

**DRAFT Minutes for Alcoholic Anonymous
Area 17 | District 6
January 17, 2026**

1. Call to order: Declaration of Unity: This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.

Bob called to order at 9:31, opening with the serenity prayer and declaration of unity.

Attendance and Quorum

Introductions followed by attendance/quorum.

Attendance/roll call: 16 present

In-person: Jay Y, CEC; Kopa A., GSR; Kathryn B., IG chair; Mathea A., Archives; Bob, DCM; Anne A., GIS Editor; Carolyn V., Website Chair; Giorgio, PI; Devin D., GSR; JoRina, Treasurer; Christina M., GSR; Heather K., GSR; Pearl A., GSR; Jim, member; Scott S., Secretary.

Virtual: Dave M., GSR

14 voting members present

8 Majority votes required for passage

10 Votes required for substantial

Tradition One:

Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person? Am I sometimes divisive? Do I ever gossip or take another member's inventory?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I foster arguments with statements such as "just for the sake of discussion"?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I sometimes abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I ever put down some AA activities for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support AA as a whole in every way I can, or just the parts that I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?

Read by: Kopa

Comments: Kopa, Giorgio, Kathryn B., Bob, Jim, Jay, Pearl

Concept I:

Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

- Does our group have a general service representative (GSR)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

Read by: Devin

Comments: Kathryn, Mathea, Jay

2. Secretary Report: Scott S.

- Need Pearl's email for email list
- Vote for December Minutes

Motion: Mathea

Second: Kathryn

Passes unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report: JoRina.

- Introduces QR Code to accept 7th tradition. Anne mentions she is happy to get in the next newsletter, would need the QR code information very soon, otherwise will not be able to be included until the March newsletter. Carolyn discusses support and mentions groups using QR codes. Bob reiterates that his group uses QR code and is successful.
- Scott asks if we need to make a motion and vote.
 - Mathea discusses the methods of collecting money as a Treasurer decision, not needing a motion or vote.
 - JoRina will set up and accept and collect funds via QR code, in addition to other methods currently in place.
- Vote to approve Treasurer's report

Motion: Carolyn

Second: Bob

Passes unanimously

District 6 Treasurer's Report

Group Contributions														
	Dec-24	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	3,952.62													
Northshore Aloha #123155		35.00		70.00			95.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	35.00	30.00	390.00
Na Wahine Kupono		99.98											90.00	189.98
Amarosa Degracia				1,000.00										1,000.00
Hui Ohana							1,250.00					1,250.00		2,500.00
Poipu Beach Sunrise				185.00			104.00		216.80					505.80
Anahola Byswalkers				105.00										105.00
Haggy Hour Kauai				95.00									120.00	215.00
Kioloa Aloha Group				60.00				60.00			100.00			220.00
Primary Purpose								56.00						56.00
Kauai Intergroup (Website/Zoom)								515.45				81.14		596.59
Kapaa Nooners								61.00				61.00		122.00
Hui Lokahi Men's Stag										250.00				250.00
3rd Tradition Group										39.00				39.00
BB Nooners													10.00	10.00
Princeville/Hanalei Group										300.00				300.00
Group Contributions Total		134.98	-	1,515.00	-	-	1,449.00	661.45	307.80	629.00	125.00	1,427.14	250.00	6,499.37

