

Area 17 Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday May 21, 2016
Waianae Dist. #17

9:10 Call to order
Host announcements
Reading-
Introductions of guests

9:15 Officer's reports
Secretary's report- Copies are available here, the secretary made an apology for the short notes on each report. She thinks that she put all the DCM and Committee reports on the last assembly minutes. Minutes will be taken today.

Treasurer's report- We are still in a deficit state as of today but many major expenses have just gone through with airfares to PRAASA and the GS Conference. Bills are paid and appreciate those people that make their reservations early for the best air fares.

Motion to approve Mike, seconded by Bill

Registrar – Will be taking registrations through the day to acknowledge that you were here today.

Alternate Delegate – Has been working very hard on the upcoming Pacific Regional Forum, attending convention committee meeting. Will be off island from mid July – mid August. Has MOST of jump drives back, please return yours at the budget assembly

Alternate Chair- Thank you Waianae district and Ma'o Farms. Has been attending Convention steering committee and are working on a survey to hear from the fellowship. This is our last committee meeting for this panel. Next meeting is Budget assembly in Kihei, Maui. Election assembly will be Nov. 12th and 13th in Kona. Orientation Jan.14th and 15th Kihei, Maui.

Chair – * available on the website

Since the Inform the Delegate Assembly:

The three Maui districts held a PRAASA Report Back in Kihei. I was invited to share my report and listen to others who had attended.

A small group of GSRs from No Ka `O'i and Kihei District continue to meet once a month. GSRs who want to meet, discuss what is on their mind, ask questions, and read and discuss concept a month.

Kihei District extended an invitation, and I was able to attend their May district meeting.

Kihei is getting ready for the Budget Assembly being held August 27-28. So far, approximately 30 have registered. They ask that we please send in our registration forms so they can plan accordingly- especially if you will need homestay and/or transportation. I was invited to attend their planning meeting next Saturday.

At PRAASA Joel, the Pacific Region Trustee gave a report on what's being done by our GSO. Our contributions allow AA to do the work. He asked: is my contribution an expression of my gratitude and service, or am I just doing it out of habit? Am I aware of the services we provide and the hand of AA extended because of those services?

The Delegate Report Back and the Pacific Region Forum are great opportunities for any AA member to become more aware of services provided. At service events, I often hear the phrase, "I know I'm preaching to the choir..." And so, I wonder what can be done to let AA members know **all** are welcome to attend service events, and all are welcome to be of service at the area level.

A few panels back, Area 17 decided it would be a good idea to have a written summary to show to AA members who want to know more about the work that Area 17 does. Panel 61 is the last panel that wrote a thorough yearly summary of what they did. It is a helpful reference for people stepping into the service positions we currently hold. It also answers the question "What does Area 17 do with contributions we send in?" We did not write a summary last year. I'd like to put together a Summary of what was done in Panel 65. (Show of hands for who would like to help create this document ____). I'm asking for a brief summary of what you did in 2015-2016. One suggests was to use bullet

points. You can also include information you think would be helpful for people considering standing for the position you currently hold. Please get your summary to me by no later than October 15, 2016. I'll have it ready for the Election Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,
Coleen A.

Area 17 Chair, Panel 65

Delegate- *available on the website

Went to the conference and has been doing report backs. There are openings at GSO coming up, a Class A trustee (non-alcoholic) and a non-trustee director for Grapevine. More information will be coming up on the website.

9:45 Website Chair- The website committee has transitioned over the e-mail system to Gmail. A handout was given to all members present with instructions on how to access your new e-mail account. It will also be added to the website with a link.

10:00 Break-10:20

Delegate's Conference report will be posted to the website.

Alternate Delegate – Pacific Regional Forum update: Making sure that people on every island is getting the word out about the forum. We have flyers here to take to your own Districts and groups. Talk it up, this is a free event except for housing. Registration is on the website, let us know that you will be there so GSO can plan. There are discount codes available on the websites for airfare and hopefully rental cars and shuttles to the Waikaloa Hilton. Any homestays that might be available will be greatly appreciated. Hotel rate is \$165.00 and they have waived the resort fee. Sharing hotel rooms is also a possibility. "Alternative Housing" ...Spencer Beach Park is available with a block of 15 campsites with 10 people per permit, approx. 8 miles or less from the site. A "Hawaiian style Luau" is under consideration.

Question: What is so important about a regional forum? Don't you want to know where your money goes? These people from New York really want to share exactly what they are doing and how the budget is being used.

"It makes AA as a whole, real."

Treasurer: Draft Budget 2017 presentation.

The treasurer presented a narrative budget and line items. Numbers are based on previous actual expenses and projections. All DCM's are to take these proposed budgets back to their Districts to be reviewed by GSR's and taken back to the groups.

