

WEST HAWAII DISTRICT 8 MEETING MINUTES – September 18, 2020 - Zoom meeting due to Coronavirus

5:30 p.m. **Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm and opened with the Serenity Prayer. Instructions and directions around the Zoom platform were shared.

Open with the Serenity Prayer...God

Introductions and Birthdays. Members Present - Jeannie, Marianne (bday 8/29), Donna, Sonya (bday 8/14), Tommy, Steve, Dustin, Bethney, Jenny, Dee, Jaisy, Michelle, Heather, Angela, Elizabeth, Thomas, Kerwin, Sasha, Clairun, Beth, Philip, Eric, Tom, Dave, Catherine, Andre, Lorna, Ray, Cathie Ann

Tradition 9 - Michelle

Concept 9 - Heather

Robert Rules of Order - Members were asked to follow these rules and keep all shares to 2 minutes.

Establish Quorum - A quorum was established with 18 voting members. The quorum is 10.

Secretary Report - The secretary presented the draft of minutes and entertained corrections/additions. None were forthcoming. Minutes accepted as presented.

Treasurer Report - Dave gave the report which was also posted. He reported a beginning balance of \$3,907.83 and a balance of \$3,686.66 after expenses. Dave will have the proposed budget at the next meeting. It was moved (Donna/Dustin) that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Passed.

Old Or Unfinished Business:

2020 Hawaii Area Budget Assembly - Jeannie reported that the budget passed unanimously with 68 of 82 members voting.

Speaker List - The item was deferred until the next meeting. Marianne shared that she felt this was a Central Office project and not district.

New Business:

West Hawaii District 8 Elections - Elections will be held on Friday, October 16th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome and it is important for all district voting members to attend. Any member wishing to stand for a district officer position, DCM, Alternative DCM, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary), must be present and will have 2 minutes to qualify. If you wish to submit your name for district standing committee chair, please let Jeannie or Donna know what committee/s you wish to stand for and we will pass those names onto the incoming DCM who will appoint the committee chairs and confirmed by the district in January. Since Tommy is not a voting member he will run the anonymous polling for us. This will allow all officers, standing committee chairs and GSRs (or their alternates) to participate in voting.

Officer and Standing Committee Duties/Responsibilities. Officer and Standing Committee position descriptions were read by Donna and current officers shared their experience.

Hawaii Area Election Assembly. The assembly will be held on November 7th & 8th via a virtual platform. All are welcome and it is important for all district voting members to attend. Any member wishing to stand for an area officer position must be present and will have 2 minutes to qualify. Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines are posted on the area website, area17aa.org. Describes the duties for the area positions. If you wish to submit your name for an area standing committee, please email Tommy the area chair with the committee/s you wish to stand for, and please include a second and third choice. Email is chair@area17aa.org. More information to come.

GSR Report Backs from Assemblies - Tommy thanked everyone in District 8 for attending the Budget Assembly.

GSR/Home Group Reports and Group Re-Openings.

Nooners. Angela - Back on 7 days a week.

Aloha Mana. Sonya - On Zoom 7 days a week.

Daily Reprieve. Tom - All meetings are on line. Open positions need to be filled.

KKAA. Kerwin - Zoom meetings 6 days a week with new people attending.

Drydock. Ray - One meeting per week via Zoom.

Strictly Solutions. Dustin - Meetings going well on Zoom.

Kalaoa. Andre - Nothing new to report.

Waimea Winners. Michelle - Zoom meetings, all fine.

Mana of the Round Table. Steve - New GSR and Intergroup rep.

Pass it On. Heather - Going well.

Wonderful Women of Waimea. Elizabeth - Doing well on Zoom.

Basket Case. Lorna - Trying to perform CPR on group.

Room Full of Miracles. Catherine - Going well, normally 15 participants on Zoom.

Rebellion Dogs. Dave - Meeting closed because beach is closed.

Central Office Chair Report: Catherine shared that the Office Manager is volunteering her time and the office is open Monday - Friday from 10 - 2. Book and literature sales are going well. She encouraged all groups to have reps. Hosting a Halloween Zoom event from 6-10 pm on October 31 via Zoom. They are investigating a Christmas Zoom Alcahthon. They will be looking for Officers nominations at the October meeting with election in November. She encouraged members to follow guidelines. Heather stated that there will be some proposed changes to By-Laws by the Steering Committee.

Alternate DCM Report: Donna encouraged all to go to Area17AA.org, Hawaii Area 17 and see what's going on and what they are doing.

DCM Report: Jeannie - See Budget Assembly Report Back at the end of the minutes.