District 6 Expenses																	
Expense	2025	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Actual	Difference	Chair	2026
PO Box	250.00	222.00												222.00	28.00		250.00
Office Expense	300.00		9.94				208.35						51.00	218.29	81.71		300.00
Rent	300.00						150.00							150.00	150.00		300.00
DCM Travel & Registration	1,200.00			500.47			698.47		262.06					1,461.00	(261.00)	Bob	1,200.00
Air DCM Travel & Registration	500.00													-	500.00		500.00
PRAASA Travel	1,000.00					1,000.00								1,000.00	-	Bob	1,000.00
Treatment/Accessibility	5.00													-	5.00		5.00
Corrections	250.00					239.45		131.50						370.95	(120.95)	Bill G	250.00
Public Information (PI)	200.00											200.00		200.00	-	Giorgio	500.00
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	5.00													-	5.00	Vacant	5.00
Grapvine	5.00													-	5.00	Vacant	5.00
Miyah Bird News Letter	5.00													-	5.00	Vacant	5.00
GSR Travel	500.00									96.28				96.28	403.72		500.00
Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC)	200.00								90.50			35.59		126.09	73.91	Jay	200.00
GS Board	1,000.00													-			
Archives	200.00													-	200.00	Mathea	200.00
Workshops	200.00													-	200.00		200.00
Website (GoDaddy)	500.00						1,114.91							1,114.91	(614.91)	Carolyn	165.00
Meeting App (Hostgator)	300.00						541.81	(646.95)						(105.14)	205.14	Carolyn	200.00
Zoom	120.00				100.46			63.00					162.27	325.73	(124.59)	Carolyn	175.00
Delegates Expenses	100.00													-	100.00		100.00
Expense Total	6,940.00	272.00	9.94	500.47	100.46	1,937.92	2,015.07	63.00	352.56	96.28	-	997.86	51.00	5,180.11	841.03		6,060.00
Prudent Reserve	1,700.00																
Operating Balance		2,665.60	2,655.66	3,670.19	3,569.73	1,631.81	1,065.74	1,664.19	1,619.43	2,248.43	2,277.15	3,306.43	3,505.43				
Bank Balance		3,865.60	3,855.66	4,870.19	4,769.73	2,831.81	2,265.74	2,864.19	2,819.43	3,352.15	3,477.15	4,506.43	4,705.43				
Profit or Loss														1,315.26			

4. Alt DCM Report: Vacant

5. Intergroup Report: Kathryn B.

Intergroup Report for January 2026

Aloha Kauai AA community,

My name is Kathryn B, and I am privileged and honored to serve as your Intergroup Chairperson for the 2025-26.

Our January 3rd Intergroup meeting was held as highbred with 2 members on lime. We are happy to start off 2026 with good attendance.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held on February 7 th . We will talk about creating workshops and opportunities for expanding group participation in learning about our service structures.

Our regularly scheduled meeting is the first Saturday of the month at the Lutheran Church on German hill at 9:30 am. All groups are encouraged to have an Intergroup Representative and have them attend our monthly meetings.

We make decisions and vote on issues that are important to all our Kauai groups locally. This is the platform to announce upcoming events, ask for support from other local groups represented, and to exchange ideas.

The first addition of the Garden Island Sobriety newsletter under our new editor was printed and distributed last week and will be available for distribution at each Intergroup meeting going forward. Mahalo Anne A. for stepping up for service in this important position. Mahalo again to Linda B. for her dedicated years of service.

I will be traveling to the Area Assembly in Maui on January 24 th and 25 th to participate, have a vote for District 6, and meet with other Intergroup Chairpersons throughout Hawaii.

Please check out Kauaiaa.org for details and to post your flyers on our events calendar.

Your trusted servant,

Kathryn B. (phone number redacted)

Verbal report: IG is looking for an alternate, preferably someone more technologically savvy.

6. DCM Report: Bob F.

Inventory Assembly, last weekend in January on Maui. The district has a budget for travel, put in request if assistance is needed. Inventory: discusses who is taking inventory in regards to our first assembly, and that groups should be taking inventory. Talks about his group and how they fund members to go to PRAASA.

7. GSR Reports:

- **Anahola Jaywalkers:** Christina

1. Group Information

Group Name:	Anahola Jaywalkers
Meeting Location(s):	3900 Kawelo St
GSR Name/contact:	Christina M. cjmccgonagle@gmail.com 781.258.1350

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month:	New secretary as of January 2026	*update, new key person
Service Opportunities:	None at this time	
How may District support group:	None at this time	
Group conscious District issues:	None at this time	
Announcements:	Group has ample attendance and support	

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Contribution:

District:	\$ 105	Area:	\$ N/A	*update- \$45
Intergroup:	\$ N/A *update- \$120	GSO:	\$ N/A	*update- \$30

- **Big Book Nooners (Koloa):** Jennifer D.

