

District 13 – Tri-Island Meeting Minutes

Thursday – January 17, 2019

5:30 pm – Alano Club

Attendees: Jubee B, Julie S, Anita W, Jim W, Page W, Deborah S, Tonia C, Liz G, Sandy M, Matty M, Michelle B

- Jubee opened the meeting at 5:30pm with the Serenity Prayer
- Tonia C read the GSR preamble
- Introductions: *Sign in sheet passed*
- Sandy M read and shared her experience with Tradition 1
- 12/20/2018 Meeting minutes approved.
- Closed at 7:12pm with the Responsibility pledge.

OFFICER REPORTS:

District Committee Member – Jubee B.

- I'm excited and nervous as new DCM. I'm used to having the DCM to lead the way and liked to shadow him in everything he's done. At the same time, I know for a fact that I don't know everything. And that there's gonna be times where we're gonna come across an answer that I can't answer but I will definitely research it and get back to you with answers. I'm grateful that Julie stepped up as alternate DCM that way we can keep the flow going. It's so important to have a strong district. And in the past, I've heard that district was never this strong and it's built within the past 6 years and really took off. Such a good feeling when I get to go to Oahu and report back on our district. I get to stand up there and give a solid report of how our district is doing, how our groups are doing here on Maui. They are really grateful for our district.

Alternate District Committee Member – Julie S.

- I'm very excited that I was honored with the opportunity to serve you guys with this capacity. Something that one of my early sponsors said to me about district committee work and other service positions like this is that we're here making sure that AA is here for our children and our grandchildren. I always like that and the things that I did in this last month for transition were to transfer the bank from 2 signers to 3 signers, Jubee, myself and Jim. That helps us out if somebody is out of town. I gave Jim the checkbooks and access to the online reports. I gave Jim the key for the post office and added the word crossing and xing to possible recipients of the box. There was concern that somebody might not get some mail, so we added that to the new business discussion for tonight. We added Jim as the primary member of the PO box. Then gave Jim the bank credentials to logon to Territorial Bank. I still have to set up auto email for him. I get informed delivery from the post office every time a letter comes in. I just have to log in and change to his address instead of mine.

Treasurer – Jim W.

- Getting everything all synced up with treasurer reports with new laptop. Talked with post office got that situated. As long as I'm able to make a new key if the key is lost. Being the primary holder of that. I've made a few bank deposits. The Waiola church deposit is back. Listed on the statement under income right now. There's a note attached to it. It's from the mini conference. Original deposit under wrong name, so that just came in. Thanks for everybody's work getting the signatures with Cathy at the bank. I noticed I forgot to adjust the \$100 into PRAASA account, so that's the spendable fund balance. It will be down \$100 but the PRAASA will be up \$100. I have to adjust the PRAASA up. I'll delete the extra No Ka Oi line item showing twice. Have a report on splits, from the last year. Some groups do

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them quarterly some groups do them annually, biannually, monthly. Depends on the group. Everything else is current. Not much for expenses other than the airfare for the assembly other than that, give me any feedback you need.

Will write checks for your reimbursement for assembly airfare after this meeting tonight for the two we voted on last month, Ladies Night and Can Do Maui Men's Stag.

- *From Jubee* – I have an envelope filled with cash from the assembly registrations that are coming in for the upcoming assembly. will hand that to you when we're done. They did give us seed money of \$450 check to get started on our assembly
- Motion made to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd made. Motion passed to approve the treasurer's report with the minor updates. (*reports attached*)

Secretary – Deborah S.

- The sign in sheet has been updated. I'll send minutes for review via email. Printing less copies for district meetings. Send me any changes or updates you want include in the minutes.

Intergroup Report: none

- might be filled by Tom not sure yet need to verify with him if he's going to stand as our committee Intergroup rep. He's the Intergroup rep with men's stag. Jubee will ask him tonight

Area 17 Standing Committee Reports: none

- Most GSRs were assigned a committee at the January assembly. All of these Standing Committees have a Standing Committee Chair for area. These GSRs are assigned to that Standing Committee therefore are kind of like tie-ins so that they can keep in touch with each other. They are links to the Standing Committees. So, the more we fill our district with these members the closer we can be intact with the chairs that are running these Standing Committees. There are all kinds of different Standing Committee chairs. We can announce at our group meetings that there are openings at District level for these Standing Committees. These Area 17 Standing Committee positions were assigned at the Election assembly and introduced to us at the Orientation assembly.

