Draft Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2024

Lihu`e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Anastasia, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM with the Declaration of Unity

1. Attendance: Anastasia DCM; Jim D, Alt DCM; Bob F, Treasurer/GSR Sunrise Sobriety; Shoshanah B, Secretary; Mathea A, Grapevine Chair; Doug H, GSR Hui `Ohana / PI Chair; Amy B – GSR, Na Wahine Ku Pono; Jorina – member; Anna M – member; Ann W, Intergroup Chair; Garrett S – Corrections Chair; Bill G –member; Annie C – GSR Saturday Sober Sisters; Kathryn F – GSR Anahola Jaywalkers; Benita A, Literature Chair; Jeannie L – member.

Hybrid: not available

Total Attendance: 16 members;

Voting Members present: 10 voting members.

\*Any new items to add to the Agenda? District Elections: Treasurer; DCM; Alternate DCM; Secretary

**2. New Business:**

**District Elections**: Third Legacy

DCM read job descriptions from District 6 Structure and Guidelines and/or AA Service Manual before each Position. All Eligible stood for each position (all present) initially. Those willing remained standing for each position.

**Treasurer:** Kathryn F remained standing. **Vote taken:** unanimous

**District Recording Secretary**: no one remained standing

**DCM:** Bob F remained standing **Vote taken:** unanimous

**Alternate DCM:** Jeannie L remained standing. **Vote taken:** unanimous

1. Reading of **Tradition Nine** and checklist questions by Garrett S

**Tradition Nine:** AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?

2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?

3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?

4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?

5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?

6. Why doesn’t every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?

7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?

8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

Discussion followed:

Bob F. loves Tradition Nine and the spirit of rotation. You learn a new position and someone else gets to experience yours.

Anna M – we are but trusted servants. We are not dictators.

Annie C – I like the rotation of service and anonymity. Service is for grownups and a lot of fun. There is a lot of satisfaction.

Kathryn F – voiced concerns about being able to do the Treasury stating that she is not a grown up.

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

**Concept IX:** Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

• Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?

• Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them”?

• Do I set a positive leadership example?

Discussion followed:

Mathea – Yes, we send Doug H out to go to every meeting on the island. His love for AA service is excellent.

Anastasia just did whatever the Big Book told her to do. She said that Anna was right when she said that whoever goes to the bathroom is the next DCM. Do I set a good example? Yes, unless I drink too much coffee.

3. **Secretary's Reports:**  Shoshanah B, secretary. The Draft of the August 17, 2024 District 6 minutes were distributed via email to the mail distribution list. Printed copies were available at the meeting. The minutes were reviewed.

 Bob F entertained the **Motion** to accept the August 2024 minutes as presented**;** seconded by Ann W .

**Vote taken:** All were in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F-

**District Treasurer’s Report for** SEPTEMBER 21, 2024: Bob presented the spreadsheet and distributed copies to the members present.

Our beginning checking account balance on August 2st was $4,028.22

Our 7th tradition contributions from the Groups was $346.00..

 We had only 1 expense of $53.86 to Anastasia for patries she purchased for our Delegate Report-back meeting in Hanama`ulu.

Our ending balance is .$4,120.36 which includes our prudent reserve of $1,200.

We do have some assembly registration and travel expenses in September which have been paid for. I did consult with Sean C, the Area Treasurer, regarding Delegate Travel Expenses for the Report Back from this year and last year. Our by-laws state that District shares the Delegate travel Expense with Area for the meeting. Sean corrected me and said that Area has budgeted the entire expense and any cost sharing would be considered a 7th Tradition Contribution. The last invoice we received from Area was during Panel 72 which District paid the entire amount, not our shared portion.

I have not been able to find a successor to the District Treasurer for the next Panel and I am not standing for that Service Position.

Bob F

Bob F added that he is super stoked that Kathryn F has stepped to be Treasurer for Panel 75.

Discussion:

Annie asked if we need to make a Motion to send about the Delegates’ travel. Mathea said no. Bob said that we could add a line item and we have the money to cover it.

Mathea suggests we put off the consideration to the next Panel. District and Area Treasures will communicate about the funding for the Delegates Report Back travel expenses to Kaua`i.

Mathea entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented/corrected and was seconded by Jim D.

**Vote** taken: 10 members accepted. All were in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D. I apologize for not having a written report. I haven’t done too much lately. DCM and I conversed and one of the issues we have is that there are different systems used to register groups. There are different numbers for many of the groups. Now we have confusion on what number goes on your check. Your group number is important when we send contributions to GSO. The question is “what number do we use”, and Sean, our current registrar, has given me the full list. See me and I will give you the numbers that I have and hope that works. Happy Hour number has changed and we are using a new number now.

Doug asked, what are the concepts of each of those numbers? Jim replied: We used different systems for registering groups. Recently we use Fellowship Connect. Before we used two other systems.

Mathea says the number for the group is likened to their “social security number”. Mathea is trying to find out what is Sunrise Sobriety’s number as she is writing up a group history and has contacted GSO for clarification. She suggests that the Alt DCM can continue to help sort this out next panel.

