

Kauai Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order by Ann W., the Intergroup Chair, at 9:40 am with the Serenity Prayer. There were ten people in attendance in person, and no people in attendance on Zoom, as follows:

In Person:

Ann W., Mathea, John, Chris, Benita A., Jim D., Mike, Jeanne L., Shoshanah B., Kathryn B.

ZOOM: 0

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ann W. reviewed minutes from June, 2024; one correction verbalized by Jim D. i.e. it is not clear if PRAASA will be held in hybrid format. Motion, with correction, made by Mathea, seconded by Jeannie to accept the minutes from June, 2024; passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ann W. provided the Treasurer's report for Tom R. for the month of July 2024, as follows:

Income	\$379.50
Expenses	\$1,206.18
Balance	\$6,062.27
Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00
Operating Balance	\$4762.27

Ann reviewed the Treasury Report. A motion to accept the Treasury Report was made by Mathea, seconded by Benita, and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES:

Events:

Mike reported that the Round-Up was a success! 40-50 people attended; the first Round-Up Committee meeting will be held next weekend after Hui Ohana.

Hui Ohana had a Friday evening potluck and meeting starting at 5:30 pm. 40 people attended at the most recent meeting. This is the third week they have had this event and will be adding it to the regular meeting schedule on Kauai.

The Men's Retreat will be held in October; no other details available.

A Bowling Night is being considered.

District:

Our Delegate, Tommy G., is coming to Kauai on July 20, 2024, for the Delegate Report Back Event to be held at Hanamaulu Beach Park at the Pavilion, from 10am – 2pm. There will be no District Meeting that day. Anastasia will Chair this Event.

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The elections for the next panel are coming up soon. There are lots of opportunities for service. There are four elected positions in District including: DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer and Secretary.

GIS: no report

Hotline: no report

Literature: Benita reported that she brought Newcomer Packets with her for groups. We have sold quite a bit of literature in the past few months. It is time for another literature order that Benita will proceed with by the end of the month. There is a new price list for pamphlets. Benita has been unable to access the "literature email address" and she will notify Carolyn.

Schedules: Nothing to report.

Website: Carolyn will be taking over the Webmaster position for Charlie S. No report today.

IGR REPORTS:

Hui Ohana: Jeanne L. reported that the Hui Ohana Annual Potluck will be held on 8/9/24, Marvin will chair the event. Hui Ohana has added another meeting to their weekly schedule. The meeting will be on Friday evenings; potluck from 5:30 – 6:30 pm and then a meeting from 6:30 -7:30 pm with speaker/discussion format. Carolyn and Tom R. need to be notified.

Sunrise Sobriety: Kathryn reported that the group had a 4th of July event on the topic of sponsorship with 8 speakers; approximately 40 people attended.

Whiskey and Milk Stick Meeting: no report

Na Wahine Ku Pono: no report

Waimea Canyon: Shoshanah B. reported for the West Side, Waimea Canyon Group Meetings. They meet at 5:30pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Waimea Plantation Cottages at Salt Pond Beach Park. The last Friday of the month is a Potluck and Birthday celebration. The Potluck is always well attended. Shoshanah also reported that the Waimea Canyon group will be sponsoring a Labor Day Potluck at Salt Pond at the Main Pavilion from 10 am – 4 pm.

Kapaa Nooners: John reported that the group meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. the Monday format "12 and 12"; Wednesday format "Daily Reflections"; Friday format "Experience, Strength and Hope alternating with "As Bill Sees It" 8-15 people attend on a regular basis.

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Happy Hour: Jim D. reported that he recently had Covid however other members stepped up and the meetings continued. The group is considering adding a third meeting each week, perhaps a Grapevine meeting. They are not sure how they will incorporate the digital Grapevine. They are also thinking about have a Golf Tournament At present Wednesday format is “Big Book” and Thursday format is “12&12”.

Koloa Aloha: Mathea reported that the group meets via ZOOM on Friday, 8 am, with approximately 16 people attending and Sunday, LIVE at Poipu Beach, 8:15 am. Attendance at the LIVE meeting has been 15-20 on a regular basis. The meeting has grown over past few months. Some members attend both meetings. Jenn D. has stepped up to be the alternate GSR for the group and will attend the Budget and Election Assembly.

