

Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2023
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order: Anastasia**, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM with the Declaration of Unity.

- Events: July 4th picnic Sunrise Sobriety
- Need virtual assistant to run Hybrid meetings

a) Attendance: Anastasia, Mathea, Keola, Crystal, Jim D, Shoshanah, Amy
Hybrid: Aaron L, Webmaster; Blondy, WCG GSR

(9) voting members

b) Reading of the Tradition Six and checklist questions by Amy . Discussion followed. Jim - went to the county event last week (see Alt DCM report) and they wanted printed schedules. Chapter 5 says, if you are willing to go to any length, then you are **willing** to take certain steps. In regards to the 5th point, you got to WANT to get sober!

c) Reading of the Concept VI and questions by Mathea. Discussion followed. Mathea - active responsibility if the responsibility of the trustee and our home group brings the concerns to the Area and then it follows. The power of the purse is the responsibility of the GSC.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah B distributed the Draft of May 2023 minutes as well as emailed to the mail distribution list. Minutes were reviewed.

Mathea entertained the **Motion** to accept the May 2023 minutes with corrections; seconded by Jim D.

Vote taken: 9 in favor. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- not present. Bob sent a written update prior to the meeting. Bob distributed his May report via email and printed copies were available for the May 2023 report (distributed by Amy). See the spreadsheets for details.

Bob wrote the following:

"I have lots of family in town and we're all gone to Kokee for the Fathers' Day weekend. I gave the printed copies of the Treasurer's Report for the month of May to Amy to distribute.

In the expenses paid section, I have a description of the expenses paid for by those individuals, per Keola request.

I haven't received any new invoices for web/on-line services from Aaron for May or June yet. Best for him to email them to me.
I pick up mail in Kapaa once a month after the bank statement closes.

Thank you,
Bob"

Discussion:

- Mathea - \$4,000 is a lot of money to have in our coffers. We will need about \$1500 for DCM to go to assemblies and committee meetings in 2024. We have about \$1200 too much money. Perhaps we can send it to GSO. Plan: add to next month's agenda to discuss where further.

Jim D entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected; seconded by Keola O.

Vote taken: 9 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D - written report distributed.

This has been a busy month for me. As many of you know, I made a presentation about AA history at our highly successful Founders' Day celebration last weekend. On the preceding Wednesday and Thursday another member and I sat at the AA/AI-Anon table at the first Ola Pono O Kauai Conference presented by the Kauai Rural Health Association and the County Prosecutor's Life Choices Office. The focus of this conference was addiction and mental health and perhaps the highlight was a presentation by the governor. One of the most sought-after pieces of literature we offered were accurate printed schedules, especially from those who service clients with limited resources who they may not have access to electronic media.

For me this also underscored the necessity for us to keep our hotline up to date and functioning and I hope we can emphasize this more strongly as we shore up our organizational structure.

And speaking of that, I for one am thrilled with Anastasia's decision to remain with us as we trudge the road of panel 73!

Thank you all for the life you have afforded me!

Jim D

Discussion followed:

- Jim - brought a can for contributions for next year's Round Up, June 6-9, 2024. Jim asks if anyone wants to take a can to ask for \$ contributions from the groups.

- Mathea - There has been no application from the Round up committee to Intergroup to ask for Money and they have plenty of money in the till. Contact Mike T, Event Chair.
- Keola - Hui `Ohana Virtual. How can people donate online?
- Jim - that is being looked at right now.

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W - not present. Jim reporting - no Intergroup meeting this month.

Jim proposed that we combine Intergroup and District and that we are functioning very well. It would make life easier for those of us who attend both meetings.

Discussion followed:

- Mathea feels that Intergroup separates the way things get done on the island. We have a hotline chair and an Events chair which we haven't seen in awhile.
- Anastasia doesn't want to combine and sit through a 6 hour meeting.

6. DCM Report: Anastasia -

- She attended the May Committee meeting. - great and beautiful location (across from the beach).
- Area 17 Delegate Report Back - show up and hear our Delegate, Tommy G, give his Report from the GSC on July 22nd in Kilauea. Monique and Nelson are trying to reserve the location. It will be held from 11am-3pm.
- Area 17 Budget Presentation - Anastasia handed out the 2024 proposed Area 17 budget. Overview of the spreadsheet as follows:
 - Delegate expenses: had way too much \$ due to COVID. Will be paying Tommy's entire expense. Normally we pay for his plane ticket and meals. Suggested by the Finance Committee to make a payment to the GSC (\$1200) and delegate fee (\$??) and will be paying them both. Misc expenses (Uber, postcards to the Area members, overall expenses) +\$1200.
 - Hawaii Area assemblies and meetings: we pay for the airfare. They will be raising registration costs from \$25 to \$35?
 - Hawaii Area Standing Committee: everything will stay the same unless someone asks otherwise. Mynah Byrd did ask for more \$
 - Area Operating expenses: very long list. Contact Anastasia for further questions. Total operating expenses... 7800 vs 6800 last year. Treasurer, secretary, registrar, increased slightly due to budget needs.
 - Events expenses which includes:
 - PRAASA - Delegate, Area Chair, Pacific Forum, International Convention (Delegate).
 - Total Event Expenses = \$6,675;
 - Total Operating Expenses and Events = \$14,434.
 - Total Operating Budget for 2024 = \$51,714

Jim D says it would behoove us to look at the International Convention expenses for next year. We didn't do it in 2020 (got canceled). It is in Canada and we want to be sure about the money exchange from US dollars and that the Canadian dollar is accounted for. Plan: DCM to talk Sean, Area Treasurer.

