

## Minutes for the District 6 Meeting of November 16, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:30 by Ron L. and the Declaration of Unity was read.

No new items were added to the agenda.

Jim S. read the 11th Tradition from the **Twelve Traditions checklist**.

Shoshanah B. read the 11th Concept from the **Twelve Concepts checklist** and reported that the 11th Concept in one word was 'partnership'.

The **Secretary's minutes** were presented by George K. and were passed without modification or addition.

The **Treasurer's report** was given by Jay Y. in his brief appearance. He stated that the November income was \$823.04 and expenses were \$1100.11. The current bank balance is \$3231.48 and we are under budget for the year at this time.

Paul M. asked about distributing our extra funds. Ron stated that we would discuss that at the December meeting and Jay Y. said that we usually distribute the funds after the budget for the next year is set.

In Alejandro's absence (since he is at the 52nd annual Hawaiian Convention in Honolulu), Ron gave the **Alternate DCM report** with a stunning Spanish accent. Congratulations were given to all participants of the Gratitude Luncheon which was a great success and very well-attended.

He also urged all members of the district to give their input as to how to increase individual involvement in service.

Every group is encouraged to get a copy of the General Service Conference Final Report and discuss the findings and decisions of the conference with their members. There are topics listed which would be good to discuss in the groups, even to have meetings of the groups devoted to those topics. There will also be questions posted on the Area 17 website in February or March for the upcoming Inform -the-Delegate conference to be held in April or June. The groups are urged strongly to get these questions and discuss them among their members so that the GSRs can give feedback from the group members to the delegate during the conference.

Lastly, Alejandro will be attending the upcoming PRAASA in San Diego and encourages others to attend if at all possible.

**Intergroup report** was given by Mathea in Alejandro's absence, though she didn't even attempt an accent, possibly because she felt any attempt by her would pale in comparison to Ron's brilliant elocution. The current Intergroup bank balance stands at \$4457.

They were very impressed and appreciative at the Kauai showing at the recent budget assembly and thanked all 16 members who showed up.

The upcoming Thank-A-Thon was given \$300 by Intergroup and there will be a raffle of two Grapevine subscriptions at the event.

No changes will be made to the schedule regarding the physician's group or any other support groups on the island.

Intergroup voted to donate \$300 to the Koloa Nooners to help fund the New Year's Eve Last Supper event next month.

She then went on to mention that she will also be attending PRAASA and reminded everyone that November is the month in which Bill W. got sober.

Pattilyne reminded everyone that the Kapaa Neighborhood Center has been reserved for the Christmas event being held this year. They are in need of a chairperson for the Christmas Event committee and for committee members as well. Planning needs to start now so if anyone is interested in being on the committee please contact Pattilyne.

**DCM report** was given by Ron. He started off by letting everyone know how impressed and humbled he is by the strength of the AA service and fellowship here on the island. In the seven years he has been on the island he has noticed increased cohesiveness among all of the AA groups and members. (It should be noted that this was presented in his usual New York accent.)

He then reminded everyone to come to the Thank-A-Thon and see the skit that will be presented, which he feels will be the best performance ever by the Kauai AA Players.

### **GSR Reports:**

Happy Hour - Jennifer D. said the meetings have been going well. There is a noted lack of attendance on gloomy days but they are still strong.

Serenity - Laurel said the group is still going well and they continue to hand out literature.

Koloa Nooners - George K. reported that the group is still averaging about 30 meetings a month and all are doing well.

Princeville/Hanalei - Paul M. stated that the 10 meetings are strong and that attendance averaged 10-15 people per meeting. This sentiment was echoed by Phil S. who is the secretary in Princeville/Hanalei and showed up at the district meeting to show his support.

Hui Ohana - Kalei K. reported that the meetings are solid and average around 25-40 in attendance. Pattilyne said that the group participated in the Gratitude Luncheon and was very enthusiastic about the success of the event. In a turn of events, the group will not be sending her to PRAASA this year but will send the GSR when PRAASA is held in Hawaii. She said that the group continues to show good Grapevine support.

Pau Hana and Waimea groups were represented by Shoshanah who said the groups are doing well with about 12 regular members in attendance. She is trying to get them to consider combining the groups to make them more stable. Shoshanah wants to remind everyone that the Pau Hana group has their regular meetings at 5:30 PM every Tuesday at the UCC Church in Hanapepe and at 5:30 PM every Thursday at the UCC Church in Waimea. The Waimea group will start meeting every Friday at 5:30 PM in the Smokey Valley Clubhouse beginning Friday, December 6th. She is encouraging everyone who can to attend these meetings.

