



Minutes
Board Meeting: January 20, 2018

Present:

	Name
1.	Samphoas
2.	JP
3.	Rika
4.	Tsom
5.	Amy
6.	Amali
7.	Aarhi

8.	Mathew
9.	Rumika
10.	Takumi
11.	Mary
12.	Ben
13.	Andrew
14.	Elyssa

Agenda No.	Agenda Item
18/1/1	Minutes Approval
18/1/2	Hawaii Nuclear Threat - Action Points
18/1/3	Little Successes over the past semester
18/1/4	Board Updates
18/1/5	Past Project Recap: (SWOT) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Garden Event - Amy b. Winter CBI - Rika/Amali/Takumi/Tsom/Erin c. Human of Leadership - % Joyce
18/1/6	Upcoming Projects <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Intercultural Potluck (February 18 - % Erin) b. IGSC involvement c. Movie Night - January 20 - Samphoas d. Matson Project - Aarhi/Elyssa - March 18 e. Composting Project - Amy/Aarhi/Erin/Todd/Matt
18/1/7	Housekeeping Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. HM/HK Updates (% Matt/Todd) - Survey/Chart thing - Internet Complaint - Sameer



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Alumni and FEWC (% Andrew and Rika) c. GSO (% Kathleen) + Title IX d. Shuttle Updates (% Mary) e. Community Garden (% Amy) f. Sustainability (% Aarthi) g. Spouse Rep (% Rumika) h. Other Projects (Sports / Online Calendaring of Events / Documentation / Connecting Kitchens) - % Takumi/Erin i. Clothing Drive (TSOM)
18/1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising Initiatives (% Ben) a. Money Raised on Concert on Lawn and Craft Fair b. Thanksgiving - Turkey c. Matson Clean-up d. Cookbooks
18/1/9	EWCPA Constitution Amendments
18/1/10	EWCPA Team-building Follow-up event
18/1/11	Other matters

EWCPA Board met on January 20, 2018 at 5.00pm. Key discussion points are as follows

18/1/1. Minutes of the last meeting

JP had a run over with the minutes of the last meeting and minutes were approved.

18/1/2 Hawaii Nuclear Threat

Andrew, JP, Mathew and Todd met with Ann Hartman to discuss about the ‘False Alarm’ and its relations to the EWC residents.

As a first step, there was a talk story, de-stressing and meditation session for the students on Friday, 19th, January, 2018. Between 15 to 20 people attended and it was a good turnout given the short notice.

While sharing her experiences, Elyssa stated that the session was very good and that every participant appreciated the space. Ann Hartman informed that there will be a future session with experts who will brief us about how to be prepared for similar events.

JP shared that action points on the Saturday 13th incident (False Alarm) would be enacted in three steps



- 1) Emotional stress relieving
- 2) Academic - analysing the geopolitical situation - understanding the issue (next week)
- 3) Operational - what to do if a similar event recur - information on safe places, Dos & Don'ts (should not run out of the building and evacuate) House-meetings when there are more information. Disaster preparedness in a larger context. (end of Feb)

Andrew stated that Hawaiian officials have done a poor job with sharing information on the nuclear threat with the public. It's no longer the Hawaii under threat. It's the whole of US as N. Korea has the capacity to hit USA.

Mathew also briefed the board on other housing matters.

- **Internet**

Residents of Hale Manoa reported poor internet quality and the matter was brought up with the Housing.

- **Housing Survey**

Housing Survey is already prepared and ready to be circulated among the residents.

- **Housing Communications**

Mathew noted that communications from the side of Housing has improved. There were several notices on kitchen cleaning and briefing on housing policies.

Continuing on communication links, Mathew noted that the EWCPA listserv links all participants of EWC programmes, both current participants as well as the alumni. EWC list on the other hand connects only the current participants. However, non-EWC participants in EWC residents are not in either of these lists. They have to be in a communication list.

These lists need to be sorted out.

18/1/5 Past projects

- *Community Garden Event*

Amy informed that the garden clean-up event in December was a relative success and that she is planning to have another event in February. In order to attract more participants, she is thinking about organising a barbecue on the clean-up day.



Amy also briefed the board that a proposal to initiate **composting in HM and HK** has been put forward by Erin. She also informed that it was done earlier and it would be good to get it going again as the gardeners have been asking for soil.

Erin briefed the board on her idea of composting.

She said it is easy to compost. All one needs is a bin with a lid to keep pests away. Amazon has cheaper options (12 bins for \$ 180). Erin volunteered to mix and dump and said it would be great to have volunteers to help with emptying bins.

As much as it would assist the gardeners, bins with lids would also facilitate to keep away pests. Housing is in agreement with this proposal.

B fund could be used to finance this project. JP & Ben will meet Kuhio to discuss this and they will also talk to the housing to see if the housing too could help with it.

Location to keep the bins – Erin said best location would be under the sinks.

- *Winter CBI*

Winter CBI was organised well. Rika thanked everyone for assuming many responsibilities in line with the Winter CBI.

18/1/6 Up-coming events

- **Movie Night**

Samphoas informed that everything is ready for the movie night in the evening and she will have to leave the meeting early.

- **Intercultural Potluck – February 18**

Another major event organised by the EWCPA, Intercultural Potluck is scheduled on February 18, Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. It is organised in line with the IGSC.

Erin is the key person and Takumi and Tsom are helping with the preparations. Erin would soon send emails about volunteer teams and sign-up sheets. Last year, there were 20 teams.



Elyssa pointed out that ensuring that the leaders in charge are the ones accounting for volunteer hours is important as she was getting inquiries on community service hours from the participants as well as from Kuhio.

- **Matson Project**

Beach clean-up organised to finance the B fund with the sponsorship of Matson will take place on March 18. Aarthi and Elyssa are in charge. Event will take place at the Barber's point.

Transport – EWC van will have to be reserved. And additional demands will be met with car pool. It is better to schedule start around 8/ 9 am.

Gloves will be needed for the clean-up.

Duration of the clean-up will have to be checked with Matson.
JP suggested a picnic parallel to the clean-up.

18/1/7 Other house-keeping matters

- *Shuttle*

Mary informed that two people signed up and were certified as drivers. And that email notifications on shuttle running in weekends could come late as some people volunteer late in the week.

She also welcomed suggestions to recruit more drivers.

It was decided that advertising for drivers every time is needed.

- *Spouse event*

Rumika informed that there will be a potluck in February

- *Sports event*

Takumi is compiling all sports played by the participants in HM and HK including those who are playing them to circulate among all participants.

Possibility to organise an sports event was also discussed.



18/1/8 Fund raising

Ben informed that he spoke to Kuhio about fund raising events. Kuhio has told Ben that he will put Ben in touch with more people.

Kuhio has suggested T-Shirts and Tote Bags. They would be good take-away gifts.

18/1/9 Constitution amendment

JP informed the board that the Ex.Co is looking into making necessary amendments to the EWCPA Constitution. Proposed amendments will be open for everyone to share their ideas soon.

18/1/10 Community Building Event

Andrew is exploring possibilities to organise another community building event.

18/1/11 Other matters

JP informed the board that Kathleen wants to step down as the GSO Ref as she is moving to Maui and undergoing some issues related to health.

There are several options. Could ask Katzu, the last year's GSO Ref.

Elyssa who is already the GSO Ref to the Pacific Islander Studies, said she could share notes on the meetings and said Jonathan too could share his notes as he is the GSO Ref to his department.

As there were no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 6.10pm.