

Minutes for District 6 Meeting of January 26, 2013

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Alejandro with the Declaration of Unity.
2. The **Twelve Traditions Checklist**, Tradition One, was read by Susannah.
3. The **Twelve Concepts Checklist**, Concept One, was read by Alysson.
4. **Secretary's Minutes** - a copy of last month's minutes was not available at the meeting but were sent to each attendee of the meeting via e-mail last month.
5. **Treasurer's report** was given by Jay. Income YTD was \$369.25; expenses YTD were \$271.00; Cash available is \$2,600.17. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.
6. **Alternate DCM report** - Alejandro started off by praising the orientation assembly that was hosted by District 4. He said the assembly was very smooth and successful and a great job was done by the hosts, who provided transportation, meals and lodging. The workshops were very informative. He emphasized the need for continuing service in AA to benefit both our current fellows and future members in need. Financial concerns continue to plague the entire fellowship due to the economy. There is a new mailing address for Area 17: Hawaii Area Committee, 1253 S. Beretania Street, Suite #2107, Honolulu, HI, 96814-1822. PRAASA will be held in Boise, ID this year, March 1st-3rd. Information can be found on the website. He also encouraged members to more fully utilize the website as the information is most current and easily obtained. Adeena is the current registrar for the Area and will step down at the Inform-the-Delegate conference in Maui this April. If anyone is interested in the position, please let either Ron or Alejandro that you're willing to stand for the position. Linda M. is the current archives chair and Alejandro noted that there are some new materials available pertaining to the history of AA in Hawaii.
7. **Intergroup Report** - Bob stated that the vacant positions have been filled: Secretary has been filled by Mark; Literature chair is Linda C.; Alternate chair is Susan O'N; Events coordinator is Patti. He encouraged more participation in Intergroup among all the groups in the district. To this end, Intergroup will start traveling to meetings throughout the island this year.
8. **DCM report** - Alejandro covered this in the alternate DCM report.
9. **GSR Reports:**

Keep It Simple - Alysson stated that attendance has been up lately. They continue to give out copies of Living Sober to those that desire them.

Young Peoples - Susannah reported that the group, which meets in Kapa'a on Sunday nights, will hold a business meeting this Sunday. She also gave a very glowing report about the assembly held on Oahu last week, having been enthused about getting everyone possible on

Kauai networked and involved in service and commitment. She also wants to work with the courts to make sure that recently released prisoners have more opportunities for participation and service.

Saturday Third Tradition - Barbie was also very enthused about the assembly. She is on the standing CEC committee and is looking forward to arranging with groups throughout the island to ensure that the elderly have transportation to meetings when necessary.

Happy Hour - Wes stated that the group is very active, meeting seven days a week. Sadie K. is the current GSR for the group but is currently on Oahu going to school. He was also very enthused about the fact that two nursing students were recently at the meeting and stressed the need for a group dedicated to nurses.

Koloa Nooners - George stated that the groups remain very active. The recent New Year's Eve event which was held in cooperation with several of the Southside groups was a resounding success. Also mentioned was the fact that the budget for the Nooners was recently presented and it was noted that with an income of approximately \$2500 last year, they spent about \$1000 fixing up the Salvation Army Chapel to keep the building usable.

Koloa Aloha - Hilli stated that the new secretary for the group is Linda M. The group has also started giving out birthday chips at both the Friday and Sunday meetings. Hilli also noted that he is on the website committee.

Hui 'Ohana - Susan Ok pointed out that the big pavilion at Lydgate Park has been reserved for this year's Fourth of July festivities.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Alejandro stated that the meeting could have better attendance but is still strong.

10. Standing Committee Reports -

Grapevine - Heather is the current Area Grapevine chair. She reminded us that we are still lacking a district Grapevine chair and encouraged someone to stand for the position. She is still working on developing a plan of action for the Grapevine committee for the area. Her goal is to increase awareness of the Grapevine in the Area and to increase subscriptions. To achieve this, she hopes to get more groups to have Grapevine meetings and to elect Grapevine representatives.

P.I. - Jim stated that there would be a meeting of the P.I. committee later today (Saturday the 26th) at the Happy Hour meeting site and encouraged people to come join the committee. There is a workbook available for participants.

CPC - Bob reminded the group that a current CPC chair is needed. George relayed the information that the doctor's group of the Koloa Nooners has sent out flyers to all of the doctors, dentists and veterinarians on the island. There was also good discussion about starting a nurses group on the island.

Corrections - Jon stated that there has been varying attendance (5-18) but very strong participation at the meetings. They are not permitted to distribute hardbound literature or any literature that contains staples to the prisoners so they are currently in the process of switching over to all paperback literature. The meetings have been scripted so that there is uniformity among them and the prisoners are better able to identify with the meeting formats once they are released. There is a need for women in the corrections committee. Also there is a breakfast meeting in the planning stages to get the women's committee to meet with the men's committee so that they may better coordinate their efforts with the entire corrections community. Jon also reminded the group that the corrections committee is different from every other group in that they are unable raise any funds among their participants therefore they are entirely dependent upon the other groups in the district for their efforts. In support of this a motion was presented and passed to pay for the cost of all flyers and literature needed by the corrections committee.

Website - Susan Ok encouraged every group to go on line and check their group number. Of the 34 groups on the island, 6 don't have a number. DCM Ron stated that 24 of them don't have current contact information listed with the District or Area.

11. Old Business - None

12. New Business -

A motion was passed to draft an amendment to Article 7 of the Structure and Guidelines to change the name of the Hospital and Treatments committee to just the Treatments committee. Also to add a CEC Committee.

Jim reminded the group that the job of all the officers/members of the District is not to form committees but to encourage awareness and action at the individual and group levels to help all current and future members of our fellowship.

An amendment was passed to clarify the structure of the district meeting agenda to conform with the current structure.

There was lengthy and spirited debate regarding having the district meetings occasionally at a North Shore locations in order to encourage more participation in the district from the North Shore clubs. The motion was tabled.

A motion was passed regarding providing coffee at the District meeting. Attendees to the meeting strongly encouraged to supply their own mugs/cups.

13. **Announcements** -

The Koloa Nooners were holding their last Saturday of the month dinner and a speaker meeting that evening (the 26th) at the Koloa Salvation Army Church at 7 P.M.

PRAASA 2013 information can be obtained on the district website.

Mauifest IX will be held May 30th - June 2nd at Makena Beach and Golf Resort. Info can be obtained at www.mauifest.org.

Intergroup Spring 2013 Campout will be April 4-7 at Bellows AFB, Oahu. For information contact Dick M at the Oahu Central Office 946-1438.

The next Inform-the-Delegate Assembly will be held April 6-7 at the Kula Community Center on Maui. Information available at Assembly@area17aa.org.

The 52nd Annual Hawaii Convention will be November 14th-17th in Honolulu. Information available at www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com.

14. The **meeting was adjourned** with the Responsibility Pledge.

Attending:

Ron A.
Alejandro H.
George K.
Jay Y.
Hilli H.
Bob B.
Susan Ok.
Alysson D.
Susannah M.
Jon S.
Barbie
Jim D.
Wes
Heather C.