and lunch on Saturday, March 1st and breakfast on Sunday, March 2nd. Area will pay for the meals but we are in need of a group or groups to actually prepare and serve the meals. If your group is willing to do this, please contact either Ron or Alejandro.

The second day of the Committee meeting will involve a play put on by the Area committee members followed by a workshop explaining the responsibilities of the different committees. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, especially newcomers who are still wondering what AA is all about. A flyer with more details will be forthcoming soon.

Intergroup report was also given by Alejandro.

The Thank-A-Thon was a huge success. Intergroup will also be helping with the Christmas and New Year's Eve events.

Jim D gave kudos to Bob, the intergroup chair, for making positive changes to the agenda, making it more meaningful and effective.

The intergroup meeting for March of 2014 will be held at Sun Village thus eliminating any conflict with the Area Committee meeting.

The **DCM report** was not given as the DCM is on the mainland. (Maybe we should remind him about Skype.)

GSR reports

Koloa Nooners - George K stated that the meetings are strong. The Salvation Army chapel in Koloa where the Nooners meetings are held is the only meeting place on the island that is not ADA compliant. The Nooners are in the process of evaluating the placement of a wheelchair ramp to make the facility accessible.

Happy Hour - Jennifer D reported that the meetings are strong and that new members are engaging in service positions.

Keep It Simple - Jon S said attendance is great (between 20 and 25). They are down to their last copy of 'Living Sober'. He also announced that the January 14th meeting will move to the pavilion closest to the police station for that day only.

Hui Lokahi - Jon said there has also been strong attendance at these meetings (between 35 and 40). They are currently in the process of making donations.

Waimea Canyon - Shoshanah reported that the group is using the 'Living Sober' format for their meetings. There is a service workshop upcoming and she says there are lots of newcomers in the meetings. They will be starting Birthday meetings at the end of each month to recognize sobriety. The January 17th and 31st meetings will be held in Lucy Wright Park rather than the Smokey Valley Clubhouse due to scheduling conflicts.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Alejandro said the meeting is doing well.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives - Shoshanah is still in the process of organizing materials and setting up guidelines for the committee.

Corrections - Jon S says the meetings have excellent attendance, however there will be no more meetings until the new year due to the holiday schedule at the jail.

Grapevine - Alejandro (doing his best PattiLyne imitation) said that the committee gave away two gift subscriptions to the Grapevine during the Thank-A-Thon. They will also be raffling off a gift subscription at the Christmas event in Kapaa. Intergroup has placed a large order for Grapevine books.

PI - Jim D reminded everyone that the PI Committee will hold their monthly meeting today at the Happy Hour tables at 3 PM and encouraged all who could to attend. The committee wants all groups to know that participation on the committee helps strengthen not only AA's bond with the community but also within the different groups on the island.

The Driver's Education program on Kauai has contacted the committee requesting speakers who have had DUI's to speak to their classes. Anyone who is interested in sharing their stories can contact the PI committee at publicinfo@kauaiaa.org.

A press release has been prepared and distributed announcing informational meetings for the community to be held every Wednesday from 7PM to 8PM starting January 8, 2014. The meetings will be at the McKenna Recovery Center, 4374 Kukui Grove St., Suite 104 in Lihue. Anyone wishing to participate please contact the PI committee.

The website for Kauai AA is currently being privately funded. In the spirit of being self-supporting, the PI committee wants to take over the funding of the website. Jim D and Jon S will explore this matter further.

The PI Committee is also in the process of developing an end-of-year report.

Old Business - The only item on the agenda was the upcoming Area Committee meeting which was discussed earlier.

New Business - The General Service Conference Final Report contains a list of the topics to be discussed next year on page 6 of the report under the heading 'Agenda'. All groups are encouraged to review these topics.

A request/suggestion was also made for all groups to develop their own end-of-year inventories following the guidelines laid out on pages 27-28 of the pamphlet 'The AA Group...where it all begins'.

Announcements - Everyone remember the Christmas Alc-A-Thon at the Kapaa Neighborhood Center. It starts on the 24th and continues on the 25th.

Also the Last Supper of 2013 will be held on Tuesday, December 31st at the Koloa Salvation Army chapel at 6 PM. Everyone is invited, families are encouraged.

The **meeting was closed** at 10:50 with the Responsibility Pledge.

In attendance:

Jon S

Jay Y

Alejandro

Jim D

George K

Jennifer D

Shoshanah