Bob F brought up Kauai Roundup contribution back to District today. They had to get issued a group number so they were not making an outside contribution. They meet once a month and they are now a group with a group number.

5. **Intergroup Report:** Ann W: met last on September 14th due to Budget Assembly on the 7th. Ten (10) people were in attendance. Events were discussed: Roundup committee announced the 2025 Kauai Roundup will be held at Kumu Camp in Anahola June 5-8, 2025. The Thankathon will be on November 28th. Mike will provide them with a check for our reservation at the Stone Church. We are looking for a Chairperson for the Thankathon. Thanks to Bob and a few people along the way, we have good instructions on how to run the Thankathon. Last year we fed about 100 people and it included both AA and Alanon speakers. A notice will be in the GIS Newsletter next month. Plain Language Big Book will be available on November 1st. Please buy it from AA. Elections will be December 7th at our regular 9:30am Intergroup meeting.

6. **DCM Report:** Anastasia A - Thank you everyone for helping us fill 3 out the 4 positions. I attended the Budget assembly. The Budget passed so easily. It took only 20 minutes to pass the budget. I sit on the finance committee. Once a year we do a budget report and I report for Kaua`i. We talked about “having too much money”. Our previous Delegate was on the committee (Bob H), and we decided to see if Moloka`i would like to have a Delegate Report Back. We had representatives from Moloka`i and Lana`i. Tommy will go over to both islands to give the report back. Sean gave me the list of our Home Groups and we need to have the primary contacts listed (not necessarily a GSR). Please see me briefly after the meeting. Jim D will be attending the next assembly/committee meeting in my place and will be grabbing me the Annual Conference Report. It is great to see so many people at this meeting. Coffee and donuts/food does work! Plan: secretary to provide coffee, water, and donuts for which the treasurer will reimburse.

7. **GSR Reports:**

● Anahola Jaywalkers – Kathryn F, nothing to report.

● Happy Hour – Jim D reporting: meets Weds and Thurs at 5pm at Kalapaki Beach Park. The meetings are always exciting and very small with about 2-5 people. Currently, we are reading the Big Book on Wednesdays and the 12 x 12 on Thursdays. Will add on other days if more people want to attend/have one.

* Hui `Ohana/Hui `Ohana Virtual – Doug H GSR: We are healthy. Attendance is great – 20-25, including 2-3 off-island visitors. We have 15 meetings/week.

● Koloa Aloha – Laurel B, GSR: not present. Mathea A reporting - Ann W is the treasurer. We have 2 mtgs a week: Friday on line, mostly women; and Sunday, in-person at Po`ipu Beach, well attended

**●** Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR. Well attended. We have had lots of zoom bombers.

● Saturday Sober Sisters – Annie C, GSR: small group but holding fast. We have14 members on the phone list and 6 members attending the meeting regularly. Mahalo to District for the financial flight assistance so I could attend the Budget Assembly.

● Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR:

- we have our group conscience meeting on the second Saturday of each month. We usually have between 6-12 members in attendance for the meeting. Meetings are not as volatile.

- we will be sending 2 representatives to the Hawaii Convention in October, reimbursing their airfare and registration expenses,

- we’ve increased our prudent reserve to $1500 to start planning for the 2025 PRAASA in Anchorage and in Hawaii in 2026. We are planning to send 2 members. Our motives for active participation is the promotion of Unity. Someone sent money to the wrong Venmo account.

- we have allocated $180 for a scholarship/registration fee for on eof our members to attend the women’s retreat in November at Camp Naue.

- we are working on revisions to our meeting format with regard to smoking, safety concerns, and time allotted for individual shares.

- we will be having elections for our Group Officers in November

● Waimea Canyon Group – Shoshanah B reported: Labor Day Gathering was a huge success thanks to all the members who helped throughout the entire day. There were about 60 people, not including the little people. The talent show was a great success.

8. **Standing Committee Reports**

**Archives**: *position vacant*

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

**Corrections:**Garrett S, Chair: Bill is here with me today and he has been taking meetings to the jail.

Bill reported: it is going well. There are three other volunteers going with me on a rotation basis. Sometimes we come up short. It is going smoothly. We have everything we need including books. We need more volunteers. I don’t deal with the females and know that there are females going in. Garrett didn’t realize that the women in the training were going in. Bill to gather more information and update Garrett/District.

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

**Grapevine**: Mathea A, Chair: I spent my budget $100 and sent GV $ for 2 subscriptions for anyone incarcerated anywhere who is requesting our Meeting in Print. I have enjoyed being GV chair.

Anna M – I committed a crime in 2019 and spent time in jail here. We had no books, no literature at our KCCC.

Bill M said that we do have books and literature at KCCC. The jails shut down due to COVID.

Ann W reminded us that, in the past, we brought in literature and we had to take the literature out with us which was the jail rules at that time. Bill asked a couple of inmates about literature and fou8nd out that there is a library and a folder when you walk in of what books were brought in/available. This list is outdated and he will ask them and try to update it. He said that he will find out and do an inventory of the literature. Before, we could bring in a book for a particular individual.