Big Book Nooners is doing well, averaging 10-15 attendees.

We had 24 people at our Christmas Party and 10 people at our New Year's intentional meditation.

Mathea: meeting is in neighborhood center in Koloa. Meeting runs well with enough big books.

The structure as to set business meetings is still being worked out.

- **Happy Hour:** Jim reports: Continuing to struggle along, the group is quite small. Group experiences from disruptions from nearby local homeless population. Occasional visitors attend from local hotels and the ships. Group is having great impact with new members despite challenges.
- **Hui `Ohana/ Hui Ohana Virtual:** Kopa. The group is doing really well, online and in person attendance is strong. Some distractions are being worked through in a methodological order. Mathea: virtual is 7 days a week, monday being speaker. People from all over the world attend.
- **Kapa'a nooners:** Heather

1. Group Information

Group Name: Kapaa Nooners
Meeting Location(s): First Hawaiian Church kapaa
GSR Name/contact: Heather K

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: None
Service Opportunities: Alternate Intergroup Rep
How may District support group: If anyone can share information about the process of how to set up a bank account for our group with two cosigners.
Group conscious District issues: Last Business Meeting discussed Inventory Questions for upcoming Assembly. GSR will not attend PRAASA this year due to conflict with personal travel. GSR will attend January inventory assembly in Maui. Looking forward New Business items on the agenda for next business meeting are to continue to discuss Distribution of Funds, getting a bank account & PRAASA 2027 planning
Announcements: None

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Contribution:

District: \$40 Area: \$40
Intergroup: \$40 GSO: \$40

Notes on Finances: \$104 was paid last month to reimburse the GSR for half of airfare for January assembly. Checks for contributions are sent out on a quarterly.

- **Koloa Aloha:** Devin

Meets 2x a week. Avg 15 ppl both online and in person. Decided to send member every other year to PRAASA, will be sending someone this year. Working on inventory questions. Devin will not be attending PRAASA.

- **Princeville-Hanalei:** Dave M.

Business meeting is 1/17 (tonight). Went to GSR orientation. Had some minor issues during treasurer transition that the group has worked through.

1. Group Information

Group Name: Princeton/Hanalei Group
Meeting Location(s): Princeton/Hanalei
GSR Name/contact: David McEntee (808) 635-0338

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: New GSR
Group: P/H Group
Service Opportunities: Coming up for rotation
How may District support group: _____
Group conscious District issues: _____
Announcements: _____

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Group's Prudent Reserve \$ 1000

Contribution: Sept
District: \$ 300 Area: \$ _____
Intergroup: \$ 700 GSO: \$ _____

Notes on Finances: Bank Balance \$3894.82

- **Round-up:** Kathryn

Issues with getting commitment from the venue for the next round-up, and is starting to look at alternates. Sitting with reality that round-up may not work out this year.

Jim: If we cannot do a round-up, lets make it a founders day celebration day event so we can have at least something around founders day.

- **Poipu beach sunrise sobriety:** Benita, Kathryn reporting. Benita has a large literature order on its way within the next week or two. As many as 50 people attend because of tourists. Financials are strong. No service positions open. Have several members going to assembly and PRAASA. Have not done distributions as of yet.
- **Sunday Serenity:** Pearl

Sunday Serenity Group

Aloha!

My name is Pearl, and it is an honor and privilege to serve as the General Service Representative for the Sunday Serenity Group.



Our AA Meeting is an Open, Speaker & Discussion meeting that usually begins with our beloved daily reader, Daily Reflections. Our speaker is commonly a guest or tourist who graciously accepted the invitation to share for 10 – 15 minutes. Our AA meetings are held each Sunday starting 11-ish at Kapa'a

Neighborhood Center, while Al-Anon and Alateen meetings are happening right down the hall.



