

Oahu Intergroup Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2015

6:30 PM

Serenity Prayer – All

Readings:

Intergroup Preamble: Alikā, Waikiki Breakfast Meeting

Twelve Traditions: Joey, High Nooners

New member introductions: Tom-Knuckleheads, Ed-Grippers, Kevin-Bad Brains, Darren-Cottages, Alikā-Waikiki Breakfast Meeting

Anniversaries in the month of September 2015: Ross 20 years-Manoa Gardens, Joey 14 years-High Nooners, Pamela 23 years-Malia Discussion Group, Ken 17 years-Haawaawaa

Approval of minutes for August, 2015

As presented

Motion: Eric

Seconded: Bob

Approval unanimous

Reports:

Chair-Kalae: We had to let our office manager go for not cooperating with the steering committee and for some money that is missing. We owe GSO money, so we haven't been able to buy books. Thanks to Scott and Bob for serving as advisors in support of the steering committee.

There have been many discrepancies in the accounting books refusal to provide information to the treasurer, and avoiding the truth about our literature orders. We know we have enough money to pay our bills for one month. We will make additional information available as we know it.

Treasurer-Elise: There is not formal financial report for this month because we are still working through the records and cannot trust the numbers we could get out of QuickBooks. We managed to get bank statements directly from the bank, which revealed many unauthorized charges on our operating account.

We have now know that we have less money than we thought we had, and it will take time to recover financially. According to the August bank statement, we had \$3,983.57 in the checking account and \$1,000.59 in the savings account. I'm working closely with other Steering Committee members to get financial records corrected, pay our outstanding bills, and keep the office up and running. We are taking measures to prevent these problems from happening in the future. The treasurer and the chair will soon have online access to bank records so that close monitoring will reveal irregularities as they happen.

Central Office report-Elise: Has been coordinating the volunteers and the phone angels just keeping the office open. Thanks to all the volunteers, especially Solomon, James, and Pete. We have vacancies for both volunteers and phone angels. Please refer to the flyer. We need people for the midnight to 7 AM.

Vice-chair/Activites Report-Josh T: Our next event is the Bill & Lois Dinner with Al-Anon participation. We have sold about 93 tickets so far. We really need to support our Intergroup now more than ever. Gina & Dayna have worked hard to put the event together. We will sell tickets at the door.

Area 17 report-Bob H., Area 17 Alternate Delegate: October 3 & 4 is the Area Budget Assembly on North Shore at the Sunset Beach Community Center. All are welcome. However, if you wish to eat, there is a minimal charge.

Bob H has stepped in as Webmaster and will maintain the online meeting schedule on a temporary basis.

Old Business:

- Ad hoc committee regarding alternate meeting space: Patti A from Mililani Women's Monday Night Steps & Traditions proposed using a facility in Mapunapuna for our monthly IG meeting. We will research.
- Consideration of selling sobriety coins is permanently tabled for now.

New Business: Q & A regarding central office situation:

- Why can't we prosecute?
 - Avoid controversy & bad press; keep it quiet
 - Prosecute so it doesn't happen again by same person
 - No decision has been made, although we lean away from it; we don't yet know the scope of the theft
 - We are a society of laws. It's not "A.A." who does or doesn't prosecute even given our Traditions.
- Suggestion for book drive
- We should have dual signatures on our checks
- How should we announce that we need extra contributions
- We are now accepting resumes for a new office manager
- Additional information will be provided as it becomes available
- A member wanted to know who made the decision to relieve Jamie. Answer: the steering committee after very careful consideration.

Motion to adjourn-Stacey, 2nd-Joey

Closing: (time 7:30)