- Area 17 New Panel 69 Committee Chairs

- Archives – Lisa B. (Oahu)
- Convention Steering – Judy C. (Oahu)
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We can try to fill these positions in our District and if we do will have a much stronger tie-in with the standing committees. Make a small announcement at your group meetings that these

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positions are open at the district. You don't need to be a GSR to be on a Standing Committee. Here is a list of our district standing committees:

Archives	Convention Steering
Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC)	Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
Corrections (Tonia C)	Grapevine/La Viña (Liz G)
Mynah Bird	Public Information (Literature)
Treatment	Website/Webmaster
Outreach to Remote Communities (Page W)	

Sandy asked what is the time commitment for Standing Committee positions?

Tonia answered– all the GSRs were arbitrarily assigned to one of these committees. Each committee chair is coming from all our entire Area 17, any of the islands. I was assigned to Corrections, what they've asked from us is that we go back and try to get more participation from other members from our groups that are willing to work on different projects throughout the next two years. Then we bring back the information that we gather to our next assembly which is in April.

Jubee: At each assembly we have roundtables that the standing committees all get together and they bring back what they've started with their group back in their island.

Tonia: The Corrections Chair is from Kihei, just random that we're on the same island, but the chairs are from all the islands, and will be in communication with us via email as we gather data and have committee meetings via skype or whatever!

GSR Reports

Is your group sustaining itself financially?

What is your average attendance?

Do you have open service positions in your group?

Carolyn R: *Kahana Spinners - absent*

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Tonia C: *Alano Ohana*

- I'm the GSR for all the meetings here at the Alano club. At the Alano Club Board meeting I heard the attendance numbers for the entire club which would also include the NA and the women's Alanon. This past year we are up to more than 30,000 people that have come and visited the Alano Club including repeat people that come to 5 -10 meetings a week. Each year for the past 3 years it's gone up more than 1000 attendees per year. Only tracking the last 3 years. A lot of people getting recovery. Awesome. Group is sustaining itself financially. I got to go to the assembly on Oahu. Did homestay with local guys who've been in the program a long time. Lot of fellowshiping before and after the assembly. I was assigned to Corrections Committee so I'm excited about that. And we do have some service positions here at the club. I

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gave up my coffee position I've had for 6 months now so we have a newcomer that's taking over coffee. New secretaries starting, new coffee people in the night meetings. It was brought to my attention yesterday by a couple of people outside that some of our meetings have been secretaried by the same secretary for between 1 and 17 years. It's a concern. One person brought it to my attention after a meeting. Quite a few people feel it's not conducive to the spirit of rotation which is what our program encourages. I brought it up with some other people that are active in this particular meeting and then I'll also bring it up at the home group meeting on Saturday 26th. So, I'll report back to you next month and hopefully we'll get some new people in service.

Liz G: *Ladies Night*

- Just back from the assembly, new to all this. I was assigned to Grapevine Standing Committee. It's a matter of getting the word out that the Grapevine exists and raising awareness and also using it as an avenue to support the other Standing Committees because the Corrections or Hospitals, Elder Community can be supported by Grapevine. So, I intend to bring it up with my home group. My home group is small. I was grateful they sent me to the assembly. We usually have the same 10-15 ladies coming to the meeting. With regular attendance small but those that come every so often and usually have 1 or 2 visitors as well. We see a spike in our attendance in January and then it tapers off in March and April. We are currently looking for a coffee person and we have a new treasurer. I was the treasurer and I the splits in right before I came into this position. We do the split on a bi-annual so you won't see anything from us until June or July. So usually it takes half the year to save up enough to make a meaningful split. Grateful to be their GSR. We are looking for secretary. It's been the way it's been since I came in and made it my home group 5 years ago. I'm going to talk to them tonight about the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Plan to bring it up every meeting. Stepping into Bree's shoes who did an amazing job as GSR; encouraging us to be in service. Inspiring us to take part in service. I hope I can fill those shoes.

Michelle B: *Sober Wahines*

- New to this position. We're sustaining ourselves financially. Average attendance is up to 20 women. We do not have open service positions. I love our group. We do 12 step book work we read and share about it. It's fruitful and beneficial. I think we have a really good conscientious and faithful attendance. It's been a blessing to me.