Round table reportbacks

DCM's

Decrease in contributions to Districts

Suggestions: GSR's go to Home groups for a 1x contribution, do a workshop to inform groups on splits. Communication, make it clear during report back by Delegate of where the money is going/ used for

Safety in Meetings...

Suggestions: New comers shared how they were taken advantage of by old timers, 13th stepping, gossip... need to call out the behavior, emphasize tradition 1, unity, Bring up awareness, say something, secretary should be a leader to address inappropriate behavior. Choose secretary wisely.

How do we increase interest in general service?

Suggestions: Gen. Service Workshop, Open Dist. meeting by reading a tradition or concept, then have discussion. Encourage those with a passion or ask for help. Share our journey with another person, sponsees etc. Encourage others creativity, Fellowship...meeting after the meeting.

How to increase participation in the forum:

Throw our incentives, sand castle tournament.

Alcathons how to find venues??? Using non-religious organizations that may be open to 24 hour

Committee's

Lots of positive things happening in the different committee's

Switch

Will e-mail

Intergroup Oahu

If every group on Oahu could send \$25 per month, intergroup would be solvent. Intergroup

2:25 DCM reports

District 1

- 1) We helped host a concepts workshop with districts 2 and 10 on 4/17, where we discussed concepts 1-6. We are planning to hold another workshop to cover concepts 7-12.
- 2) We are trying to reach out to groups not represented at the district meeting with monthly caravans, and by obtaining email addresses to send out the monthly district minutes.
- 3) It is unclear exactly how many groups are in our district since some have gone dark, moved, or associate with another district in the vicinity.
- 4) We usually have 5-6 GSRs at the district meetings and area assemblies, out of approximately 23 groups.
- 5) We read the concept of the month out of the Concepts Illustrated pamphlet at each meeting.
- 6) We are usually represented at the monthly intergroup meeting.
- 7) We are still looking for a permanent secretary, which we haven't had for almost a year.

District 2 – will e-mail

District 3 – will e-mail

District 4- will e-mail

District 5 – will email

District 6- will e-mail Kauai

*District 8 – West Hawaii

Thank you Waianae Dist 17 for hosting, Dist 8 is doing well, at our last meeting we conducted a district inventory. It was good to receive input on improvements we can make. I had time to meet some people doing a financial audit in our district, assist where needed and help label what receipt documents are. We have changed our regularly scheduled district meeting which was supposed to be yesterday to this next Friday May 27th to get information flowing.

*District 9 – North Shore-

District 9 has 2 new GSR's from groups already represented. One group that has 6 meetings a week is experiencing hostility at the business meetings. This is primarily due to "early sobriety" and lack of ability to place "principals before personalities". We are looking forward to assisting where we can to bring peace and understanding to the situation. Group representation remains steady. Peace Bogey.

District 10 –

Our district combined efforts with District#1 / Diamond Head, and District #2 / Honolulu to host a concepts workshop. The panel was our former delegates. The 4 hour meeting was held on a Saturday and covered Concepts 1-6. It was well attended and everyone who came was engaged and truly interested.

After we set a date for joining efforts once again along with District #4 / Winward to host the "delegate reports back" meeting, we will then set a day for part two of the Concepts workshop to present and discuss concepts #7-12.

Our district has lost our treasurer and was able to relace the position rather quickly. We also lost our Secretary and are actively looking for a replacement. Our panel had written "Structure and Guidelines for District 10" (and again thanks to Deborah for sharing the work that her district had completed to provide us that template) in which we agreed to allow potential candidates from outside our district to be of Service in this type of position.

Many thanks to district #17 / Waianae for hosting us in the special place, the committee for their continue dedication and to Cheryl for her commitment to communication to our area.

Due to problems with our location used for many years for the Thankathon, we will start our search this month.

Based upon today's DCM topics, I am personally committed to assisting communication of the service message. Some thoughts are a commitment to Jim to write an article for Mynah Bird and to post on the private Facebook page/aa group that was started on Oahu.... Perhaps the first day of each month something on service or about the district or about an upcoming event.

District 11 – will e-mail

*District 12 – Puna

District 12 meets the first Saturday of the month at Serenity house @ 3:00pm. Last meeting had 5 GSR's in attendance and we are getting ready for Founder's Day on June 12th at Carlsmith Park. Unity day is Aug. 6th with service workshop and softball game. Ho'ohana is planning 4th of July. There is a group of members that meet every Saturday for volleyball and fellowship, another bunch are having ukulele classes with proceeds going to help a member get to convention. Thank you to Dist. 17 for a great day.

District 13 –

What District 13 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Our District helped sponsor the Maui PRAASA Report Back along with the Kihei and No Ka Oi Diistricts. People from Maui who attended PRAASA shared their experiences, and those who had attended previous PRAASA's also had a chance to share what had impressed them at PRAASA.

The next Assembly is the Budget Assembly, August 27-28 in Kihei. Transportation for our GSR's from Maui won't be an issue. If there are any Groups on Lanai or Molokai that would like to attend, the District has funds available.

