

## Meeting Minutes for District 6 Meeting of March 16, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:41 by Ron A. The Serenity Prayer was recited as was the Declaration of Unity.

The **Twelve Traditions Checklist**, Tradition 3 was read by Pattilyne.

The **Twelve Concepts Checklist**, Concept 3 was read by Tabitha S.

**Secretary's Minutes** from the February meeting (graciously taken by Susan Ok in my absence) were presented and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Jay. Motion was made to accept and was passed.

**Alternate DCM report** was made by Alejandro. He has almost completed the Contact list for all the groups on the island. There are 33 groups on the island, though not all of them are registered nor do they all have GSR's. He stated that some groups were very hesitant to give their information fearing a breach in anonymity. He assured them that this wouldn't happen and emphasized to the attendees of the district meeting that this list is highly confidential.

Alejandro says he has been keeping good open communication with the Area Registrar to keep them informed as to the groups on our island.

There is a new Women's meeting in Koloa. Alejandro has the contact information for anyone interested. He also noted that the North Shore has the most meetings on the island, though they only have 3 of the listed 33 groups.

**Intergroup report** was also given by Alejandro. He stated that Jim had discussed the possibility of having a gratitude event among the groups on the island, though it was unclear whether this would be in addition to or instead of the regular Thanksgiving event.

Linda has taken an inventory of the intergroup literature in storage and has ordered more literature.

Susan brought up the fact that the website has had a large number of inquiries and has been very active. Intergroup will have a carpooling event March 26th to support the 5:30 meeting in Hanapepe. Everyone will meet in the K-Mart parking lot at 4:45 and proceed from there. All who can participate are encouraged to attend.

St. Patrick's Day is tomorrow (Sunday, March 17) and all were reminded of the event in Kapa'a. PRAASA will be in San Diego this year and information is available on the website.

**DCM report** - Ron stated that the committee report was on the website for anyone interested. A recording of the entire proceeding at PRAASA, including the business meeting, is available from Ron but he is going to get Susan Ok to put it on the website if possible for those interested.

The take-home message from the PRAASA conference was to ensure that AA is available for the next suffering alcoholic. He encouraged everyone present to step up and participate to the fullest extent possible in AA activities; to reach out to newcomers and make them feel welcome.

The Special Needs Committee needs input for suggestions for the island.

Ron encouraged everyone to get excited about carrying the message to corrections facilities.

Grapevine/La Vina needs representation at the group level. All are asked to bring this up at their individual groups. The biggest problem facing promotion of Grapevine/La Vina right now is illiteracy. Groups and individuals are encouraged to obtain, sponsor or gift subscriptions.

He wrapped up by urging every group to do a general service inventory, asking themselves how they treat all their members, old and new.

Mathea added that she has put together a book covering the proceedings/events of the recent PRAASA in Boise. It includes a comprehensive list of the issues to be discussed at the upcoming assembly on Maui.

Jennifer D was also at PRAASA and said there was considerable discussion regarding the float that was being discussed for use in island events to promote AA.

### **GSR Reports -**

**TGIF** - Jay said that meeting attendance has increased, reaching 20 at the most recent meeting. They study the Big Book and the 12 and 12. The meetings are being held Fridays at noon at the Vet Center with parking being across the street, but they are currently looking for an alternate site as the Vet Center will be relocating.

**Saturday Third Tradition** - Barbie reported that meeting attendance has been increasing. Meetings are held at the Kapaa library. She also mentioned that the Thursday 5:30 Women's meeting is in need of support.

**Koloa Nooners** - George stated that meetings have continued to be steady. The monthly Dinner and a Speaker meeting will be Saturday the 30th at the Salvation Army. The theme will be an Italian Potluck with food being served at 7 and the speaker at 8. The physician's only meeting on Thursday nights continues to hope for increased participation.

**Hui Lokahi** - Jon is the alternate GSR and reported for the group as he said that the current GSR is MIA. Attendance at the meetings has been stable at around thirty. He knows this because he has been counting (he said we need not mention his CDO in the minutes so I shall refrain).