Matty M: *Can Do Maui Men's Stag*

- First time being a GSR. I stood up for the position because no one else did. Attended assembly had to leave early, missed Sunday. Tom did a great job last year of getting into that position for our group. It's slowly moving forward. I'm gonna call a home group meeting for the end of this month. I'll be communicating with people that have been GSRs because I think there are some areas where I think we could be a little stronger. We've had a little resistance here and there at our business meeting, with regards to funds and what not. So, I'll do a little more looking at the 7th tradition and be talking to Jubee a little more about that. Other than that, I would like to see a little more structure and service at the men's group. It's a very strong group a powerful group. We're a strong group every week, there's 20 plus people there if not more. And they get newcomers and they do keep coming back. Our 7th tradition I feel could be stronger too. I recently heard a great speaker on what the home group is what a home group means

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and he had a lot of really good things to say about his home group. I have a lot of information to go over so I can have a better understanding of what the GSRs role is. The men's group is going very strong. We have the benefit of 2 other men's groups under the same format. In our meeting our service is great we have coffee commitments we have chairs and co-chairs a strong secretary. As far as the service to the area and district, Tom is really trying to get people involved. It's challenging for him. I think he's very happy that somebody stood for GSR. He will probably be an Intergroup Rep. I have an alternate GSR – Kyle. Will hold a home group meeting at the end of the month. There is a lot of good recovery in that room and I think if more enthusiasm in an inviting kind of way is offered, we could become really strong in the service structure as far as AA as a whole just within our group. The format is taken very seriously. See if we can translate that inspiration and enthusiasm to AA as a whole

Anita: *Aloha Group Lana'i*

- Saturday, January 5, 2019.

2 District Tickets Used: Tonia West Maui, Daniel 808-870-8537 West Maui (new comer)

Chefscheff808@gmail.com

Visitors Laura S - 1

Maui Members - 15

On Island locals - 4

20 total

Seventh Tradition \$32.00

\$10.00 for food

\$22.00 for books Lana'i Group Meeting needs 4 Daily Reflections and more Meeting Schedules

Will be collecting 7th Traditions for Wednesday Night Meeting and start making the

Splits Total as of 1/16/19: \$189.00

Group Conscious Officially wants Aloha Group Lanai for both.

Registering the name with GSO have signed up.

Aloha Group Lanai Meeting Wednesday night meeting

3 to 4 people a week.

Next Beach Meeting Feb 2nd.

Splits starting soon!

Question from Tonia - Is it possible that the 2 district tickets that we normally have could be used in April to bring the 2 members from Lanai here for our assembly? This will be discussed under new business later.

Page W: *Outreach for Remote Communities and The Crossing Chair*

- We have a new Crossing Committee. We've been meeting a few times. We have a really good committee going so far. The majority of the committee members have expressed a good interest in their commitment level as far as being available for outreach other than just the campouts. 4 members were present at the Lanai meeting so that was really good. Happy to see a good portion of the Crossing Committee went over to Lanai to try to support that. Making progress there. There's been some definite unforeseen obstacles in getting a lock down on the venue on Lanai for the campout coming up soon. We're trying for St. Patrick's day weekend. I was getting a runaround

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with getting the right contact. Tuesday they responded asking for a letter describing what it is we're gonna be doing over there. Which was already done in the request. So the letter was written basically explaining what the crossing campout is. It's an outreach, a bunch of clean and sober, drug free people and we go over to the community over there and that we welcome anyone who has an interest in making better choices in their life in getting sober and become drug free etc and the dates and emailed that back yesterday. Still having trouble getting a lockdown on that venue for the Lanai crossing hopefully it's all gonna work out in time for us to have a campout on St. Patrick's day weekend.

Other Outreach for Remote Communities as far as being just the campouts; February 7th I'm going to Molokai for one week and other members of the crossing committee may or may not come for part of that time we haven't decided yet. While I'm there for that week there are 2 members on Molokai that are celebrating 3 years and we have birthday cards here if you want to sign them. In the Molokai fellowship, knowing that we're coming over, I've already had 3 homestay offers. One thing I'm planning to do while I'm there is have a little pop-up fellowship meeting/bonfire and get whoever's interested in that community to come join us and discuss if they have any interest in the planning of the campout when it goes to Molokai, and see if they can become like co-chairs and coordinate with our chair and get involved. Some people over there are just like on fire now when they're within their first year. It's cool to keep that flame going for them and get them involved. Anyone here have any info they would like for me to gather from the fellowship over there or anything, any questions they'd like me to ask while I'm there?