Alanon Holiday Event December 2025

Last month, our friends and family in the AlAnon and Alateen meeting invited us to join their Holiday Potluck. It was well attended with plenty of food. We signed a thank you card with sentiments of appreciation for the fun and we all hope to do another fellowship event together soon.

GSR Workshop Facilitated by Alt Delegate, Sean & Q&A with Madame Chair, Deborah

This month, I attended a new GSR Training over Zoom lead by Alt. Delegate Sean and Madam Chair Debora offered support during the Q&A. It was very informative. I am much more familiar with all the updated resources and upgrades the area 17 website. We began with reading about our role from our AAWS Handbook getting in-depth info about the roles and responsibilities of a GSR. After the tour of the area 17 website, we ended with a Q&A session. Sean is always upbeat, organized and has a great sense of humor so the time flew by.

Archives Committee Spotlight

This month, I reached out to AA National Archives requesting any information they have about Sunday Serenity Group. The request was answered within a few weeks. The first meeting of our home group was on October 26, 1983. The letter noted that many groups meet for an unknown amount of time before registering with GSO.

In fulfillment of my Area 17 responsibilities, I attended the Archives Committee Meeting January's 2nd Saturday. I learned all about the upcoming. Mike provided a flier to share digitally. KUPUNA DAY January 15, 2026 at 1PM. It was a collaboration between the Elder & Archives Committee's, three speakers in O'ahu over ZOOM.

KUPUNA DAY

Zoom: 988 6959 1375

Passcode: Kupuna

Technology Tidbits

Email: SundaySerenityGroup@iCloud.com

We have established a WhatsApp account to post events and topics for info flow with members and the greater AA community, especially Area 17 Delegate Deborah.



Matters of Business

We are making slow and steady progress with essential topics such as who wants to join as a voting member, future electing of service positions, organizing when the business meetings are, conducting group inventories, and who is going to meet for fellowship lunch after the meeting at Kountry Kitchen. Each item strengthens the foundation of our fellowship and ensures we serve our mission well.

Available Positions:

- Desperately Seeking Treasurer
- Other opportunities available too.

Celebrations for All

Birthdays and milestones for the month of December were joyfully celebrated at each meeting with chips and cards for Birthdays of regular attendees. As tradition holds, we closed with the Serenity Prayer:

“God, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.”

For any follow-up or additional details related to today’s discussion, please feel free to connect with me after the meeting. It is truly a joy and an honor to be of service.

- **Waimea Canyon Group:** No report.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- **Archives:** Mathea A.

How are Kauai and Pacific Region Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) Related?

We Have a Vote!

Kauai is one of the 14 Districts of our Area 17 which is all of Hawaii. We are D-6. Hawaii is one of the 9 states in the Pacific AA Region (there are 8 regions). In the 9 Pacific states there are 15 Areas because big, populated states have more than one Area. There is ONE Delegate from each Area each of which is part of the 93 Delegates that go to the annual General Service Conference in NY. Each has a vote.

A Member of AA speaks to the GSR who speaks to the DCM who speaks to the Delegate who speaks to the General Service Conference to support, to change AA.

We Have a Vote!

- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** Jay Y

Has reached out to a local center and is working to set up time to go in there.

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):**
- **Corrections:** Bill G

Happy New Year and hope everyone is doing well. Thank you for letting me be in service last year and this year. Can't wait to see what's in store for AA in 2026. I am looking forward to possibly attending PRASSA in February to see about new ways to carry the message to the incarcerated at KCCC. I'm hoping the tablets will be allowed this year so not only literature will be on the tablets but meeting also. There are other programs I hope to explore for newcomers in jail and those being released. I also plan to reconnect with other Correction chairs from surrounding islands for ideas. December was slow attendance due to the holidays. There were a few attendees but lack of people showing up had us turned away. Were still short on volunteers on the female/male side but plan on getting people trained on the next certification. I will be putting together a list of those interested. Our packets and literature are still ok. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions or questions about AA in corrections you can contact me through email (redacted email).

