

No Ka Oi District Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 4/14/2020

Area 17 District 5

Zoom meeting - chat while waiting for members to join

Opened with Serenity Prayer

AA bdays - Clifford 26, Richie 36

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brandon, Gigi, Patty, Lea, Craig, John, Clifford, Richie, Chris, Coleen, Matthew, Bill, Dan, Neil

March Minutes Approved: Motion to accept from Lea, Matthew seconds, motion passes

Tradition/Concept 4: Patty shared

Concept 5: Lea volunteered

Office Reports

Secretary - Alex

- Minutes from last month were sent out. Members encouraged to give feedback if there is any way Secretary role can be better fulfilled

Treasurer - Gigi's report (See Treasurer's Report)

- \$66 in DCM supplies
- Assembly airfare \$185
- Assembly registration \$25
- DCM airfare \$789 praasa (other expenses pending)
- Po box \$106
- Meeting room \$30
- \$2153.16 balance
- \$30 contributions
- \$40 from over the rainbow group pending
- Reimbursement for Eddie Tam center for \$550 (not reflected in Treasurer report)

Motion to accept Treasurer report with amendment to include additional PRAASA expenses from John, second Matthew, pass

Alt DCM - Lea

- Intergroup was canceled this month, however contributions and support are still needed.
- Inform the Delegate Assembly that was canceled.
 - Rachel (Area Treasurer) and I contacted each of the GSRs that were already registered and confirmed the information to either send their check back to them (if not cashed) or to refund them.
 - Gigi and I wrote out all refunds and mailed them in the middle of March. Area paid for all envelopes and postage so the District wasn't out any money.
 - I received the deposit of \$550 back from the County of Maui and it has been deposited into our account.
 - I also contacted everyone who said they would help and Thanked them for being willing to be of service and informed them that the Assembly had been canceled.

DCM - Brandon

- Nothing formal to report
- No DCM activity
- Brief explanation regarding new business

GSR Reports

SAM - John

- Group discontinued meeting early
- Group conscious to do meeting online
- Group is doing as well as can be expected
- Online format was shared with Central Office

High in the Sky - Patty/Chris

- No online format after group stopped meeting due to social distancing

Paniolo - Matthew

- Group is not meeting due to social distancing

Wailuku Group - Craig

- Not meeting online based on GSR's info
- Group dark due to social distancing

Up Country Sunrise - Dan

- Meeting still meets on regular days mon-sat
- Church location asks meeting to practice recommendations from the state/county
- Group conscious will be held on this Friday, but GSR does not think it is likely that group will stop meeting

Committee Chair Reports.

Hospitals - Richie

- No activity due to social distancing

Treatment - Bill

- Project to acquire books for Aloha House looked like it was going to get off to a good start, but then social distancing measures were enacted and facility stopped allowing AA panel

CPC - Neil

- No activity
- No report

Open Positions

PI, Archives, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Cooperation w/ Elder Community, Remote communities

If anyone is interested put them in contact with Brandon or invite them to District meeting

Old Business

- District Location
 - On hold during social distancing measures

New Business

- Inform The Delegate Assembly via Zoom
 - Delegate sharing
 - World service rescinded virtual meeting in April, It will happen in May
 - This was based on polling of delegates
 - There was more consensus on this rather than tabling items for next year
 - GSC will be reduced version of usual format
 - GSRs have between now and 4/24 to take survey online to report directly what groups thought of assigned panel topics
 - After 4/24 results will be forwarded to standing committee chairs for the input to be compiled
 - 5/1 panel presenters will have written presentations submitted
 - 3-5 minutes for presenters to present agenda items followed by online polling for voting members
 - Completely remote assembly

- Before 4/24 is when the online surveys can be completed. As a member of AA can I fill out a survey as an individual instead of representing a group? Yes
- Setting up online format for groups - Matthew
 - Tons of meetings available online
 - Zoom Bombing - people purposely join meetings to cause problems.
 - You can create a link for each meeting and distribute to group for each meeting to keep “Bombing” out
 - Meeting can also be controlled by password that is only shared with members
 - Automatically mute anyone that joins after the meeting starts and have co-hosts to help moderate and screen people in the waiting room.
 - Disabling screen sharing is important for general attendees to keep “Bombing” of illicit and offensive images that are shown to all attendees.
 - Bill - I started online meetings with members of Pookela church groups. Protecting with password and sharing with word of mouth has been successful
- Concerns over some groups disregarding social distancing recommendations
 - Patty - went to General Service Office and only found information from 3/19. Calling GSO did not yield any information.
 - Coleen
 - GSO is working from home
 - When writing to individual groups they state that they may do whatever the group conscious dictates
 - Traditions are spiritual recommendations rather than rules that can be broken
 - It depends on the conscious of the group and whether group is in accordance with the hosting facility rules and the facility’s behavior is dictated by state and county
 - Groups should abide by whatever recommendations that organization renting spaces out asks
 - AA has never gone through this type of situation before.
 - Every group has the right to be wrong
 - Traditions were formed by groups making mistakes
 - The first tradition is about Unity and the rest of the traditions are what we do to create Unity
 - There is no part of AA that dictates to groups what they should do, they decide for themselves
 - Dan - The issue of spreading a disease while asymptomatic was not discussed during group conscious. I am trying to keep as much distance as possible while serving the group.
 - Back to Basics and Upcountry Sunset both continue to meet
 - Church officials say that as long as tables get wiped down and they take other precautions mandated by the state then groups are allowed to meet
 - Various discussion with different points raised

Upcoming Events

- ~~Dinner after District Meeting — Tonight!~~
- ~~Pie before Principles — 4th Monday in Makawao 5:30 — 7:00pm~~
- ~~Hana Caravan — Last Sunday of Each Month, Meet 11:30A Paia Community Center~~
- 2020 Inform the Delegate Assembly – May 2nd, on Zoom code to follow
- MICYPAA – Postponed
- ~~2020 International Convention of AA — July 2-5th Detroit, MI~~
- ~~Regional Forum — August 21-23, Las Vegas~~
- Hawaii Convention – October 29th – November 2nd, Waikiki Marriott
- Next district meeting: May 12th, 2020

Motion to close Coleen, Lea second, pass,
Closed with Serenity Prayer