Take Backs:

- West Hawaii District 8 Elections on Friday, October 16th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. **Important for all district voting members to attend the election.**
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- If you wish to submit your name for district standing committee chair, please let Jeannie or Donna know what committee/s you wish to stand for and we will pass those names onto the incoming DCM who will appoint the committee chairs and confirmed by the district.
- The Hawaii Area 17 Elections Assembly will be held on November 7th & 8th via a virtual platform. All are welcome to attend.
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- **District service opportunities** for a Treatment Chair and a Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.
- Hawai'i Area is still getting checks made out incorrectly. Please make checks or money orders payable to **Hawai'i Area Committee** and send to Hawaii Area Committee, PO Box 1413, Honolulu, HI 96806.
- Go to West Hawai'i Central Office website for the most up to date meeting information: westhawaiiiaa.org. All meeting changes must be sent to Blair at webmaster@westhawaiiiaa.org and must be submitted by a homegroup member.
- Mayor's COVID-19 Emergency Rule No. 11: Reduced gathering size <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2454/720>
- Amendment to Mayor Kim's Big Island Emergency Rule No. 11: Beach and park closures: <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/DocView.aspx?dbid=1&id=108093&cr=1>
- Beach/park closures extended to October 1st on Big Island: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2531/720>

Reminder: Please email all group/GSR reports and standing committee reports to Cathie in the body of the email.

Next District Meeting – Friday, October 16th at 5:30 pm

Declaration of Unity: This we owe to **A.A.'s** future:

To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united.

For on **A.A. unity** depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm with thanks to all for attending.

DCM Report Back - Area Budget Assembly
 2020 Hawaii Area 17 Budget Assembly
 9/18/2020

Aloha all,

Once again Hawaii Area 17 did a great job hosting the Budget Assembly on a virtual platform. Thank you to Donna, our Alternate DCM, who helped the area with co-hosting.

I love assemblies. It is overwhelming to be surrounded by so many members who have huge hearts for service as well as a great desire to understand and follow the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous in order to guarantee the survival of AA as a whole for generations to come.

Attending assemblies gives us the opportunity to fellowship with other members throughout the state of Hawaii who are involved in General Service - GSRs, DCMs, Intergroup Chairs, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, the current Delegate and Past Delegates have the opportunity to not only share our experience, strength, and hope but also share our struggles and share ideas on how to better serve the suffering alcoholic. All this is accomplished through report backs, participation in round table discussions, and work sessions where minutes are taken and then reported back to the body of the assembly.

Some of the things I heard or experienced at the 2020 Budget Assembly:

- The Hawaii Area 17 2021 Budget was passed unanimously!
 - A total of 82 members were present: 68 members were voting members and of the 68 voting members West Hawaii District 8 had 11 voting members present and two non-voting members present. As usual, West Hawaii was well represented!
- The Hawaii Area 17 Elections Assembly will be held on November 7th & 8th via a virtual platform. All are welcome to attend.
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- Much discussion on keeping in-person meetings safe for members and the local community.
 - We have the responsibility to keep the rooms safe, whether in-person meetings or meetings held on a virtual platform.
 - The consensus was, “the law of the land supersedes the autonomy of the group.”
 - Challenges: lack of contact tracing protocol. Do not need to tell tracers you were at an AA meeting, say community meeting.
 - Inform, inform, inform.
 - Understand the importance of following all guidelines to ensure we stay in good graces with the local community as well as a positive reflection on AA as a whole. Without AA as a whole, AA will surely die.
- Discussion on what type of workshops the islands could work together on.
- Island-wide alkathons or smaller more intimate alkathons?
- One district did a \$20.20 Challenge to help their local Intergroup Office financially.
- Buying literature from Amazon? Buy direct from AA.org to support GSO.
- Our General Service Office in New York was heavily impacted financially during the pandemic due to continued expenses during shutdown and loss of literature sales but the gap was reduced through reducing cost by staff working from home and contributions greatly increased. The Delegate Report for the 2020 Budget Assembly shows just how great our members pulled together to help make this happen. Also, thank goodness GSO had a healthy prudent reserve. You can find the report under the Delegate tab on the area17aa.org website.
- Area discontinued purchasing PRAASA recordings because no one requested to hear them.
- 10% of the people doing 90% of the work, the same in all areas of life.
- How can we stimulate more interest in district and area service?
- Bring a friend to District. I liked that one!
- We also discussed ways our Public Information Committee can carry the message during this time.

- GSO, the General Service Office is planning a virtual General Service Conference for 2021, and all Regional Forums have been canceled for the first half of 2021.

In closing, when I started out this year I thought the second year of my service commitment would be so much easier, our GSRs, Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and I all had a good idea of our duties and responsibilities. Then the pandemic hit. I am grateful that there have been members who have much experience in general service who have been and continue to be willing to help guide me along in the easy and not so easy times.

I like what Coleen, our delegate, said in her last report, "When new to A.A., I figured out it helps to be teachable, willing to ask for help, listen, and change. The same is true today as I am learning how to be a delegate and sober member of A.A. during this pandemic. Past A.A. experience has taught me to hold on, there are ways to navigate these times without drinking".

For me, I have found this to be true. I might add that seeking the will of my high power has been a great help as well. I have made some strong lasting relationships through it all and wouldn't have traded the last couple of years for anything. Like Tradition One states: we are but a small part of a great whole: that no personal sacrifice is too great for the preservation of AA as a whole. It has been a pleasure to serve.

Jeannie G
District Committee Member (DCM)
West Hawaii District 8
