

Approved Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2023
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Jim D, Alternate DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM with the Declaration of Unity.

Any new items to add to the Agenda?

- New DCM to be discussed under Alt DCM report.

- a) Attendance: Mathea A; Ann W (on-call); Bob F; Jim D; Kopa A; Amy; Keola O; Garrett S.

Hybrid: Aaron L. (9) voting members

Excused: Anastasia, DCM (at Committee Meeting on Maui)

- b) Reading of the Tradition Five checklist questions by Garrett . Discussion followed.

- Keola talked about the fine line between helping someone or enabling them.
- Mathea reminded us to follow Robert's Rules of Order and direct questions through the chair, Alt DCM
- Jim doesn't like the "I, I, I" of this reading. The group has to have this as their primary purpose. The question is " what are WE doing? Do we have someone willing to do what we need in Corrections, for example. He doesn't hear announcements about what "we" need.

- c) Reading of the Concept V checklist questions by Mathea A. Discussion followed.

- Mathea explained minority opinion and substantial unanimity and, for us, that number is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members.
- Shoshanah presented a handout on determining a quorum from the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines to the members present.
- Jim mentions that the number can change and is more like 75% at the World Service level. He reminded us about his personal experience at an Assembly: the Living Sober book did not pass the substantial unanimity at first. An eloquent young woman spoke and one man stood and said that he would change his vote. The final vote was 84-17 in favor.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah B distributed the Draft of April 2023 minutes as well as emailed to the mail distribution list. Minutes were reviewed. Bob asks that we shorten the time spent on reviewing the minutes since we were well-prepared ahead of time.

Mathea A entertained the **Motion** to accept the April 2023 minutes with corrections; seconded by Bob F. **Vote taken: 9** in favor. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- distributed report via email and printed copies were available for April 2023. See the spreadsheets for details. He recommends that we cut a check to GSO &750. the expenses that Jim, Anastasia, and Aaron had got split up between travel, reimbursement, hybrid, on the second half of the allocations. Keola doesn't like seeing the money going to people rather than the purpose. Bob explained that the people are their roles and he will fix it on his report next month. Bob wanted clarification about the allocation to GSB/GSO? Do we discuss this under New business? Jim said that it has already been approved on the budget and doesn't need further discussion.

Mathea A entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected; seconded by Ann W. **Vote** taken: 9 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D -

Two items to mention:

1. Been doing some work on Founders Day
2. Participating with the Round Up committee 2024

Both are going well. At Founders Day 2023, we will be giving out envelopes to help fund the 2024 event. We are planning to have it listed in the Upcoming Events in the AA publication BOX 459 for broader publicity. He is also hopeful that it will be in the Mynah Bird as well.

He had a conversation with Anasatsia, and she is attending the Committee Meeting today. She is now living on Oahu and is willing to help us out. She prefers that we find a new DCM since her new job will not allow her the freedom to attend.

Discussion followed:

- Mathea feels that the Alternate DCM should step up and serve as DCM and anyone else may step up as Alternate DCM. Mathea A entertained the **Motion** to elect Jim D as DCM. Seconded by Keola O.

Jim clarified that Anastasia is not resigning. He really appreciates what she has done to this point. He said that he is willing to move forward with whatever decision is made.

Mathea suggested that we can withdraw the motion since she is the one entertaining it. Plan: put it on the agenda for next month since Anastasia has not yet stepped down. **Motion was withdrawn.**

- Keola said that someone should be trained to be DCM and the Alternate DCM can do that. His understanding that Anastasia was going to resign in June.
- Jim will press Anastasia to have her answer by next month. Also, he feels we have enough money so we could conceivably afford the travel for 2 people and it might be possible for the Alt DCM to work with the DCM. He wants us to think about it and encourage other people to consider serving at the District level. His reservations for Kopa or anyone else is that the DCM should have been a GSR for at least one complete panel so they understand the budgeting aspects, inform the delegate process, the January Inventory process, etc. and how it impacts and translates to their home group. He feels that that is our weakest point... doing our inventories.

