

Minutes for the District Meeting of February 15, 2014

Alejandro **called the meeting to order** at 9:30 with the Declaration of Unity.

No new items were added to the agenda.

The **Twelve Traditions Checklist**, Tradition 2 was read by Steve.

The **Twelve Concepts Checklist**, Concept 2 was read by Jim D.

The **Secretary's Minutes** were presented by George K. Shoshanah noted that the name of her group is the Waimea Canyon Group and that she is the contact for the group. It was also pointed out that Alejandro agreed to talk to Intergroup about the funding for the newsletter, not Linda as stated in the minutes. With these corrections, the minutes were approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Jay Y. He said that he had talked with Mike from Intergroup and had been assured that Intergroup is fully funding the newsletter to the tune of \$1800 annually and that the District doesn't have to worry about it. This led to multiple comments then and throughout the meeting about the newsletter funding, including the fact that the District's charter specifically states that we will contribute to the newsletter funding. After much gnashing of teeth, the motion of how to address the issue was tabled.

Jay then announced that he is resigning (which has nothing to do with the newsletter but rather the fact that he has too many other things on his rhetorical plate) from his position as District Treasurer. He will continue with his duties as GSR for TGIF. For anyone interested in the position, an election will be held at the next District meeting. AA Literature states that the person standing for the position should have a 'solid period of sobriety'. No specific time period is mentioned.

Summarizing the 2013 budget: Income was \$5527.23, Expenses were \$4711.17, Budgeted was \$5414. Paul M reiterated that the District needs to consider how to distribute extra funds. Jim S suggested that the prudent reserve be raised to \$1000 from \$500, prior to distribution of funds. Jay spoke against this as the District's expenses are well-covered by the \$500. In spite of this, a vote was taken and the increase was approved by a majority.

A parliamentary detour was taken at this point as Pattilyne had to leave early so she needed to give the **Grapevine report**. While she was at the Area Conference last month, two of the districts (Waikiki and Kona) asked for assistance by having any groups that could send them any extra copies of old Grapevines. Pattilyne stated that she had found a box that had been lying around since 2009 that contained fifty copies of old Grapevines and she proposed that ten copies each be sent to the two districts. Barbie asked why she wanted to hold on to so many copies since they'd been laying around since 2009. Logic prevailed and Pattilyne will send twenty copies each to the two districts.

Alternate DCM report and **Intergroup report** were combined by Alejandro. He brought up that we need to coordinate services for the upcoming Area conference. He then brought up the Garden Island Sobriety newsletter to see if he could generate more agitation and confusion. This was successful so the issue was tabled with no results. Finally, the Hawaii Annual Convention is

coming to Honolulu soon and Sue G contacted Alejandro looking for volunteers for the Convention as Registrars, Greeters, Readers, Musicians and various other positions. If anyone is available to serve, please contact Alejandro and he can give you Sue's number. Paul M noted that the more volunteers from Kauai we have, the greater the chance that we can sway a future convention to our island.

The **DCM report** was read from an e-mail from Ron L. He emphasized further coordination of services and volunteers for the upcoming Area conference and gave a list of the current volunteers. A meeting was recommended during the upcoming week for accomplishing this.

GSR Reports

TGIF - Jay reminded everyone that the format of the meetings is the Big Book and the 12 & 12. Meetings are every Friday at the Lihue Neighborhood Center.

Koloa Nooners - George K said the meetings are going well. The end of the month Saturday Potluck will be February 22nd.

Happy Hour - Jim D couldn't find his 'damned notes' so he winged it. He said they tried to discuss the topics for the 64th GSO conference and it didn't go over well at all. The group did have increased visitor attendance following the recent Women's International Conference. He also said that the group could use some support from members with more sobriety.

Waimea Canyon Group - Shoshanah gave a big Mahalo to Ron L for coming to the group. There was good interaction and the members are trying to clarify their service roles. The Thursday group has an attendance of between 9 and 15, while the Friday group has 7 to 11 attendees. The Smoky Valley Clubhouse has been reserved for the next year with only two dates being unavailable. Shoshanah will post those dates in the GIS and the group will meet at Lucy Wright Park.

Hui Lokahi - Jon S said the group has been doing so well at giving out Big Books to everyone who needs one that they are ready to order another batch.

Keep It Simple - The group is currently in the middle of the transition of officers.

Princeville/Hanalei - Paul M said the 10 meetings are going well. They will have a paddle out at 10:30 tomorrow (Feb 16th) at the site of the Beach Meeting to honor Gordy and his ashes will be scattered in the ocean.

Saturday 3rd Tradition - Barbie reported that the group is doing well with average attendance being about 40. They still need a treasurer and they are still trying to clarify their contributions to AA.

Barbie also took this time to announce a **new Meditation Meeting every Monday at 11:15 AM at the First Hawaiian Church in Kapaa.**

Poipu Sunrise Sobriety - Sonia B said the group is solidifying their service positions.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Shoshanah apologized for not having anything to report then promptly proceeded to give a report. The committee is still trying to clarify the duties of the position of chairperson.

Corrections - Jon S said the Women's meeting has asked for 3 copies of the Big Book. Also there is an upcoming training session for those wishing to help with the corrections meetings. Jon forgot to bring the flyers but anyone interested can call Jeannie to reserve a spot in the class.

Grapevine - Given earlier in the meeting.

PI - Jim D stated the Wednesday meetings are continuing even though no one is showing up. He then became excited about the fact that AAers are giving presentations to the DUI classes and are passing out pamphlets. Anyone interested in participating can contact Jim at publicinfo@kauaiaa.org.

Old business: Regarding the upcoming Area committee conference, there will be a planning committee meeting sometime during the upcoming week, the time and date to be determined by Alejandro. We also clarified that there will be 3 meals served at the conference.

New Business: Everyone was asked to continue pondering about the distribution of extra funds for the district and there will be a vote next month. To this end, Jay suggested distributing a percentage of the funds periodically throughout the year on an ongoing basis to avoid the current situation.

Announcements: Everyone should be aware that there will be a vote next month for a new District Treasurer. The guidelines for the position only state that the person should be responsible, have a solid period of sobriety and that they be organized enough to keep good records.

In Attendance:

George K
Jim S
Jim D
Steve Q
Shoshanah B
Jon S
Paul M
Barbie H
Patilyne B
Sonia B
Alejandro H
Jay Y
David