Jeannie – I went to the training. I cannot go in because my son is a “frequent flyer” at the jail. He says that he has nothing to read. He says that they can’t keep anything or read anything. There is nothing for us. We can’t go to every single meeting. Only certain sections can go at a time. Those in Pre-trial and those not sentenced yet can’t go to a meeting or read any literature.

DCM reminded us that the Warden determines what we can and cannot bring in and how we do conduct a meeting.

**Mynah Bird**: *position vacant*. Annie C, GSR is on the Area Committee. We meet during the assemblies. Kudos to Mary, out-going editor. Issures are available on our Area website <www.area17aa.org>

**PI (Public Information):** Doug H - Pls share with me information about what is happening on our island. Mahalo Jim who informed me about Kauai Recovery Day being held next Friday, Sept 27, Kauai Recovery Day at Kauai County Bldg. 2-6pm on Rice Street. DUI program/ drivers re-education program; Kauai Mental Health Advocates.

Discussion followed:

Bill M asked about meetings at the hospital.

Doug H to talk with Ann W about getting meetings in there.

Ann W stated that SMMH sends people to the virtual meetings.

Amy B reported that they do not have physical meetings going in and doesn’t know why we don’t one.

Ann W replied that they are expressing more interest. We have 9 psych beds, all at Mahelona. To get admitted, you have to do harm to yourself or others. They cannot detox there. When it comes to reimbursement for substance abuse, the money is practically non-existent. Therefore, it will be the first thing to go with any facility budget cut. If detoxing people made money, we would all be recovering.

DCM reported getting called in thru the Hotline.

Mathea - old history. 20 yrs ago there was a recovery house at Mahelona. The facility disbanded. When I was CPC, I went to the psyche unit and made no progress at all.

PI suggestions were discussed: Bus banner; ad in the newspaper, check GSO for PSA and press releases, radio slot.

Jim has a list of 38 places where we had literature. Where do people detox?

Ann W says: (1) stay at home – which is highly likely you won’t be able to; (2) ER – they may or not admit you to be detox; must be sick enough; (3) get a referral for off-island. We have no detox on island. No physicians on-island are passionate about taking care of these people; not since Dr. McKenna and his out-patient program. Jorina and Ann talked about our facility in Wailua that we can’t get up and running. We need to find someone to get behind the process and take charge. It’s a giant liability with zero pay-out. Detox doesn’t make money! Insurance is not willing to pay for detox. Before, when insurance paid for it, people could get into detox and recovery. It’s all about the money. On the mainland, police bring you in and you get sent to a 3-day and then a10-day detox and then treatment. If Dr McKenna couldn’t get it done here, no one can.

Jim D - Sobriety is a recurring problem – people get sick of seeing us. I don’t blame the insurance companies.

Ann W – from the medical surgical perspective, they do not consider us “sick”.

DCM – you must tell them you are suicidal, then they will admit you. Wilcox only has one room. If people could say “ I am not feeling safe today/ I might kill myself”, they would get in.

**Treatment Settings Special Needs:** *position vacant*

**Website:** Web Chairperson, Carolyn V – not present. No written report provided

9. **Old Business:**

● On-going vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR’s participation.

Discussion: We are coming into a new panel. Please write down that you have interest in being a standing committee chair and give it to our new DCM, Bob F.

● PRAASA 2026 - Hawai`i is hosting. Kunane D is Chair. Need hundreds of people to volunteer. Let him know. At the next assembly, he will have signup sheets available.

* PRAASA 2025 will be in Anchorage.

10. **New Business:**

**Area 17 Assembly** will be on October 19, so next meeting will be held on the second Saturday, October 12th.

11. **GSR/District concerns:** none

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

* Panel 75 District 6 Members Elected today: DCM – Bob F; Alternate DCM – Jeannie L; Treasurer – Kathryn F; Secretary – position open
* Kauai Recovery Day on Friday, Sept 27, Kauai Recovery Day at Kauai County Bldg from 2-6pm.
* October Election Assembly October 19-22, 2024 District #1, Diamond Head, O`ah**u**
* 61st Annual Hawai`i Convention, October 24-27, 2024 at Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. Registration and more information: <https://www.annualhawaiiconvention.com/>
* A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Center and BC Place Stadium. Registration is now open. You can also attend hybrid. <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>
* First OIAA Online Convention is coming up Oct 25-27. Free but registration is required <https://aa-intergroup.org/1s-iaa-online-international-convention/>
* Womens Convention San Diego, Grand Hyatt
* Women’s retreat at Camp Naue Nov 2-4th, 2024
* 2025 Kauai Roundup Event at Kumu Camp, Anahola July 5-8, 2025
* Thankathon – November 28th  at the Stone Church in Lihue

13. **Meeting Adjourned: Kathryn entertained** a **Motion** to close the meeting; seconded by Ann W. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 1150h.

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 October 12, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church on German Hill,4602 Ho`omana Rd, Lihu`e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted by

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Hawai`i Area 17

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