

# Hui 'O Hawai'i of Puna

## General Membership Meeting March 22, 2008

### Call to Order:

- Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Cathy Ah Yo on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 6:25 p.m.

### Roll Call of Officers:

- President (Frank Oana).....Absent
- Vice President (Cathy Ah Yo).....Present
- Secretary/Treasurer (Cookie Pearson).....Present
- Director (Ed Namahoe).....Absent
- Director (Diane Spencer).....Present

### Reading/Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion of acceptance of minutes for January 20, 2008 meeting by Diane Spencer; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roxie Spatig; all approved.

### Vice President's Report:

- None

### Secretary's Report:

- None

### Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report a balance of \$2,890.40. Motion of acceptance by Roxie Spatig; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynsey Okamura; all approved.

### Old Business:

- Great luau everyone; we made a profit of \$3,100 however; we just paid our storage for 6 months and bought dinner this evening. Thank you everyone for a great job and for all your hard work. The boards voted to purchase a sound system for the Hui. Bill Heick will be looking into it and will provide the Board with a few to select. We already have \$375 donated by several members for the sound system.
- Thank you to Tom and Gerry Harris for the ono food that they provided and donated for the Hui members.

- Next year, Uncle Ed Namahoe, Uncle Frank Oana, Tom and Gerry Harris have volunteered to cook for our luau.
- We are looking around for a larger facility as, we were filled to capacity. We paid \$650 for the rental of the hall, including clean up so, we are looking for something comparable that we can rent for next year. A few suggestions were:
  - The Elks Club
  - School Cafeteria
  - Sun Vista RV Resort Ballroom
- We already have some great ideas to better the luau for next year and Ikaika and Lynsey have already agreed to chair the Luau Committee again. They did a wonderful job and we all thank them.
- Ikaika and Lynsey won the selling of the most luau tickets therefore; they will receive free membership for the next year. Congratulations!
- Thank you very much for this afternoon. Now we will rest for a couple of weeks then the adult dancers will perform for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society on May 16 at 6:45 p.m. Since this is a Non Profit Organization and there would be local dignitaries and all the local media, the Hui is donating their time for exposure to Yuma Community.
- Now is the time for us to learn new hulas for future performances. Don't forget; our rates for shows are:
  - 30 minutes is \$200 (Adult dancers only)
  - 60 minutes is \$300 and includes all dancers and musicians
- We will be starting our Scholarship Committee and will give out a total of \$500 in scholarships. Ikaika is the Chair so; please give him your support. Tom and Gerry Harris, Liane Martinez and Helen Peterson have volunteered to be on the committee. Llewellyn Young has volunteered to be an Advisor. Cookie will send Ikaika the Scholarship criteria and application that was previously worked on by the Board. Ikaika will review and have Board acceptance. Ikaika's goal is to send out to Yuma Community by mid May 2008.

## **New Business:**

- There is an interest expressed about getting a softball team together for the Hui. Liane Martinez has checked and registration for Class D Coed team begins in May and league playing begins in June. Fee is \$345 for the team. The games run through the summer for approximately 6 weeks and are played on Friday and Saturday evenings. The team would need a minimum of 10 players, 5 males and 5 females; however 12+ players would be better. The age limit is 14 and up. If you have never played or haven't played

for a while, Liane will be willing to work with you. This is a great group activity for the young/young at heart, as well as exposing our club in other activities. If you would like to play, please contact Liane at 928-5807796. Uniforms are not mandatory however, since we do have Hui tee shirts, it was suggested that the team use those tee shirts. It was also suggested that each team member would pay in \$30 to defray the cost of \$345 registration fee. The Board will also discuss helping out with the cost of ½ registration fee and the remaining being picked up by the team members. Interested members so far are, Ikaika and Lynsey Okamura, Brad and Pua Hoops. Liane did bring up that you don't have to be a member to be on the team. Sandra and Chris have expressed their desires to be on the team too. So, everyone work hard in getting more team members.

- We will be having elections in June and positions up for election are Vice President, Secretary and Director. Cathy Ah Yo would like to step down as vice president however, has expressed her interest in Director. Ed Namahoe is stepping down from Director but, has expressed his interest in Vice President position. Cookie Pearson is splitting her duties from Secretary/Treasurer and is giving up Secretary position. So, if anyone is interested, please let the Board know.
- We are also in need of a Sponsorship Chair and Newsletter person. Brad Hoops has expressed interest in being a member of the Sponsorship Committee however, cannot chair the committee.
- Other ideas brought up for fund raisers were, Midnight at the Oasis. This is a 3 day commitment for Non Profit Organizations. Event is the first full weekend in March and for the year 2009; event will be Mar 7-9, 2009. Suggestion would be for the Hui to sell plate lunch such as Teriyaki Chicken, Mac Salad and Rice or a local meat. Food booths must be original and not duplicated. Other ideas were mini shows that Yuma has throughout the year. Liane Martinez will check into the different websites and get back with the Hui at our next meeting.
- Ikaika mentioned by Gila Ridge High School had shown an interest in the Hui performing at their end of May, Spring Football Game. Since this will be only about a 15 minute commitment and it is for a school, the Hui would donate their time.
- Eddie Aulds had also mentioned that it would be nice to have Hui lapel pins for the Officers and members. Eddie brought pins from Jaycees to show as examples.
- Liane Martinez had also expressed that we should have a calling committee to remind people of meetings, gatherings, etc. Liane has volunteered to be a caller. Anyone else interested should let a Board member know.
- Motion to adjourn by Cookie Pearson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liane Martinez. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.