

DISTRICT MINUTES – March 12, 2011
DISTRICT 6, AREA 17, PANEL #61

Present: Jim D, Palani, Jim S., Neal, David J., Henry, Mathea, Connie, Jay, Christopher, David V., Susan Ok., Farren, Heather, Diana, Alejandro, Susan On.

1. 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."
2. The Twelve Traditions Checklist - of the month
3. The Twelve Concepts Checklist - of the month
4. SECRETARY'S MINUTES – Henry volunteered to be secretary for the next 3 months while Heather is out of town. He will take notes, Heather will distribute. Minutes accepted.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim reported – we really need a treasurer! \$1233.33 in the bank, put \$495 in. Have checks for \$217 which will deposit, \$75 is for assembly, other \$142 is from 2 different groups. So roughly \$1300. Reimbursement for DCM attending committee meeting, and some outstanding PRAASA bills (hotel room and registration) outstanding. Will have some expenses for the Assembly too. Report accepted.

7. ELECTIONS:

Motion to do a ballot vote. (Motion passed)

DCM – Jim read qualifications from the Service Manual. (Pg. S32). Mo and David J. stood. Both gave their reasons for wanting the position. Two rounds of voting, second round substantial unanimity. Mo is our new DCM. Thanks, David for standing.

Treasurer – Read qualifications. Mathea was former treasurer, shared her experience. David J. also shared his experiences. Read from district 6 structures and guidelines. Jim asked if he will act as treasurer until after the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Diane stood for the position, and can take it after the assembly. Her Preference to put the word out first to see if someone more appropriate. Will start in May if no one steps up.

8. GSR REPORTS:

Henry (Guidelines Group) - Sunday noon. Uses pamphlet on how to run a newcomer meeting. Everyone is welcome.

David J (Koloa Nooners) – Tuesday, Friday Noon at salvation army in Koloa next to crazy shirts. Last sat. of each month holds food event with a speaker. Averages 50 people. Small group. Encourages ppl to visit. Doesn't encourage cross-talk, but if someone has experience with other person's share, they feel free to share that. His group paid his registration for PRAASA.

Jim S. (Koloa Aloha) – meetings going well, Friday morning at 8 at far west pavilion, Sunday morning at 7 at poipu beach. Attendance down because fewer travelers/locals. Good high spirited meeting.

Diana – (Hui Ohana) – attendance is good. Trying to encourage more ppl to participate in the group conscience, keeping mind and heart open. Will miss having Mo as alt. GSR. Doing breakfast for assembly on Sunday morning. Voted to spent \$200 for breakfast and then may need more from District.

Farren (reporting for west side Pau Hana group) –some visitors act as speaker (both are speaker meetings), appreciate everyone who could be of service as a speaker. Also talked about Waimea one. Small core group, do sign court papers, helps keep them accountable.

Palani (Poipu Sunrise Sobriety) things are going great. Officially changed name from Sunrise Serenity to Poipu Sunrise Serenity. Had election for new treasurer.

Susan On (filling in for Steps to Freedom). No GSR yet, have business are coming to AA without realizing the importance of having a home group.

Heather (Happy Hour) – Happy Hour's Chair, Treasurer, GSR and Alt. GSR all went to PRAASA. Most ppl there from any group on island. 3 first timers. Thursday all met to discuss inform the delegate topics.

Christopher (No Can group). Average about 12. Fluctuates. Come early stay late, play ping pong and pool. Fun meeting. Doing good. On the new schedule.

Susan Ok (Sunday Serenity). Avg. 25 ppl but not that many come to the group conscience.

9. INTERGROUP REPORT: Susan Ok. reported in lieu of the Intergroup Chair. Groups considering approving al-anon announcements in GIS. 12 step volunteer lists going around, 2 openings on hotline. Next pancake breakfast week from tomorrow at Kapaa neighborhood center after Hui Ohana (around 8:30am).