Koloa Aloha - Hilli said that the group is going strong with lots of visitors in attendance but they are looking for a regular Friday secretary. He will be going to PRAASA to represent the group.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Archives - There was no report as there has been no chair; however Shoshanah rose to the occasion and accepted the nomination as the chair and was voted in unanimously. She did seem very enthusiastic, possibly even giddy, about contacting Area Archives Committee Chairs so that she will be able to present reports in the future.

Corrections - No one present

CPC - Currently no chair but Blake has shown some interest. Ron will contact him.

Grapevine - Pattilyne said that the committee is working closely with Intergroup to order literature. The Young People's group will be using 'Young and Sober' and 'In Our Own Words' in their meetings. (She also let us know that the group has filled all of their positions.) The Beginners Group will start using the 'Beginners' Book - Getting And Staying Sober in AA'.

Also, there will be 2 gift subscriptions to the Grapevine raffled off at the Thank-A-Thon as well as at the upcoming Christmas and New Year's events.

There appears to be good Grapevine activity in the district.

For those wishing to order copies of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book, please contact Pattilyne so she can put together one large order to make the purchase cheaper.

**PI** - In Jim's absence, Jennifer D. gave the report, going on effusively about the good response to the Gratitude Luncheon. They are looking forward to repeating the event next year and having even greater success. Paul M. stated that he felt the event was not communicated well, thus contributing to the less than stellar participation from the groups on the island and this sentiment was echoed by several at the meeting. It was suggested that the date for next year's event be settled soon so that plan could be better made for getting the honorees to attend plus it would give more time for the committee to better explain the concept behind the event to the islands groups which could lead to better cooperation and attendance. These suggestions were well received.

It was noted by Jennifer and Paul that a table for individuals who wanted to attend even though their groups did not participate was not made available. Jennifer stated that this was because the committee wanted to stress the strength of the group (thus undermining any thoughts that one person can make a difference). Ron said that emphasis needs to be placed on who needs to receive the gratitude in order to improve participation.

An end-of-the-year report by the group will be forthcoming.

**CEC** - No chair, though Barbie has shown interest.

**Treatment Settings/Special Needs** - Mathea reminded everyone that the island has no inpatient treatment facilities and only one outpatient facility which is doing quite well so there is nothing for the committee do really do on this island. She continues to stay in contact with committee members on the other islands to see what they are doing.

**Website** - Chair was absent but we were given hope that she would return soon.

**Old Business** - Area Committee Meeting, March 1st and 2nd, 2014. The site has been secured (Lihue Neighborhood Center). Since the meeting will concern the district as well as the area, it was proposed that the monthly district meeting be switched to that date and the Intergroup meeting be held on the 3rd Saturday of March. This suggestion actually made sense and will be proposed to Intergroup for action. Everyone is asked to spread the word about the skit that will be presented by the Area 17 CPC committee on Sunday the 2nd. The skit will be educational as well as entertaining and is meant to inform everyone about the different responsibilities of each committee, not just CPC. There is an expected attendance of 30-40 people at the committee meeting so everyone needs to be aware that they may be contacted by the Transportation and Home Stay Committees to help prepare for this event.

**New Business** - General Service Conference Final Report. Ron encouraged everyone to read the Final Report which should be available on the Area 17 website. He also urged all groups to consider using the report as a topic in upcoming meetings.

Shoshanah reminded everyone about the new meeting place for the Friday meetings in Waimea: Smokey Valley Clubhouse at 5:30 PM.

**Announcements** - Women's International Conference will be this coming February 6th-9th in Honolulu. There will be a non-AA sanctioned fund-raiser November 30th in Kapaa. It will be a Garage/Bake sale. Proceeds will go to help women from Kauai attend the meeting and act as greeters at the conference.

George K. reminded everyone about the Last Supper of the Month Meeting for November by the Koloa Nooners. This month's meeting will be November 30th and the theme will be Thanksgiving Leftover Potluck. Food starts at 7:00, speaker at 8:00.

Everyone is also reminded of the New Year's Eve Last Supper at the Salvation Army Chapel in Koloa presented by the Koloa Nooners. Further details and a flyer will be forthcoming.

The **meeting was closed** at 10:50 with the Responsibility Pledge.

**In Attendance:**

Paul M.

Dawn M.

Phil S.

Kalei K.

Jim S.

Shoshanah B.

Hilli H.

Pattilyne B.

Jay Y.

Opal W.

Ron L.

Jennifer D.

Laurel S.

Mathea A.

George K.