

Draft Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2023
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order: Anastasia**, DCM, called the meeting to order at AM with the Declaration of Unity at 9:37am.

a) Attendance: Anastasia A; Jim D; Keola O; Mathea A; Bob F; Laurel B; Garrett S; Amy B; Shoshanah B.
(9) voting members present.

Hybrid: unavailable

***Any new items to add to the Agenda?**

b) Reading of the **Tradition Twelve** and checklist questions by Jim D.

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or believe it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

Discussion followed

c) Reading of the **Concept XII** and questions by Mathea A.

Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

- How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power”?

- How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue? • Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
- Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
- As guardians of A.A.'s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- Are we careful to avoid public controversy?

Discussion followed.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah B. The Draft of November 2023 District 6 minutes were distributed via email to the mail distribution list. Minutes were also available at the meeting. The minutes were reviewed.

A member entertained the **Motion** to accept the November 2023 minutes as presented / corrected; seconded by another member.

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

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- Bob distributed the Year to Date Contributions (thru November 30, 2023), 2024 Projected Budget, and the November 2023 Treasurer's spreadsheet report via email and printed copies were also available at the meeting. See the spreadsheets for details.

Here is Bob's written report: [District Treasurer's Report for November 2023](#)

- Our bank account is solid with a beginning balance of \$5212.29.
- Our contributions from the Groups were \$592.55.
- We paid the Lutheran Church semi-annual Rent of \$150, reimbursed Anastasia and Shoshana \$196.99 for Registration fees, Travel and Office expenses. Total expenditure for November \$346.99.
- Our ending balance was \$5457.85, less our Prudent Reserve gives us an Operating Balance of \$4257.85.
- I don't anticipate any major expenses for December.
- 2023 Annual Group Contributions projected at \$6100.
- We have a large bank balance as we proceed into the new year due to several factors;
 1. We started the term off with a large excess balance.
 2. Our Travel expenses were reduced due to the pandemic
 3. All our service areas were restricted due to the shut-down (and continues in several areas)
 4. We're lacking participation (leadership) in all our service areas therefore no spending
 5. Intergroup bears most of the District expenses; Hotline, Events, Printed material, etc.
- We will run a deficit this year of \$500+. Primarily due to the fact we donated \$2450 over our allocated budget to the GSB, so essentially, we expanded upon our already bulging purse.
- I've distributed a 2024 Budget Recommendation for Review. We do not have to act on it immediately, but we should be moving toward it.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service.

Bob F / Treasurer

Discussion: 2024 budget

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

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D - provided written report as follows:

December 2023 Alternate DCM Report.

Thank you all for your presence here today.

For me, this past month has been filled with personal issues and activities which have reminded me why sobriety is so important to me.

There was no Intergroup meeting this month but there was the highly successful Thank-A-thon for which I mashed ten pounds of potatoes and made Harvard beets. I then flew to the Mainland to see my three daughters and all but one of my five grandchildren. I received a 19-year chip at a meeting in New Orleans which I frequent when in that city.

I also read the letter from GSO General Manager Bob W about GSO's financial challenges and that led me to review the financial reports from the GSC Final Report. It was gratifying to discover that 36.2% of the groups in Area 17 contributed \$486.97 per group for 2022 which suggests our area is quite good with our support for AA as a whole.

I would also like to encourage everyone here to heed Linda B's request for help with the Garden Island Sobriety because I believe it is a very useful tool for our fellowship on Kauai.

Thank you again for this opportunity to experience growth in our fellowship.

Sincerely,
Jim D

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W - Mathea reporting. Intergroup is doing well. They are especially pleased to have up to date phone service information and that our reliable meeting schedules are updated and printed. The current schedule is on gold colored paper. Shoshanah is attentive in trying to get us on hybrid each meeting.

- Urgent Request Letter from our Editor of the GIS Newsletter:

Aloha,

I really need your help finding new writers for the He Said She Said series on the Steps in 2024. We need 2 people who can write every month for us about what each Step was like for them.

Can you be one of those people?

If you have already been a writer please ask at least two other people if they will take this on.

Every year, at this time, there is a lot of stress for me until the writers are found. This year is especially hard because I am still mostly bedridden and recovering from my nearly fatal accident in August.

I have faith that God is in charge and with help, if it's meant to continue, that there will be volunteers. If no one steps up to the plate the GIS Newsletter will die. In my view those articles really are the heart and soul of the Newsletter.

I really don't want this to be the year that the GIS dies.

I Thank You for your help in service.

Sincerely,
~Linda B.