Intergroup is asking district for money for scrubbed newsletter to visiting GSRs for Assembly and schedules. \$100 would cover both. Jim D – brought GIS to distribute. Mo – brought up Mynah Bird. Can we consolidate? Try and cut

expenses. Someone said akin to having Honolulu advertiser with small Kauai corner, vs. having Garden Island Newspaper. Motion – do away with GIS and put it all in Mynah Bird? Jim – ask if Kathy and Linda would get together and work jointly. Worthwhile to go back to groups and see, since many groups don't know about Mynah Bird. Susan - back to request - \$100 for copies for GIS for Area Assembly and schedules. Motion - District pays for extra printing for extra schedules and GIS for visiting GSRs at assembly. Jim D – our money is pretty tight, want folks to know that, we're not in great shape. That's why we need treasurer and figure out budget. Airfare is high, groups are not contributing in manner in which they used to. Ended up with excess surplus after Assembly 2 years ago but not so confident this year. Mathea – go online and download your own stuff! They are online! Diana – speaking against motion, it's one of Intergroup's key responsibility to make schedules and GIS, makes more sense to deal with it within intergroup, even though it's a special district deal. Held vote – zero for. Motion did not pass.

10. ALTERNATE DCM REPORT: Neal reported, really appreciated all the support when he took over.

11. ASSEMBLY REPORT: Jim D – showed diagram of setup. 14 people have registered so far. 88 ppl voted at last election assembly. 3 conversations with ppl having to come early because of airfare, the only way they can afford it. Therefore, numbers may be down for this assembly. Table layout. 91 ppl on the floor, 8 on stage. Rent the other tables, \$5 per table. Will have to rent 11 tables for \$55 with chairs. 121 chairs already at Lihue neighborhood center. 2 breakfasts covered by Nooners and Hui Ohana. Steps to freedom will do either lunch or dinner on Saturday. So have one more and Sunday Lunch. (there are 5 meals total). As get closer will start asking individuals vs. groups to help and most likely have pizza. Transportation – David V. has 9 ppl/vehicles. Alejandro doing homestay, 17 spaces available. 2 of 7 have asked for Friday night as well, which is problematic. Both of those 2 want transportation on Friday night too. Encouraging them to go to cheap hotel and take care of themselves. Susan Ok. graciously volunteered to house ppl that Friday night. David V. – half of transportation ppl are willing to take ppl to their homestays as well. Jim – who here has filled out and turned in their registration? The point is, bunch of blanks. Decorations – Susan On. Trying to get North Shore Mary to get involved. Responsible for getting paper for the tables. Susan On will do that and is working to get it together. Michele will do banner ('let it begin with us') and Radar will do stage décor. James B. in charge of cleanup. Will have pickup trucks for trash, Roscoe will do setup.

Topics assigned to District 6: “Humility: Accepting the Group Conscience, What is the difference between a trusted servant and a trusted messenger? Democratic in thought and action (Concept XII, Warranty Six)” Bring back to groups, suggested that 2 groups take a topic and present it. Pull group

name/topic out of hat and work together. Then research. How long are presentations? Mathea – announce the subject, usually 5 minutes. Somebody should be moderator - stands up and reads the subject. 2 from each group. Look up at background, in literature, can be skit, any method that fits into 5 minutes. It's in GSC agenda. What is the purpose of the presentation? How does this affect us? We are informing our delegate, not giving a speech, on what our district our groups feel on these topics. i.e. I am not a messenger. Experience, strength and hope. Mathea – Motion to tell Jim to select two people from each group to do each subject. Motion granted!

12. DCM REPORT: Mo – thanked district for sending him to PRAASA. Learning experience! How to get ppl into service. Roundtables. I Am Responsible. Wanting to take that a bit further. Talk to the newcomer, invite to coffee. Leadership by example. Enthusiasm that we have. Was Mo's first PRAASA.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grapevine -

PI – David V – cannot do this position. Works, two service positions, no more time. Resigns.

CPC – Mathea – attended CPC roundtable at PRAASA. Got many interesting things from it. Suggested that they write a job description of each standing committee. Know what CPC is doing in Area, find out what GSO and Board are doing. 100 police officers on Kauai and 10 cars.

Archives – Alejandro – got address thanks to mathea, has archive material to send to Heidi. Reports from happy hour, district, intergroup, agendas, etc.

Corrections – Alejandro. A few members go to the jail Tuesdays at 2:30, Sunday for women. 2 years minimum sobriety, call those numbers to confirm it. Flier for training – Saturday April 9.

Treatment –

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Homestay Chair – still need more beds. If anyone has an extra bed to house for one night or two, let Alejandro know.

Closing - 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."