District 6, Area 17, Panel 69 Monthly Meeting August 15,2020

9:34am - Call to Order (Jim had problems)

A Declaration of Unity - "This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

- 1. Any items to add to the Agenda?
- 5. Secretary's Report & July minutes amended to add "A discussion was held to discuss 2021 Budget."
- 6. Treasurer's Report Accepted
- 7. Alternate DCM Report Loretta's new job prevents her from attending Intergroup and sometimes District
- 8. Intergroup Report Treasury has been resolved. Mailbox is straightened out and the telephone is being answered. There will be a discussion with an insurance agent re. shared liability
- 9. DCM report -

Aloha Everyone,

The Area Budget Assembly will be taking place August 29th & 30th on zoom. I will send the zoom link as soon as I receive it from our Area Chair. I encourage everyone to attend. We will be voting on the Area budget and will also have an opportunity to hear how other members in our Area are coping with the current situation. It's tempting to think that the struggles we are having with Covid are only happening to our home group or our District. Whenever I attend assemblies however, I am always reminded that I am not alone. We are all facing new and unforeseen issues, some that seem to threaten our very existence as a fellowship. Connecting with my fellow alcoholics in recovery however is what gives me faith in times of uncertainty. Attending assemblies always gives me hope, fresh energy and new perspectives. I will definitely be there and am looking forward to hearing how our Area is using the three legacies to stay in the solution.

I would like to introduce Janelle as our new Mynah Bird Committee Chair. Janelle has already submitted a fantastic article to the Mynah Bird that will be published in the next Mynah Bird issue.

Some Area Committee Chairs are beginning to host monthly zoom meetings for District Committee Chairs and GSR's. Corrections had one on August 2nd and the next one is on September 13th. I think this is going to be a great way for Committee Chairs to be able to redefine how to reach out to the community in new ways. I'm going to inquire at the Assembly if all Committee Chairs intend on having monthly zoom meetings.

A live Elections Assembly for November is still TBD. We will have more info at the Budget Assembly.

GSR's please announce at your home groups that GSR rotations will be taking place at end of the year and groups need to reelect new GSR's. District Elections will be held in October. Please announce this to your home groups as well. The election will be for Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate DCM and DCM.

I know some groups are now meeting live and I want to give a reminder about social distancing and wearing masks. It is strongly recommended by the CDC to wear masks and social distance in any situation where a group is meeting, indoors or outdoors. This is simply the safest behavior for ourselves and the community. It is also an example of each member practicing Tradition One. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity. I've also suggested to groups to refrain from having food and beverages at their meetings.

We will be voting on the District Budget today. Hopefully you had a chance to go over it with your home groups.

Thank you all.

10. GSR reports

Young Peoples BYOBB – Not much has changed. Continue online. Hard to maintain service positions. Still have a treasurer and use Venmo.

Sunrise Sobriety – Live meetings at the beach. Literature person. Coffee. There is a problem with masks. Making distributions with 7th Tradition. Salvation Army meetings, too, as well as Adult Children of Alcoholics on Thursdays. Do have upcoming GSR.

North Shore Aloha – Are meeting in person. Because Monday is large, the meeting has two parts, one earlier than the other. (Reported on Saturday Kapa'a meeting, too) There is a simulcast effort too.

Koloa Aloha – One meeting on Zoom. Meetings are small but consistent. "Zoom has lots of surprises." Are using US Mail for 7th Tradition. They are having a GSR, Intergroup Rep for coming panel as well as a treasurer.

Hui Ohana – Heavily attended Zoom meetings and there are some meetings at the beach where they are trying to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some resentments have arisen. Last day of the month will be birthday meeting (Zoom).

Na Wahine Ku Pono – Continuing Zoom meetings with two times a week! Monday is As Bill Sees It and Tuesday is Big Book study. There is a 12 & 12 meeting on Wednesday. They have a literature person. Newcomers keep showing up.

Happy Hour Kauai – Zoom only but discussions are happening to open a Monday meeting. Grim attendance. Would love anyone to join in, but be eager to secretary the meeting. Business meeting 2^{nd} Saturday. Tom will do the next panel as GSR; are looking for an Alternate.

- 11. Standing Committee Reports
- Archives vacant
- Corrections –Jail meetings are not happening. There were questions about our ability to get speaker tapes into the jail.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) absent
- Mynah Bird—Janelle reports she is writing an article per month.
- Grapevine— No report
- PI— No report
- CEC— vacant
- Treatment Settings/Accessibilities— vacant
- Website We fine-tuned the website. Keeping up with the changes is a struggle. Please keep Jorina informed

12. District Business

I. Old Business

District Budget passed unanimously.

Election Assembly – November, 2020. Still may happen!! AND ... groups should select GSR's for the coming panel in September. District elections (DCM and Alternate, Secretary and Treasurer) in October

- II. New Business- none
- 13. GSR and District Concerns: HICYPAA event will be virtual.

Women's Retreat in August cancelled

Closing (10:29) – Responsibility Pledge: "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that – I AM RESPONSIBLE.