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W - last meeting held on May 6 with 11 people in attendance. \$2192.49 operating budget. Had committee reports from almost all our committees.

- Founders Day - June 10. Mike T, chair.
- Sean G - current hotline chair, is working on a new hotline coverage schedule.
- Laurel is a new person to the island and is the Intergroup Rep for Koloa Aloha.
- Bob B is still doing the literature and Shoshanah will be training and willing to stand for that position in the next panel.
- Printing up 1500 new schedules.
- 10 Intergroup rep reports. New meetings on the east side are growing.
- Mathea and Ann will be working on their Structures and Guidelines.
- The Pastor here will be leaving.
- No Intergroup Meeting in June. July 1st - next Intergroup Meeting.

6. DCM Report: Anastasia - at Committee meeting. No report

7. GSR Reports:

Bob F asks how many registered groups do we have on the island? Per Mathea, there are 29, 32, 37 registered groups: 80 in person; 30 are virtual. Numbers change all the time. It is the responsibility of the Alternate DCM. Jim adds that he did some research for Founders Day, GSO has changed its methods to register your group. One of the registration methods was called Fellowship New Vision. Currently, they assign 2 numbers to each group. The problem is that we are currently under a new system (2-3 years old). Our Area Registrar has created lists of who are registered groups. The number goes on our contribution checks and can get confusing.

- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR. doing well. Potluck on the last Monday of the month.
- Koloa Aloha – Ann reporting. Meets twice a week. One virtual (Fridays) and Sundays in-person. Friday mornings - 12 in attendance (some from mainland) and Sunday mornings - 8-10 in attendance on a regular basis. Slowly increasing in attendance. We have a new chair, Linda G. Bob still brings coffee on Sundays.
- Hui `Ohana James B, GSR - not present. Kopa reported 15-30 members in attendance. Changes in the Chair. Pretty consistent.
- Hui Ohana Virtual – Keola, Alt GSR. Going well. 15-20 people and about half are from Hawaii. Daily Reflections every day except Mondays (speaker) and Birthday meeting is the last day of the month. Petey is their Virtual and In-Person Intergroup Rep.
- Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR. doing well
- Waimea Canyon Group – Shoshanah/Blondy reporting. Going well. New change to the Friday meeting at MacArthur Park format. Now reading the Big Book cover to cover, starting yesterday.
- Anahola Jaywalkers – Kopa reporting. It has shrunk and still going. Moved the time back to 7pm on Wednesdays, and the Webmaster made the adjustment to the website during this meeting. Attendance varies from 5-10 members.
- Princeville-Hanalei – no report
- Happy Hour – Jim D reporting. Meets Wednesday. Reading Service Manual and we read from the Big Book this week. IT's fun and a lot of people know that we are here.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

CEC: *position vacant*

Corrections: Garrett S - spoke with Clayton this past week. All the previous volunteers need to get upgraded 1st. Jeannie is in the process of getting everyone up to certification: ministry counselors, drug counselors, etc. the jail is having staffing problems and the evening meetings are being canceled due to that. They may need to change our meetings to day meetings. Once the Old-timers are trained, then they will open it up to us. That may be this summer but he did not know for sure yet. Garrett wrote him and asked that he be informed and get all the paperwork so that we can be accepted for the Vol-Corr Training. No out of state licenses will be trained (575-576- starting numbers on the license). 2 years sobriety minimum, needs a home group, a list of their past service positions, off probation for at least 2 years, and wants us to vet the people as best we can.