They have meetings every day over there. I will confirm how many meetings they've got. Lastly a lot of them are pretty amped to go to the Lanai campout when we get those dates set. One thing, I was gonna request funds to help them with their transportation from district (discuss in new business)

Jubee – There is no standing committee chair for outreach to remote communities. Page is that person.

Tonia – the GSO conference in NY is now having a remote communities outreach committee when they get together for that conference

Old Business

1. Deposit from Waiola Church received and deposited in bank. This was from Mini Conference held November 5, 2018.
2. New accounts at Territorial Bank taken care of. Two new signees Jim and Jubee complete, David removed.

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New Business:

1. **Tri-Island District 13 is hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly** April 27-28, 2019. We have the venue. Lahaina Intermediate School. Area gave us a \$450 seed money for that, which includes registration fees as well as the area panel to get over here. We are charging \$25 per person for that event. So we should do pretty well. There are about 120 GSRS and DCMs that come to it including the standing committee members. The area panel pays their way to come over to the islands. They pay their own transportation but their registration is taken care of by Area.

The date is 2 months away. Keep in mind that we are the District host team for this event and we need to be responsible to feed them for 5 meals which is breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast, lunch on Sunday. We noticed in the past that the dinners, even though there are 120 member signed up for the assembly, when we were there on this last assembly maybe 50 stay for dinner, so we don't really have to accommodate for the 120. I was told by the Area if we shoot for about 50 or 75 we should be comfortable enough. Through past experiences I've noticed that a lot of people take off and go to a meeting or go eat dinner with their friends. Keep your eyes and ears open so we can people to volunteer to sign up for the food and beverage help!

Jim can help with the amounts needed for food and beverage, but he's doing registration as treasurer. Matty could maybe also help with this.

Liz – spearheading transportation – Julie might help – she has a spreadsheet for homestay and transportation. We could maybe use that.

Our District is responsible for picking up the people at the airport and home stay. The flyers have questions if the individuals registering can help with transportation pick up or homestay. Try to keep people on the west side for home stay. They will need transportation to and from the assembly as well as the airport

See flyer – to become available at <http://www.area17aa.org>

Registration \$25. Register early! Need headcount on food and beverage as soon as we can. Will give Jim the \$450 from Area.

Registered flyers will come to the PO box, so Jim will get them and have to pass on to the transportation chair and food & bev chair and housing.

Liz has volunteered to head the transportation committee

Homestay – need volunteer

Food & Bev – need volunteer

Announce this at meetings for interest in these committees. Ask if anyone is available for homestay volunteers. Take their name and number for contact – how many can they house?

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Delegate these positions. Bring people that are in your homegroup into these service positions. As GSRs when announcing at your meetings, make it enthusiastic and fun service work within the district. Let them know that it kept you sober for however much time.

Register early! Be a role model for your groups. We need to sign up early. We need all our GSRs to attend this assembly since we are the host district!

2. **PO box key.** Who should get into the box. Crossing is asking that District allows them a key to the PO box, which originally was opened because of the Crossing. It was taken over by the District in the process somehow. Now it's been a part of the District all these years and District has always been accountable for what comes through the mail, in the past with Crossing getting mail from District. So we found that Crossing doesn't need the key any longer. Risks involved are that there is a lot of money that comes through the mailbox. 75% will be District money versus the Crossing. Crossing takes place twice a year, mail comes through maybe 7 or 10 max for each crossing through the po box. Crossing registers in other ways besides mail, online – etc. With informed delivery we get a picture of what comes in the mail box the day it comes in, so you can see immediately what it is. Any Crossing mail can be delivered as soon as it is seen through informed delivery. The post office will only let one person make a key and that's because they need to know that there's one person responsible. It's a lot of burden on the treasurer if we hand out the key to another person. Jim is willing to drop off the Crossing mail wherever needed.

Anita made a motion that we keep the system as is for the 1 key going to the treasurer and the mail will be picked up and coordinated with the Crossing chair. 2nd – made. Motion passed.

3. **Ferry for Lanai folks** to get to Maui for Assembly or District meetings. Anita as GSR will announce at meetings on Lanai. We can vote as a District to pay the ferry ride over because we want to include Lanai and Molokai to our District meetings. We've tried in the past and had folks here. From Molokai, it's \$100 and it's something that we can afford. Anything to do with carrying the message and keeping all three islands as united as one is so important.