**Keep It Simple** - Alyson D is the current GSR but has been disabled with ankle issues, therefore Jon reported for them as well. They have voted on a 6 month rotation for all service positions so new officers have been installed. Attendance is stable.

**Happy Hour** - Jennifer D says the meetings are well-attended with lots of visitors and those requiring court papers to be signed. Members from the Women's recovery house have also been attending and actively participating. She also brought up her attendance at PRAASA and said that there is currently a study going on involving the online copy of the Big Book and its first page. More to be revealed!

**Koloa Aloha** - Hilli reports that attendance is good with plenty of visitors (and chickens). They are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the Friday morning secretary position.

**Hui Ohana** - Tabitha stated that all service positions have been filled. Attendance is stable but they are trying some new measures to try and encourage more participation from the attendees.

**Experience, Strength and Hope** - Alejandro said the meetings are held at the First Hawaiian Church in Kapa'a at 10 A.M. on Fridays. The meeting this Friday will not be at the church but the location has not yet been determined. The hotline can be called to get the location once it has been set.

**Young Peoples** - Susannah was unable to attend due to work but did email a report which was read by Alejandro. There was a good showing at the water meeting. All service positions have been filled with the exception of the literature position. She did request that the district pay for her flight to attend the assembly in Maui. A motion was made to this effect and was passed. Ron will deal with the details.

#### **Standing Committee Reports -**

**Archives** - Mathea reported that Linda has volunteered to be the non-rotating archive chair.

**Corrections** - Jon stated that attendance of late has been very poor but that the quality of the meetings has been excellent. They are still trying to decide how the Corrections Committee should get its funding. The most current thought is that willing groups have a can at their meetings designated for Corrections and that any loose change in the basket after the Seventh Tradition has been collected be put in the can. Every little bit counts!

**CPC** - Not present

**Grapevine** - Having no current Grapevine representative for the district, Pattilyne volunteered to take the position and was swept in unanimously. She is in frequent contact with Heather (the Area rep) and they are encouraging each group to establish representatives. They also would like groups to consider sponsoring subscriptions.

**PI** - Jim reported that there is a report from the most recent PI meeting in the Garden Island Sobriety. There is a paucity of literature representatives in the groups and he would encourage groups to elect these and to have participants come to the PI meetings to help increase awareness of AA and its offerings on the island. They review 2 pamphlets at every meeting to help members get better acquainted with the available literature. Currently they are studying the idea of putting signs on Kauai buses. Also there is talk of bringing back newcomer packets as the practice seems to have disappeared. Bumper stickers are also being discussed for distribution around the island. There is also a PI link on the website.

An engaging discussion was held regarding letting the district committee review any actions proposed by the PI committee before they were implemented. The idea was not passed.

**CEC** - Not Available

**Treatment Settings** - Mathea is still gathering information regarding the available treatment facilities on the island. She proposed that since Treatment Centers and Special Needs are both handled from the same desk at the General Service Office, and that since we don't currently have a Special Needs Representative, she be assigned as the Special Needs Representative. This was approved. As the Special Needs Representative, Mathea asked for any suggestions regarding the island. The question was asked about the meeting schedule noting whether or not meeting places were handicap accessible. No current notation is made and it was pointed out that the Salvation Army Church in Koloa is not wheelchair friendly.

**Old Business** - It was noted that the coffee pot was absent. Jay volunteered to be the designated coffee maker for the meetings and stated he would have coffee available at the next meeting.

**New Business - None**

**Announcements** - Ron brought up that our district had been assigned a skit for the upcoming assembly. Seven options had been presented and after discussion it was decided that the Snow White and the Seven Character Defects script would be used and that Ron would select another skit as a second. He will assign people to read the various parts.

HYCIPAA will be on Maui this year. Pattilyne announced that a committee is being formed to bring it back to Kauai. Anyone interested in joining the committee can contact her.

Alejandro stated that he would like to go to the upcoming assembly as the alternate DCM but could not afford the ticket. It was voted that the District would pay for half of his ticket if he can get funding for the other half.

The **meeting was closed** at approximately 11:45 with the Responsibility Pledge.