Discussion:

- Mathea asks if we are meeting? Men/women? Not since January? Keola says we have certified members on hold/no women: Charlie; Keola; Scott; Kalei.
- Keola suggested that Keola talk with other Corrections Chairs from other islands.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: *position vacant*

Grapevine: Mathea - throughout the years, when GV started in 1946, Bill had a long letter about the Grapevine being the voice of AA. Mathea asks: "What am I doing as the chair?" Previously, the GV rep was primarily a sales person for the GV itself. That is no longer sufficient. GV loses 4% each per year and 20% over the last several years. Hawaii is the same size as Maine, Montana, and New Hampshire. HI subscriptions are 236 subscriptions/year which is less than those 3 states. She wants to know the money, the number of subscriptions, and what the GSB and GV is doing about the failing situation. Per the 2022 Final Conference report, they are trying to transfer the voice of GV as shown through the booklet and going through the "machine" - smartphone, tablet, PC, etc. That subscription is free from GV.org. And **that** is the problem... you cannot send \$ to the Grapevine in the virtual world.

Discussion followed:

- Bob F - his experience, his home group gets 15 copies for their meetings. Each one is individually wrapped and then wrapped in another plastic wrap which makes the packaging very expensive.
- Mathea reminds us to make our complaints known directly to the GV.org. The more “noticing” they receive, the more likely they will change. They need our feedback. She can do it and suggests that more of us let them know.
- Jim reminds us about Concept V and the necessity to complain.

Per Mathea, there are two ways to support the Grapevine financially:

1. Buy a subscription
2. Buy books - 36 GV books available. There are 52 books overall, some in spanish, etc.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI: Kevin H. not present. Bob F reporting (as Area PI committee member) - he mentioned that we need the advertising going on the bus system. We need to update the Libraries of our schedules.

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: Aaron L -

Reminder: New Business to “discuss from last month when the question arose about non-AA meetings posted on the meeting app guide since the Webmaster was not present”.

Aaron reported that our Zoom fee is \$20/month and he will let Bob F know the amount due for District to reimburse him. He corrected the Jaywalkers meeting and added an update on the Founders Day Event.

9. Old Business

- Update District 6 Structures and Guidelines -
Discussion: Secretary read the duties of the Recording Secretary. Discussed writing agenda. Shoshanah asked about a S & G sub-committee and is willing to type the revised S & G.
- Keola felt the agenda was the duty of the DCM.
-Jim reminded us that we have a website where we can “house” the minutes. Jim reminded us of how the Agenda’s were prepared ahead of time for the Committee and Area meetings.
- Bob F asked about the GIS expenses: printing, etc. in our Structures and Guidelines. In the beginning, it was paid for half by Intergroup and District. Intergroup took it over. Plan: Bob to remove it from priority of spending.

- On-going discussion: revitalize AA and service participation on our island (ie Founders Day).

Discussion:

- Jim feels a real need for us to “focus outward”. We do things well for ourselves. June 10th will be a great day of fellowship. He reminded us of the successful Delegate Report Back at our Labor Day Event last year. Anastasia to schedule a report back from the GSC. We don't do well with reaching out and going out into the community and doing things. He loves doing the work of District and Intergroup. This is a good deal.
 - Amy thinks we need to go to different meetings or reach out to other people to carry the message and share what we learn here at District and/or Intergroup.
 - Ann reminded us that everyone told her what to do as a newcomer. “Do you want to stay sober? Here’s what you do... here's the broom.” We need to be told what to do - ie come to District/Intergroup, stand for GSR, standing committee chair, executive District Committee (DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary) etc
- Events/Workshops -Founders Day June 10th.
Discussion: Flyer is on the website.
 - International Convention: July 3 - 6, 2025: Vancouver BC, Canada
 - Budget Assembly: September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu
 - Vacant Standing Committee Members - and GSR

10. **New Business**

- DCM position - open? See discussion under Alt DCM report. Will be on next month’s Agenda under Old Business.

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
- Founders Day June 10 - Lydgate small pavilion
- Service positions needed and the DCM position will be on the Agenda for next month's new business.
- No Intergroup Meeting in June. July 1st - next Intergroup Meeting.
- Interested in Corrections/bringing a meeting into the Jail? Garrett S is looking for volunteers, especially women, as we prepare for the next Vol-Corr Training (to be announced).

13. Meeting Adjourned:

Ann made a **Motion to close the meeting**; seconded by Garrett. Meeting closed at 1130h.

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 June 17, 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
District 6 Secretary