Anita will ask the Aloha Group Lanai meeting in February and ask again in March if there is any interest in Jozy or Rita attending either the Assembly or District meeting.

Page can, on his trip to Molokai, put the word out that if there are any volunteers willing to be in service. The District will fly them over to Maui to attend an Assembly or a District meeting. Page will see if there are GSRs that are willing to come over and attend the assembly.

Will table for discussion for next month. Page and Anita can report back if any interest in attending Assemblies or District meetings from both islands

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What to take back to your Home Groups

1. **What you got out of the Orientation Assembly.** Share our personal experience at the assembly. Awesome to be in service. It's great to be informed. The most influential people in our structure are the GSRs. We are most consistently reaching the biggest number of people, just going to our meetings.

2. **Announce the new Officers:**

Area 17 New Panel 69 representatives are:

- Delegate - Coleen A. Maui
- Alternate Delegate – Kunane D. Oahu
- Chair - Tommy G. Big Island, District 8
- Alternate Chair - Deborah S. Oahu, District 4
- Secretary - Eric V. Oahu, District 4
- Treasurer – Rachel S. Maui
- Registrar – Karen N., Maui

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- *Anita* shared her very positive experience as a new GSR for Lahaina Big Book Study years ago: I was the standing committee for working with elderly. Learned a lot of the structure of AA. Liked the voting process that she experienced. Really impressed with how it runs. Through that whole process her name got picked somewhere somehow out of that whole hat process was to go speak at the world convention. I had 3 years of sobriety and I ended up speaking at the San Antonio World Convention because I was a GSR for the Lahaina Big Book Study and that's where that experience took me so I had a very powerful experience doing that. I would highly recommend it to anybody to go to the assembly as the new GSR and the GSR can take you so many places. I'm super excited about that level of service.
- *Julie* shared that the concepts guide us through. That AA stays solid because of these 36 principles that we see them in action. My sponsor told me early on that being involved with that level of AA ensures that AA is here for your children and your grandchildren. And also you're hanging around people that have such a profound love for AA that it's inspiring to have the whole experience besides the monotony.

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- *Jubee – was approached by our area Delegate, Colleen, and will possibly be speaking up at PRAASA on a 7-minute planned topic.*
- *Sandy – Past area delegates are willing to travel here and give a workshop for us in November. Think about what you may be interested in hearing about and have them present, such as Past Delegates Jam or a specific subject. Sandy will put this together for November.*

3. Ask for Volunteers for the Inform the Delegate Assembly!

**** Upcoming Hawai'i Area 17 Assemblies****

- **Inform the Delegate Assembly!– April 27-28, 2019 – Hosted by Tri-Island District 13**

Reminder just get more people involved in the ITD assembly. The Alano Club did approve that we could use the kitchen. They are asking for \$150 refundable deposit from District for full use of the kitchen. \$150 refundable deposit, \$75 per day charge. Jim asked if it's possible to bring our own cook stoves onsite? Thinking in general if you have to heat up more food. So you don't have to bring everything in. Jubee will check on it. Lot of space to set up a makeshift kitchen outside. We have to try to NOT offer 2nds to people before the all the people eat first. This was managed very well at the last assembly. Making sure everyone ate first until 2nds are offered.

The school is charging a utility use fee. \$8 per hour, not rent, but utility fee. For electricity being in the building. From 7am – 8pm. 9 hours the first day 8 hours the 2nd day. No deposit just flat rate \$8 per hour fee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!!

Hawaii Area 17 Air Travel information

<http://www.area17aa.org/air-travel/>

<https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/our-services/products-and-programs/preferred-affiliate>

If you are choosing Hawaiian Airlines as your carrier, consider booking through the [Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate Website](#). The term “Affiliate Program” does not imply that we are affiliated or endorsing Hawaiian Airlines. The name is their choice, not ours, and this is not something special they are offering us because we are Alcoholics Anonymous. Any group can become an affiliate group. Airline programs are used for many A.A. events.

This helps send our Area Delegates on their travel throughout the year to the assemblies. There is also a 5% discount on your own air travel. You can use this for personal travel also.

The Mynah Bird publishes newsletters that focus on A.A. topics including actions decided by the Area. <http://www.area17aa.org/committees/mynah-bird/>

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https://aamaui.org/newsletters/January2019_publication_online.pdf

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- ✚ Local events and flyers: <https://aamaui.org/about/>

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