Our Literature person continues to distribute literature to two medical clinics and a senior center in Lahaina.

We continue to participate at the monthly Maui Intergroup meeting to share information about Area activities. Maui Intergroup decided to send the Central Office Manager to the Pacific Regional Forum, since they missed one of the Area Assemblies.

We are expecting to again join with the other two Maui Districts to host our Area Delegate for a Report-Back after the General Service Conference. (June 18, location still to be determined.)

We are hosting a Sponsorship Workshop, with a skit, some Sponsors and Sponsees sharing their experiences, and an Ask-It Basket where people can anonymously write a question and one of the presenters will be asked to anser the question. We plan on having another pizza and root beer float social time as well. All are welcome. Saturday, June 25, 11-2 at the Alano Club in Lahaina.

We are also looking forward to out Area Treasurer coming to our next District meeting on June 16. She will be presenting the proposed Hawaii Area Budget for 2017 and answering questions about it.

Our District's Outreach to Remote Communities Committee is meeting on June 20 at Maalaea to start preparing for the Molokai Crossing. They are trying to get a GSR from Molokai to participate.

Late last year, we had decided that instead of funding GSRs' travel to PRAASA, we were going to save money to send as many people to the Pacific Regional Forum as possible. It looks like there will be at least nine people attending the Regional Forum from our District.

We are enthusiastic about going.
Thank you for letting me be of service.

*District 17 – Waianae

Standing Committee Reports

Archives –

Grapevine –
Will e-mail

*Corrections –

OAHU: Waianae AA going in 2x per month, Annex 1x per month, OCCC module 20 (work furlough) 2x per month. Laumaka work furlough needs help with an AA meeting. Federal detention center has 13 members approved to bring AA every 2nd and 4th Monday- currently 1 women's unit and 2-3 men's units. More volunteers are needed. There will be an orientation 5/25/16 and 8/31/16 10-2:00 pm. Need more females. Please contact me for phone number. Currently there are 2 Grapevine subscriptions going into OCCC. The Federal Detention Center volunteers are asking for old Grapevines, they are able to bring them in and are enjoyed by the inmates. WCCC need women to bring AA meeting in.

MAUI: MCCC is attended every week Mon. Wed. Fri. on the men's side Wed. on the women's side. We anxiously await our next orientation. It would be awesome for all districts to have corrections chair and some home groups.

BIG ISLAND: HCCC has 2 30 minute meetings every other Tuesday on the other Tuesdays a 1 hour meeting on the Women's side. About 10 women and 5 men are approved to bring in AA. They go into Hale Nani every other Tues., They ask for more volunteers.

KAUAI: KCCC has women's meetings every Wed. at 12-1 with 3 women cleared to do so, Men's meetings every Tuesday 2:15 with 3 men cleared for this service as well.

I'm looking forward to proceeding with the proposal to remove the corrections committee by-laws from our area structures and guidelines at our upcoming assembly on Maui in August. During the Nov 12-13 election assembly I would like to arrange to visit HCCC on Big Island.

Conventions

Thank you Waianae District for hosting us today.

The Annual Hawaii Convention is getting closer. We are 159 days out from the convention.

Currently we have 275 registrations plus 4 children. We have 171 meals purchased.

We will be having our Friday Night Dinner again on the Great Lawn, which will end with the fireworks show.

We encourage everyone to purchase at least one meal if possible to help us meet our Food and Beverage minimum which helps us to offset the cost of our meeting rooms.

Our new secretary and treasurer have officially started their positions as of April 1 and are doing an amazing job.

Our chair has selected all of our main meeting speakers and our secretary is working on finalizing the travel arrangements.

Our golf chair has narrowed down the golf course selection to a couple of courses.

We will also have our surf meetings and Diamond Head Hike.

We are currently in the process of a new storage facility as the one we use currently is closing.

We are accepting resumes for the 2017 Convention Chair until this Wednesday, May 25. If you need more information on qualifications or duties please check the Area 17 website or convention website. Interviews will be held Wednesday, June 2 at our steering committee meeting.

The dates for the 2017 convention are September 28-October 1 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

We are still looking for neighbor island participation. Please let me know if you would like to get into

service.

In love and service,

Debbie G. Outgoing Convention Steering Chair

Treatment Chair –

Added Queens Hospital meetings every Sunday

Allen has received new literature racks to fill

*CEC -

CPC –

Booth set up for Diabetes fair in April, thank you to all who helped

Kona has DUI classes and literature in doctors offices

Hilo Library had an anonymous grapevine subscription that is being utilized

Puna library, doctors offices are being supplied with pamphlets and meeting schedules

PSA's on Kauai

Website – will e-mail

Mynabird- needs more participation,

On your mind:

Maui has 3 events June 2-5 Maui Fest, Young people's campout and

Motion to close 3:25 seconded