

DISTRICT MINUTES - January 8, 2010
DISTRICT 6, AREA 17, PANEL #61

Present:	Heather C	District Secretary/GSR – Happy Hour
	Moises L	Alt. GSR – Hui Ohana
	Jim D	Area Hospital Chair/Happy Hour
	David J	GSR – Koloa Nooners
	Farren	Pau Hana, Hanapepe
	Alejandro H	District DCM/Happy Hour
	Henry M	GSR - Sunday Noon 12&12/Came to Believe
	Diana L	GSR – Hui Ohana
	Mathea A.	Koloa Aloha
	Susan On	Area CPC Chair
	David V	Alt. GSR – Happy Hour
	Susan Ok	Hui Ohana

1. A Declaration of Unity - "This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

2. Items Added to Agenda:

Alejandro H:

- If the group wants, find another place to meet for District meetings on Saturdays, i.e. Lihue neighborhood center.
- A letter from the DCM (he handed out and read). He's returning to school and his classes will conflict with assemblies and committee meetings. August 2011 is when classes start and can serve until July, 2011 but will be unable to come to District meetings after this date. He also will not be able to go to Area assemblies or PRAASA effective immediately. Proposing that someone else step in as DCM. Another suggestion is that it will go to the alternate (who will attend assemblies, etc. until he releases the position), and someone else will be elected as a new alternate. Everyone thanked him.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Heather C:

- Put forth a suggestion to make this panel's secretary's portion paper-free (instead of printing out a stack of copies to bring to each meeting for all). Reasons being has no easy access to a printer, stacks of papers get thrown out anyway, and is a waste of paper, trees and money. Mentioned that in her previous position as Intergroup secretary, minutes were emailed and members without computers could request individual printouts. She asked if this were not passed, that in lieu of paperless, someone could help her by volunteering to do all printouts. Discussion opened, some ideas were 'we should discipline ourselves to print it out ourselves beforehand', 'I agree with not having a lot of paper' 'Can the secretary send out a reminder notice to print out your copies of the minutes to bring' <Yes>. Motion made that the secretary minutes henceforth be done electronically. Motion seconded and passed.
- Minutes from last month accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – Susan ON:

- Announced that she been asked to be the Area Chair for CPC (Co-operation with the Professional Community), and cannot maintain both this position and being District treasurer, so the position of treasurer is open as well. Requested that everyone ask around at meetings for someone to fill in, or if there's someone in mind. She also said she would have some help from Panel 59's treasurer until someone is found.

- Discussion opened about requirements: Main skill is 'Willingness'. Spreadsheet skills and personally balancing your checkbook is helpful. Although a member said as a first time past treasurer, he didn't encounter problems learning. Another member stated that 'Too often people stand alone in these positions, so take it back to your groups to get more participation. Stand together'. Another member said 'our treasury has been absolutely transparent, we've come a long way, and we need to think about the development, becoming aware of our 7th tradition'.
- Motion made, seconded and passed that Susan will ask previous treasurer to work with her on an interim basis, and all members will go back and ask the groups for one month. An election will be held at next month's District meeting.
- Treasurer's report from last month accepted.

5. GSR REPORTS:

- Happy Hour – David V reported business meetings go smoothly and they follow what we do in District, starting with Declaration of Unity and all reports approved. \$167 sent to Intergroup and \$59 to GS0, ran out of checks but District check coming in the next week or two. New treasurer, new Grapevine rep. Old business – court papers still being discussed and not getting anywhere, so it keeps getting tabled. Doesn't think it can be fixed. The ones that need it will be there. Passed a motion at last meeting to hold a Valentines Day event. Come celebrate with us!
- Hui Ohana – Diana L reported that Mo is alternate and co-GSR, going to be very active as alternate, working together, as Diana has prior commitments to fulfill as well. They will support each other. Meeting announcements for 'outside voices' out of the table does help – members are there for a meeting so trying to hold the space – determining whether it's interfering with the meeting or not. Mo L reported that he received some info from the Hawaii State Convention asking for people to be of service during the next one, November 17-20. Every island will have a commitment to chair one of the speaker meetings. Asked to announce to the groups, get everyone involved. (2 year sobriety commitment). Susan Ok reported that the new format stating 'and remember, no one has ever been offended by a lack of profanity' gets a giggle from visitors.
- Came to Believe/Sunday 12&12 - Henry M reported. They have a new treasurer. Saturday meeting is struggling – first Friday of the month is group conscious. Co-GSR with Dianne during that meeting. Third new meeting – Sunday noon 12 and 12 at Lihue neighborhood center. Format is to read the 12&12, unless a newcomer is present and it switches to a newcomer meeting.
- Pau Hana, West Side – Farren filled in for current GSR. Attends regularly, is going to ask GSR what his level is for District (it does have a GSO number, registered). Doing fairly well. Court paper members come, then leave when court program is done. Small group of core people do attend regularly. Speaker meeting if have, literature meeting if not. She cannot attend Thursdays and wonders the fairness level of officially representing since she's informally representing 3 groups. Non-voting member, doesn't know how do-able.
- Koloa Aloha - Mathea reported, standing in temporarily for Jim S, current GSR. Officers for the year have been elected. Good income, and receives a lot of visitors (50%). Because of the meeting time, doesn't attract a lot of court people, but does occasionally have people standing off to the side. Not having a problem with that. Continuing to collect \$50 a month to send GSR to PRAASA every other year.
- Koloa Nooners - David J reported. Group is actively carrying out meetings at Salvation

Army building Tuesday and Fridays at noon. Last Saturday of the month they hold a social event in the evening that varies in format. Next event this month might be spaghetti meal (not covered by 7th tradition). Usually solicits funds from those who attend (greatly appreciated). Developing a relationship with other groups in the Koloa area (the Monday night men's We Are Not Saints group and the Saturday library group). In the works that those groups are going to begin to hold meetings at the Salvation Army facility in Koloa. Announced a new men's meeting in Lihue on Friday evening at 5:30pm at the Lutheran church on German Hill. First meeting last night with 8 people. Name is not agreed upon yet but format is Spiritual Accountability Throughout the Week. Closed meeting.

