

01 Dec 2017- Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

WELCOME:

Atuatasi gives welcome and mentions this being the last meeting of the year, thanks everyone for taking the time to attend, appreciates everyone's leadership and sacrifices, will turn the discussion over to Madame chair, first take a minute of silence for Patty's passing, then Mr. Jennings to lead us in prayer. *Mr Jennings* gives opening prayer.

Madame Chair- thanks all for attending, introduces self and position on island, mentions signing in for public comment. Asks Genevieve to conduct roll call.

Attendance- Valery Gregg, Dean Hudson, Atuatasi Lelei Peau, Togiola, Kelley Tagarino, Genevieve, Alex Jennings, Alex Sise, Peter Crispin, George Tyron, Gene Brighthouse, Mareike Sudek, Iosefa Siatu'u, Lauren Jarlenski, Joseph Paulin, Maselino (local fisherman), Magdalene.

Madame Chair- next meeting will ask to approve this meetings minutes. A couple of additions to this meetings' agenda. Dean motioned to approve. Gave floor to Atuatasi.

Atuatasi- introduced Lauren Jarlenski as NOAA Corps Officer, and Mareike Sudek as Research Coordinator. Suggested members review accomplishment report for the year.

UPDATES:

Madame Chair gave floor to Gene to discuss National Geographic's vessel Orion and Michigan High School opportunity- drives stewardship programs, Sanctuary staff has provided information to this group and began discussions earlier this year, brings ___ from the National Geographic, meeting hopes to occur April or May of 2018, Michigan High School to bring ROV on island and aim to pair their students with select students from Tutuila, one scientific project objective is to document the Palolo spawning as a culturally significant event, engagement with outside entities, possibly reach out to Magdalene for student involvement.

April or May 2018 for Orion, Oct or Nov 2019 for Michigan High School

Dean question- regarding Michigan school project. What size of vessel is the Orion?

Kelley requested everyone speak louder for the minutes.

Madame Chair- mentions judging ROV competitions in Florida, has been approached at ASCC regarding 3D printers, mentioned a previous student that has collaborated with Alpina Michigan.

Valery- mentioned having an ROV, was approached by a student on island regarding sponsoring ROV competitions.

Sanctuary Leadership-

Floor given to Atuatasi- changes to leadership, Gene is currently Senior Policy Advisor for the PIR, focus has expanded to include the region while still remaining in AS, Atuatasi now Acting super, decision made by Headquarters and publicized in July or August, all have received copy of accomplishment report, review key points. Okeanos deep sea exploration, two telepresence with AS Affairs and ___, highlighted an advance team that held a teaching workshop, at conclusion of mission their findings were made available to the teacher and allowed them to update their curriculum, earlier this year we had Director of OLE and Deputy Assistant Administrator visit the site, Aunu'u GIYS event held in August and the women of Aunu'u formed a group to beautify their island and increase tourism by developing tour guides. Passes floor to Gene to discuss SSSV- curriculum discussed in Aunu'u , 2nd year, growing, had to turn away students, thankful for partnerships (DOE, etc), main take home from this program= presence in village adjacent to Sanctuary sites in hopes to influence and engage scientific curiosities, keen to grow this program. Mentioned annual program, used to focus on 5 schools but have reduced it to 2 schools, Tafuna and ___, Kupu intern assistance, Rain Garden projects and installation in Lupele and Aunu'u, hope the school applies principles of stewardship and watershed concepts.

Atuatasi asks Joe to speak on fishing tournament and ____

Joe adds to SSSV- to increase awareness about fishing and activities allowed in Sanctuary sites. Fishing tournament raised awareness of Sanctuary and allowable fishing, availability of gear and knowledge varies with sites. Donated rods and reels. Andrew Torez? Visited, attended summit in Hawaii last year, Dean was invited up to Hawaii in May, and Andrew visited two weeks ago, traveled to Aunu'u to conduct outreach and discuss protected species, student outreach in the school followed by fishing derby, Alia Assoc and other fisherman and participated in radio broadcast and fishing tournament, passengers aboard Double hooked and discussed blue star charter program ideas- charter companies discuss responsible fishing and etc, displayed pictures from fishing derby.