7. GSR Reports:

- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR. well attended with excellent coffers. Lots of visitors, Mondays at 5pm and online meetings are successful as well. We have VENMO going now.
- Koloa Aloha – Mathea reporting. 2 meetings a week with 20-25 in attendance with online meeting as well. Last week Sunday, there were so many visitors that they met on the sand. They voted to send Laurel B to the Budget Assembly meeting.
- Hui `Ohana James B, GSR - going fairly well. Hosted a successful Founders Day
- Hui Ohana Virtual – Keola, Alt GSR. We had a virtual hiccup this month due to the waiting room established to keep us safe from zoom bombers and our “leader” was out of reach. We decided that we are not going to worry about the bombers. Do enable the waiting room just before 7am HST. Half mainlanders who really appreciate the aloha spirit
- Sunrise Sobriety – Amy, Reporting. doing well.
- Waimea Canyon Group – Blondy - Treasurer, has the split preparing. Big Book study
- Anahola Jaywalkers – no report.
- Princeville-Hanalei – no report
- Happy Hour – Crystal, GSR. Small attendance. Up to 6 people. One of the members said that she is working with new members and asked to start reading the Big Book.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): *position vacant*

Corrections: Garrett S, Chair - no report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): *position vacant*

Grapevine: Mathea, Chair -She compares our Garden Island Sobriety(GIS) newsletter and the Grapevine. With the advent of the internet , over the past 15-20 years, the Grapevine has progressed to 50/50 virtual and paper delivery. Our GIS newsletter has gone the way of the Grapevine: you can have it in both printed and can sign up for online delivery (see any issue of the GIS newsletter). She shared the June 2023 issue with pictures of both Happy Hour and Waimea Canyon Group’s Friday beach meeting; info on our founders (Bill and BOB), life and death info, AA Archives (from Dave, Fairbanks Alaska), financial contributions, Intergroup chair. Her point about the electronic grapevine , go on AA grapevine .org and sign up for a daily Grapevine quote. Our editor for the GIS newsletter has a grapevine quote (half-page article). “If you’re not right, you are left”.

We are progressing in several ways in communication. A point on the printed grapevine: in the middle of every grapevine are 2 self-subscribe forms. Self-subscribe or send a subscription to the Prisons or Loners, etc and Hawaii gets credit for the

subscription.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI: Kevin H. not present. No report.

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: Aaron L - the only bill is the \$18/month zoom meeting fees. He will send the bill to him every 6 months. The other major expenses are on a 2-year cycle and the website committee has been reimbursed by District 6.

9. Old Business

- DCM position - Anastasia says IF you find someone who wants to be DCM, she would consider stepping down. The group really appreciating all that she brings to the District and encouraging her to continue as DCM.
- On-going topic: Update District 6 Structures and Guidelines -
Discussion: On-going discussion: revitalize AA and service participation on our island.
 - ❖ GSR's are encouraged to be looking at their positions.
 - ❖ Secretary brought up the offer to share in the creating of the Agenda to help the DCM and to have it ready to be sent out to the District mailing list in a timely fashion.
 - ❖ Keola wants to keep the DCM in charge of the Agenda.
 - ❖ DCM asks us to look at our positions in the structures and guidelines. Mathea suggested that when we update it, the webmaster needs to update it on Area's website.
 - ❖ Keola suggested that we visit the north shore and share the love of service. Anastasia said that her experience was that the north shore doesn't care/doesn't understand what the GSR is and does. Even though they are the oldest AA groups on the island, they seem to be closed minded about District and Area service. "If you are stoked on service and not burned out, share your love for service."
- Events/Workshops - Founders Day successful. Jim mentioned that we are missing the North Shore.
- International Convention: July 3 - 6, 2025: Vancouver BC, Canada
- Budget Assembly: September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu
- Vacant Standing Committee Members - and GSR's. See list of vacant positions above. Crystal is willing to serve on Treatment Center (new to recovery and willing) and wanting to learn more/guidance

10. New Business

- July 4th event . Sunrise Sobriety will be hosting a "Sponsorship/Chapter 7" workshop starting at 10am. Keola mentioned that Hui `Ohana used to host that one. Mathea asks about putting it on the website. Jim says that we need a committee to ask AARon to post on the website, not just anyone asking him.

- July 22nd, potluck. All hands needed. Delegate Report Back. The Event needs support. Anastasia to clarify the location. The Hale at Niumalu. Contact Anastasia: 808.381.0505 for more info and location update.

11. GSR/District concerns:

12. Announcements/What to take back

- International Convention: July 3 - 6, 2025: Vancouver BC, Canada
- Budget Assembly: September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu
- Everyone to read the Structures and Guidelines (the position/s that pertain to you) and present your insights.
- 2024 Round UP being planned for June 6-9, 2024. See Mike T, Events Chair.
- AA needs more participation. "If you are stoked on service and not burned out, share your love for service."
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- We need to schedule our Inventory (which takes about 3 months) Plan: Add to next month's agenda.

13. Meeting Adjourned:

Anastasia made a **Motion to close the meeting**; seconded by Jim D. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 1106h.

Closing with the **Responsibility Pledge**: *I am responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.*

Next District Meeting will be held on July 15, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church, Room 8, 4602 Hoomana Rd, Lihu`e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Barretto aka Shoshanah
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