6. ALTERNATE DCM REPORT: None. Alt. DCM was off-island.

7. INTERGROUP REPORT - Mathea A:

- New panel is in full swing. Lu the new chair asked everyone to take back to their groups a series of questions with 8 categories extracted from GSO as to what the priorities for money spending were. How much literature was used and in what way was another discussion (also cooperation with District and Intergroup). Also, where do the pamphlets come from and where should creamer and utensils be housed. Member cleaned out storage lockers and now there's room.

8. DCM REPORT - Alejandro H:

- No new report other than previous announcement, so moved New Business here.
- Said we need to start talking about the upcoming Area Assembly held here in Kauai in April. Lihue Neighborhood Center has been reserved for April 9 and 10. Need to start creating a flyer for other islands and all GSRs. Need to have a panel to help with transportation, homestay, registration and meals (5 meals in total. Last assembly had groups participating for meals). Need to bring back to the groups this information. Announced he will be getting together this week and asked for people to be on the panel, then to bring it to the groups. Member asked if there was a report from those who participated in the last assembly 2 years ago with suggestions. Yes, and the previous panel's DCM has it. Member suggested that since next week is the orientation assembly, we develop some kind of a flyer to bring to next week's assembly (even if just basic). It has to have Area approval before we distribute it. Also was suggested that we take same form of previous flyer and change the pertinent info (contact names, etc) and leave the generic emails – we have to get approval first though. Plan A – fill in Kauai info on template. Plan B (if no, too soon) then simple one with basic info. Susan Ok. said she was happy to help put together flyer and to get the approval. However, since the DCM is no longer attending the assembly and the alternate cannot attend, someone needs to go to (and also brings back sound system). Might get reimbursed if representing district. Mo and Diana from Hui Ohana volunteered as they are attending already. Alejandro set up meeting to discuss assembly. Will meet at Happy Hour tables at 6pm (Sunday the 9th).
- Alejandro brought up having a monthly Concept Workshop or informal gathering, to read a Concept for that month. Discussed possible days, decided to have it at the same time as the water meeting. Folks would have the option of checking it out if already attending water meeting. 11:30am. Starting January 9 at Lydgate Park – then every 2nd Sunday.
- Location of District Meeting – Alejandro is thinking of Lihue Neighborhood Center. Can check to see if it's available? One member wondered why the move was needed, if we were being asked to leave by current building owners. No, but a few felt the current location is too small, and not enough chairs. Will find out the details about rent and availability.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None given as no new panel members were voted in.
- Alejandro asked if anyone would like to stand and serve. ALL chairs are vacant. One

member thinks we should go back to our group and 'press other folks'. Another member asked about overlapping committees, should they do both for cohesion? Or if Intergroup and District should work in consort. Thought was that it is strictly a district position, and that we need to fill the Chair positions first before we can work with Intergroup. Consensus was to take info to groups to invite them to attend next District meeting if they want to serve. Everyone agrees. Vote next month on all positions. (Member asked – is there a suggested minimum sobriety for these positions? Member read district guidelines – it's DCM's responsibility to organize the candidates. Also, where does everyone get more info about positions, asking them to come to the District meeting or talk to Alejandro? (Answer is both). Get more info from AA.org. Two members volunteered to serve, and will participate in elections next month.

Grapevine – Henry offered to serve.

PI – None

CPC – Mathea offered to serve as CPC chair and work in tandem with Susan On.

Archives – Mathea, previous chair, said it's a lot of fun. Brought wonderful display to be passed on and binder of show-and-tell of history on the island, etc. recommend Archives chair position and is happy to meet with new person.

Corrections – None

Treatment – None

(To include CEC we'd have to amend the article).

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: it works!

11. GSR BULLET POINTS:

Please bring to your groups and announce:

- District is looking for a new DCM
- District is looking for a new treasurer (see discussion in Treasurer's report above for possible requirements)
- District is looking to fill all Standing committees (see discussion in Standing Committee report above about for possible requirements). The Standing Committees are:
 - Grapevine Chair
 - Public Information
 - Co-operation with the Professional Community
 - Archives
 - Corrections
 - Treatment
- District is asking for help from groups in providing the meals at the upcoming Area Assembly on Kauai in April. Each group would help with one meal of the five total meals.
- The Hawaii State Convention is asking for people to be of service during the next convention in November. Also, every island will have a commitment to chair one of the speaker meetings. Let's get everyone involved. (2 year sobriety commitment).
- Concept workshop – starting January 9th, every month there will be an informal gathering to discuss a World Concept of General service. Will be held every second Sunday at the Water Meeting tables (Lydgate Big Pond) at 11:30am.

Closing - Responsibility Pledge: "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that - I AM RESPONSIBLE."