Val mentioned it was a good time.

Genevieve- fin environment, not restricted to major fishing boats, endless supply of food and drinks.

Val- awesome food.

Joe- mentioned various types of fish and their sizes. ~500lbs of fish donated to Hope House. Goal is to raise awareness of allowable fishing and encourage voluntary compliance of regulations.

Madame Chair- asks for any updates or notes from group. ASEPA suggested having all the information from Okeanos' visit, about 1 TB sized information, mentioned availability. Wanted to elaborate on SSSV- had students lead ____ and interact with elementary students. Gain a lot of interest from these programs, notices increase in interest from students in marine science fields.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Madame chair- one signed up, asks to come to the front.

Maselino introduces himself- local fisherman, fishing for quite a while, happy to attend meeting, sad that their representatives are not attending, the Alia Association, attending to bring up relationship between "you and us" the local fisherman, they depend on fishing, only income for certain families, to him there isn't enough of a relationship with him and the Sanctuary, mentioned traveling around to schools and teaching students how to fish, request any offerings of scholarships to become scientists and chief biologists down here in American Samoa, there aren't any local chief biologists, advises this on youth, wants Samoan kids to be chief biologists, because DMWR has off island individuals in these positions, thanks Sanctuary for the fishing tournament and wants it to be bigger, requests the tournament to be in our budget every year and make it bigger, happy the Sanctuary provides this opportunity, thanks to allow him to be present.

Madame Chair- seconds more support for our students, there are ... 7 past students obtain bachelor's in the marine sciences, and 3 have returned on island.

NEW BUSINESS:

Madame Chair- March 2nd Fri at 0900 in the ocean center, tentatively planned out dates for the year, second meeting for fri June ?, third meeting for fri sept 7th, last meeting for fri dec 7th. Will send out advance notices, any additional new items to bring up?

Gene- mentions youth member, always welcoming of the youth to this body as inspiration, Welcomes George. It's also nice to see Maggy here.

Joe- mentions Alex Sise and Jennings being their first and return meeting respectively.

Madame chair- nothing else to discuss...

Joe- wants to discuss 10 minute video of Peter Taliva'a, our boat captain. Hooks up computer to projector to share the video. A part of the stories from the blue video series. Lots of images from Aunu'u but highlights the area and Sanctuary.

Video plays...

Madame Chair- thanks Joe, where can find this video, and number o

Joe- find this on youtube with other stories from the blue

Dean- can you share this video with everyone?

Gene- virtual snorkeling tours

Kelly- increase interest in Caplan sea view after viewing chasing coral documentary, students use it to do projects.

Genevieve-trying to develop tours through sanctuary, one cruise ship picked up tours to fagatele bay, contracts will renew in 2019 and hope to pick up more tours to fagatele bay then.

Dean- can you get to fagatele on Sundays?

Atuatasi- main concern is the staircase at fagatele, looking for partners, landowners are willing to accommodate as long as there is advance notice, looking for partners.

Dean- how to give this advance notice.

Atuatasi- for now work through us, and will then make agreements with landowners.

Dean- how bad are the steps?

Atuatasi- took photos, can do little things,

Dean- can Joe email pictures to group?

Atuatsi- I can email them.

Genevieve- who to reach out to?

Atuatasi- got an estimate from NPS, brand new would cost \$15k.

Joe- estimate includes (special plastic steps), each time I visit something else is broken, safety issue.

Madame Chair- access to fagatele, trail to Leola still closed, land owners no longer want people to use that trail. If anyone asks, mention not to use.

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Madame chair- thanks, planned next meeting March 2nd, friendly coordinator will sent change notifications.

Joe- Merry Christmas, worked with Kelley on schedule for next year, first Fridays.