Benita asked about the Salvation Army meetings and Mathea responded to the question. There are 6 meetings; three are the AA meetings that were held in Koloa Union Church with group numbers. The Thursday meeting is a Family Recovery group, not an AA meeting. The Thursday meeting needs to be removed from the meeting list on the Website. Shoshannah will contact Carolyn regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Proposal to combine Intergroup with District

Ann: what the next steps should be; Benita reports that her understanding is that Intergroup votes “yes or no” and then we go back to District.

A lengthy discussion followed:

Mathea: Intergroup has done quite well; we have 5 Intergroups in Area 17. They depend on us to report how we are doing. Our responsibilities include: phone service; schedules both on-line and print; newsletter and our relationship with the Mynah Bird. Intergroup has a vote in the Area; our representative presents a written report to the Area. District does not have all their positions filled; Intergroup is local service on Kauai while District is service that relates to AA as a whole.

If we combine, Kauai will lose a vote.

Kathryn: Intergroup is like the House of Representative, while District is like the Senate. She says she learned a lot when she participated in Intergroup and attended meetings at the Area level.

Jim D. :the issue is how we organize the work we do. Someone has to do the stuff, i.e. pay the bills, answer the phone, etc. If you look at the structure of our groups, the pamphlet has a diagram of what the groups should look like, 5th Tradition. How do we change so we can do this more efficiently. Jim suggested that we “scale it down and spiff it up”. Jim says he has been doing service for a long time and he’s done. There are lots of relationships that we have had in the past and don’t have now, e.g. corrections, same is true with outpatient programs, elder community is no longer serviced. How do we fix that? We need to focus on

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our primary purpose. We spend too much time on redundancies and need to focus on the work that needs to be done.

John: he is a "baby boomer". The problem is getting volunteers to be of service. "Two weeks at the meeting I got to be secretary for about a year and then I became an IGR" "Young people today don't give a s...t. They help out by putting away chairs and that's it. Young=under 50. They don't stand up. No one wants to do anything that requires work; no drafts, no compulsory."

Kathryn: We are not educating people as they come into the group. It can be changed. They see us as just changing chairs on the Titanic.

Jim: We have the people; the work is not getting done. Our focus has not been on the work. Our primary purpose is to help the still suffering alcoholic. We put our comfort first. Let's be kind, tolerant, love. We are not good at putting up with the drunk. We don't demonstrate that love and tolerance outside these rooms. Selfishness and self-centeredness is the root of our problems. Carrying the message is our job.

Mike: The events that we have bring people out. We need to let them know that we can't sustain this without your help.

Ann: Still no sure that I have a strong opinion one way or another about combining Intergroup with District. Do feel strongly about carrying the message. I come from the AA generation, when someone who had been there longer than me tell would tell me to do something (the ABC's of AA) I did it. No one gave me a choice about making coffee. I was suggested that I be of service beyond the group. I had thought it all happened by magic, knew nothing about the AA structure. Central Service was the place where we got books and medallions. I didn't know it was Intergroup.

When I came to Kauai, Mathea said I have a job for you. It would have been disrespectful and impolite to refuse. I became a GSR. She said to go to District and Intergroup and I would learn about the AA structure. When I went to these meetings, there were more than 10 people like there are today. I do not think that 10 people should be making this decision for the groups without input. Finally, timing is another issue. We are at the end of the panel and will soon be starting a new panel.

Jeannie: She says she was at fault for not putting it out there at each meeting and telling them about this proposal. It's fun getting into service. I need to bring the group pamphlet to the meetings; we need new people.

Benita: we need to go back to our groups and educate your group

Mike: The education part is very important. Never heard about service sponsors until the July 4th workshop on sponsorship. I was "voluntold" to be the Events Chair.

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Shoshannah: Agree with Ann, i.e. discuss at group conscience meetings and perhaps have a Town Hall meeting after the word gets out to the groups.

Ann: when I first got here I did not know the difference between Intergroup and District or service work beyond the group. The differentiation is clearer in the new Service Manual. Ann will email the differentiation chart that she constructed to any interested persons. We can all a group conscience meeting to discuss with your homed group. Announce at a meeting under AA announcements; keep it to 3 minutes. Put it in the GIS newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: none

DISCUSSION ITEM(S): none

CLOSING:

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mathea, seconded by John and passed by the group. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge at 11:32 AM.

The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wallace
Intergroup Chair

Addendum

Check <https://kauaiaa.org> at Announcements for further details