

## **Puna District Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2012**

Call to Order at 3:00pm(estimated) with the “Declaration of Unity”

Members present: are Ken (DCM), Mary (Secretary), Kavi (Bounce Back), Mealani (Women’s 11th Step Meditation) Margaret (Back Porch Step Sisters, Corrections), Robin (Rule 62), Lei (Treasurer, Ho’Ohana), Tim (4th Dimension member, Archives), Oscar, Tom, Morissa (4<sup>th</sup> Dimension GSR), Susanna (interested in helping with Assembly), Cynthia (Promises Group)

Approval of Last Meetings minutes: Motion to Approve, Motion passes

Treasurer’s Report: Lei - Income was \$128.50, expenses \$25 for ken assembly attendance, resulting in a balance of \$1296.85 and \$50 in savings. Motion to accept, motion passes. Bank statements should now be received at the new address (Kens PO Box)

### GSR reports

Cynthia (Promises) – attendance 20-25 with room for more

Kavi (Bounce Back) – Potluck on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat needs support, going to try a sign up sheet. He I going to the assembly.

Mealani (Women’s 11th Step Meditation) - 4-10 members, going to assembly. Next week is their first ever business meeting! Pau Hana needs a new GSR.

Margaret (Back Porch Step Sisters, Corrections) – Need coffee maker and Secretary. GSR going to Oahu.

Robin (Rule 62) – Birthdays last Sunday – big book donated to newcomer. Alternate going to assembly.

Lei (Treasurer, Ho’Ohana) - Going to Assembly. Rotated service positions in January –all full, potluck 2<sup>nd</sup> week, business last. Anniversary picnic may be revived this year in June (17years) Making new shirts for home members.

### Standing Committee reports:

Corrections: still having just one meeting at Halenani. Jata is doing a meditation & 11<sup>th</sup> step discussion from 330 to 430pm. Doreen is planning a meeting to make some changes. No training sessions are scheduled yet.

Archives: Tim stepping down. He nominates Tom. Tom is a member of AAlovers.com. Motion passes, motion accepted unanimously.

Public Information: Cynthia – Hilo Library is low. Ken refilled. Puna is good (Pahoa & Keaau library and clinics) Ken – Central office has a “What is AA?” handout – he added to library display. Margaret – Extended Care Facility in Hilo needs lit. She is following up with Aloha and Jim. (Ken said to contact Chris, the Area P.I. Chair)

Intergroup Report: No Intergroup rep.

DCM Report: Tuesday at Freddy’s restaurant in Hilo the Inventory Assembly planning group is meeting at 5:30. Ben is in charge of transportation. Assembly will be held at the Hilo Elks Lodge, 8am-5pm Sat & Sun. Dinner organized for Sat.

#### Old Business:

2012 Budget Assembly: We are *still* waiting to hear back from Pahoa Neighborhood Facility on availability! Ken will follow up Tuesday.

Hawaii Area 17 Inventory Questions: We discussed the Inventory Questionnaire in depth. In question 1, there was much general confusion about what Area is and does. For example, Rule 62 said they liked the schedules and phone service, but we learned that that is a Intergroup service, not area. A flowchart of AA hierarchy was circulated to help illustrate. Lei suggested that area distribute literature to educate AAs on Areas function. It was agreed that we may have better understanding if there was more continuity between GSRs and a clear turnover process. The next GSR orientation is next January. Question 2 was confusing since it lumped at standing committees together. Mary was surprised that there is a Hospitals and Institutions committee, since pink cans and announcements are not seen at meetings. Oscar said it should be a district function. For more information on hospitals, contact [hospitals@area17aa.org](mailto:hospitals@area17aa.org) or Jim 808.652.2005 or [treatment@area17aa.org](mailto:treatment@area17aa.org) or Hugh 808.753.3209. Lena is in charge of area level corrections. We concluded overall that the east side of the big island is going through growing pains common to many rural and small town communities. We agreed that the 2 districts in east Hawaii could vastly improve communication. Question 3, regarding group conscience, was also misunderstood – Ho’Ohana rated it at 1(lowest), Ken at 5(highest).

#### New Business:

Lei requested permission to purchase a 3-ring binder. Motion passes at \$20 cap.

Ken requested a blank check to carry around in case he gets a hold of the coordinator to rent the facility for the Budget Assembly. The purchase itself has already been approved. Motion passes.

Concept of the Month: Concept #1 was read – Responsibility in Group Concience

Questions/Announcements:

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Kona elections assembly

Tuesday 530 planning meeting at freddis

Bring back to group:

1. Enthusiasm!

Next Meeting time and Location: The next Puna District meeting will be held at Margaret's house on February 4th.

Motion to Adjourn: at 4:45pm(estimated)

Closed with the "Responsibility Statement."