

Area 17 Committee Meeting

February 18th, 2012

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Here is a brief recap of what was discussed at the Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting.

- During breakfast/registration, I talked with DCM's Tommy (W. Hawaii) and Alfred (E. Hawaii) regarding the Founders Day/Delegates Report Back event planned for June 10th. We also discussed the possibility of re-starting the "East Meets West" picnic.
- Called East Hawaii Intergroup Chair regarding reserving the location for Founders Day. Carlsmith Park is not yet reserved.
- Talked to Standing Committee Chairs for P.I. and C.E.C regarding their projected 2013 Area 17 budget needs. Talked with the Area C.P.C Chair regarding a request from the Puna District C.P.C. Chair.
- Talked with Area 17 Alternate Chair regarding Puna's draft Budget Assembly Flier. Flier is now approved.

Meeting was then called to order.

There was a moment of silence for one of the founding members of "Sober Over Sixty" (now called "Cooperation with the Elder Committee"). Member Stan from West Hawaii passed on February 9th, 2012.

- Chris A.S. read Tradition #2 from the "Traditions Checklist", and I read Concept #2.
- There were reports given by the officers of the Area Committee, which may be found online at www.area17aa.org.
- The General Service Conference topics were drawn from the hat and assigned to the districts. There are 14 different topics, which can be viewed online.
District members are to research their assigned topic and deliver a 10-minute presentation at the Inform The Delegate Assembly on April 14-15th. Puna's assigned topic; AA Grapevine, Agenda Item "A", "Consider proposal for AA Grapevine's Audio Strategy". (More will be revealed at the next Puna District meeting!)
- Discussed the topic for the GSC Workshop, "Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare".
- Heard a report regarding the Area Archives storage. It is being moved to another location (Palama Settlement) owned by the same company for a 36% reduction in monthly costs. (\$258 vs. \$400 monthly)
- AA Grapevine Inc. is looking to fill a "Non-Trustee" position. Deadline for resumes is in May. More information can be found at www.aa.org.
- DCM Kevin (Diamond Head #1). He is urging members to register for the April assembly soon. They need a head count of people needing homestay.
- We discussed the results of the Area 17 Inventory. The main issues were a lack of communication throughout the service structure, and the need for all in General Service to be responsible for their positions.
- We discussed the fact that many GSR's have taken their positions in mid-term, and missed the Orientation Assembly. Many inventory comments were about the 12 Concepts. Area will therefore repeat the Concepts Panel at the Inform The Delegate Assembly.

- Area 17 is asking members to come up with a viable plan for video conferencing of committee meetings or assemblies. There have been many suggestions that this be done, but so far no one has been able to work out the logistics to implement it.
- There was discussion on Area holding service workshops on the same weekend as committee meetings. It would be more “fiscally prudent” to have a member travel to attend a two day event instead of one day.
- And lastly, assignments for all the 2013 assemblies and committee meetings were drawn from the hat. Any district that hosted a meeting in 2012 were not included. Therefore, no Area meetings will be held on Hawaii Island in 2013. The lineup for next years meetings are as follows,
 - Orientation Assembly- January- District 4, Windward Oahu
 - Committee Meeting- February- District 11, Kehei, Maui
 - Inform The Delegate- April- District 5, “No Ka Oi”, Maui
 - Committee Meeting- May/June- District 10- Waikiki, Oahu
 - Budget Assembly- August- District 2, Honolulu, Oahu
 - Optional Committee- October- District 6- Kauai
 - Optional Assembly- November- District 3- Leeward Oahu

As I mentioned, this is just a brief rundown of the highlights and most pertinent information discussed at the Area 17 Committee Meeting. Please share this with your groups. Your groups 7th Tradition Contributions make it possible for me to attend these important meetings, and allow me the opportunity to pass the information on to you!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service!

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