- **Grapevine:** Vacant
- **Mynah Bird:** Vacant
- **Public Information:** Giorgio

Placed order for new literature. Were issues with outdated lit. Speaking with Lihue library manager who has offered the facility for us to be able to share the message with the community. Can have meetings there if need be, print things for us, they are willing to help support our organization. Has racks to be able to put out literature, if anyone knows where we can set up a rack, please reach out.

- **Treatment Settings / Special Needs:**
- **Website Committee:** Carolyn V

The website committee has been doing an excellent job and is considered a success. The website committee does NOT make flyers for events, so if you have an event please come to the committee with your flyer. Please provide a PDF if at all possible. Expresses appreciation to those who contact the website committee.

9. Old Business:

- Proposal to change Mynah Bird Standing Committee to Garden Island Sobriety Standing Committee

- JoRina: Mynah bird is an area newsletter. Proposes that GIS has a seat at the table, by way of being added to district S&G, and being an official committee within the district. Bob: GIS is also solely funded by IG. Asks would GIS be represented at IG and at District. JoRina argues that District needs to contribute. Bob asks for a motion.

Motion: Mathea: remove “Mynah Bird”, remove from Page 8, article 7; and replace with GIS

Second: JoRina

Vote: 13 in favor, one Dissent

Dissent: Devin. Argues that we may benefit from having the position encompass both GIS and Mynah. Anne agrees—it is important to work with Area. Kathryn agrees, and suggests making it “newsletter chair”. Not to eliminate Mynah bird.

Jim: District 6 is unique in that we are the only district with a newsletter. Suggests that we get this going and that we revisit before the next panel to possibly make changes if needed.

Mathea: when a person is a chair, it is up to them to write their own S&G, and Anne could decide how she is going to run this.

Bob: Who would like to change vote? No. Vote **STANDS** and we will follow through with motion as stated.

- Heather: District financially supporting GSR to attend PRAASA.
 - Discuss for the next meeting.

10. New Business:

- None

11. GSR/District concerns:

- None

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- PRAASA 2026 is in Hawaii. Contact Kunane to volunteer.
- **Area January Inventory Assembly:** January 24 & 25. Hosted by District 13. Lahaina Civic Center. 1840 Honoapiilani Hwy., Lahaina, HI 96761.
- **HICYPAA 2026 Planning Meeting:** January 26, 2026. Hui O'hana Benches 5-6pm
- **Kaua'i Intergroup Meeting:** February 7, 2026. Lihue Lutheran Church. 4602 Hoomana Road, Lihue. 9:30-11:30am,
- **SUPERBOWL POTLUCK:** February 8, 2026. Lihue Neighborhood Center 3353 Eono St., Lihue, HI, United States Superbowl Flyer 8am - 10am Setup 10am Meeting Noon Lunch 1pm Pregame 1:30pm Kickoff 5-6pm Cleanup
- **PRAASA:** Feb 27-March 1, 2026. Hilton Hawaiian Village - Waikiki. 2005 Kalia Rd, Honolulu, HI.
- **Inform the Delegate:** April 11-12, 2026. District 5 Maui. No Ka Oi
- **Women's Retreat:** April 24-26, 2026. Kokee. More details to come.
- **Women's Retreat:** September 11-14. More info to come.
- **HICYPAA 26 on Kauai:** More info to come, flyer available on District website. \$60 per person.
- Visit our Area 17's website (area17aa.org) and our District 6 website (<https://kauaiaa.org/>) for the most up to date list of announcements/events.

13. Meeting Adjourned: Motion needed

Motion to Close: Pearl

Second: Katheryn

Passes unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30-ish with a recitation of the responsibility pledge.

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Our next District Meeting will be held on February 21, 2026 at 9:30 am at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766