12.15.23 update from Linda B: "the GIS Newsletter has an anonymous writer for He Said in 2024, but we still need a writer for She Said. The first article is due on December 27th so PLEASE Ladies step up to the plate!

6. DCM Report: Anastasia - Reminding/Encouraging all GSRs, Intergroup, Area committee members and any member attending the **January Inventory Assembly** that they need to sign up asap, including home stay. When registering new groups, we now go through the Area Registrar to sign up and not through GSO.

7. GSR Reports:

- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR: We have a strong group of consistently attending 20+ladies. There's a women's retreat coming up. We meeting daily on line and read As Bill Sees It. We meet at the Church at Koloa on Mondays.
- Koloa Aloha – Laurel B, GSR: we have a small but very reliable group. We have been reviewing inventory questions as a group to prepare for the Inventory Assembly, and it has been a great team-building experience.
- Hui `Ohana James B, GSR. Not present. No report.
- Hui Ohana Virtual – Keola, Alt GSR. we are considering changing the format of our meetings but postponed voting on it due to low attendance at our business meeting last month.
- Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR
- Waimea Canyon Group – shoshanah reported that there continues to be four meetings a week, including a Wednesday morning beach meeting, and all are listed on the new schedule. The Wednesday morning meet needs support. Come join us for the sunset on the beach in Kekaha on Fridays, especially fun on the last Friday of the month for our potluck and birthday meeting. This meeting is well attended.
- Anahola Jaywalkers – Kathryn F - not present. No report.
- Princeville-Hanalei – no report
- Happy Hour – Crystallyn B, GSR. – not present. Jim D reporting.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

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

Corrections: Garrett S – Keola mentioned that, according to our Structure and Guidelines, we need to vote on the Standing Committee Chair position due to a gap in attendance to the District Meeting. Garrett S stood for the position unopposed and has filled the position. Updated the group regarding the Vol-Corr training which is still being scheduled for next month. He has a list of those interested and we need women volunteers as well.

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

Grapevine: Mathea - Grapevine is now in the black financially. The Grapevine App is selling. They/ we expect the App to outsell the in-print magazine Grapevine income. The daily Grapevine message on the App is a blessing and it is free.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI (Public Information): *position vacant*

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: *position open* Temporary Webmaster - Charlie S. No report.

9. Old Business:

- Finance sub-committee re 2024 Budget – see Treasurer's report.
- Updating District 6 Structures and Guidelines – Working on transferring the 2017 copy to digital format.
- On-going discussion: revitalize AA and service participation on our island. Need more workshops and events.
- Vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR's participation. See list of vacant positions above.
- 2024 Kaua'i Round Up is being planned for June 6-9, 2024. See Mike T, Events Chair. 808.635.6059
- **2024 Inventory Assembly** set for January 20th and 21st. Breakfast and Registration will be on Saturday, January 20th, 8-9AM
- **The 73rd General Service Final Conference Report** is available at: <https://www.aa.org/2023-general-service-conference-final-report>

- **“Reflection on our First Year of Panel 73”** - Deadline for your submission is December 15th. Email your report to: Secretary@area17aa.org and/or Mynahbird@area17aa.org
- PRAASA 2024 will be held March 1-3, 2024, San Francisco, CA. Visit www.PRAASA.org GSR's are encouraged/*expected* to attend.
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly** will be hosted by District #2, Honolulu, O`ahu. April 6 & 7, 2024

10. **New Business:**

- Discuss having a Facebook group on social media
- Sunrise Sobriety is hosting the Christmas and New Years Eve Alkathons from 6 pm to 6 am. Xmas will be held at the Koloa Salvation Army and New Years Eve will be at Po`ipu Beach Park at the western pavilion.

11. **GSR/District concerns:**

12. **Announcements/What to take back**

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- **2024 Inventory Assembly** set for January 20th and 21st. Breakfast and Registration will be on Saturday, January 20th, 8-9AM. **Reminder** from the DCM: The Area Inventory questions and instructions were distributed last month and are also available on the Area 17 website. Those attending need to complete pages 1 and 2 BEFORE the Assembly.
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- **REMINDER** from Area 17 regarding Assembly Attendees: **All attendees Must register online at area177aa.org as well as send in the paper registration.** If you register before booking your flights, you must re-register to enter your flight information. Please be aware of homestay deadlines.

13. Meeting Adjourned:

A member entertained a **Motion** to close the meeting; seconded by another member. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 1120h.

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 January 27, 2024 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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Hawai`i Area 17
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