

**Minutes for Kauai District Committee**  
**Area 17 District 6**  
**July 19, 2025**

**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

Attendance: Bob F., DCM; Jim D., Member; JoRina H., GSR; Kathryn B., IG Chair; Jay Y, CEC Chair; Sara H., Member; Eugene G., Member ; Dylan A., Member; Benita A., GSR; Heather K., GSR; Mathea A., Archives Chair; Scott S., Secretary; Roger, Member Aloha  
Virtually: Blondie, GSR

Call to order by Bob at 9:31. Roll call taken  
9 voting members and 3 visitors.  
5 unanimity votes  
Substantial would be 7 votes

**Tradition Seven:** Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

Read by Sara, Visitor.  
Comment Jay, Benita. Kathryn, Bob

**Concept VII:** The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

1. Do we act responsibly regarding the "power of the purse"?

2. Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the GSB?

Read by Mathea

Comment Mathea, Jay, others

### **Out of Order**

Eugene introduced and discussed Alateen. Distributes pamphlets. Eugene will attend the labor day function. Alateen appropriate for ages 9-19 years old.

### **2. Secretary Report:** Scott S.

Mathea moves to approve. JoRina second. Unanimous pass.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** JoRina filling in. DCM budget and registration budget proposing to increase to \$1,500 (from \$1,200). PRAASA travel budget increased to \$1,500.

Bob says DCM incurs travel expenses for 4 assemblies and 3 committee meetings each year. Suggests \$1,500 would be sufficient, but DCM and PRAASA are separate line items and therefore too much.

Bob has now decided that we let this ride until the end of year as outlined in the new S&G's. To scrap the previous instructions to update the budget, which the treasurer has been requesting from each committee to submit proposals for since February, and has been on old business each month.

Mathea motion, benita second. unanimously passed

	Dec-24	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Total
	3,952.62								
Northshore Aloha		35.00		70.00			95.00	30.00	230.00
Na Wahine Kupono		99.98							99.98
Amarosa Degracia				1,000.00					1,000.00
Hui Ohana							1,250.00		1,250.00
Poipu Beach Sunrise				185.00			104.00		289.00
Anahola Jaywalkers				105.00					105.00
Happy Hour Kauai				95.00					95.00
Koloa Aloha Group				60.00				60.00	120.00
Primary Purpose								56.00	56.00
Kauai Intergroup (Hostgator)								515.45	515.45
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Group Contributions Total		134.98	-	1,515.00	-	-	1,449.00	661.45	3,760.43

  

Expense	Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Actual	Difference	
PO Box	250.00	222.00							222.00	28.00	
Office Expense	300.00		9.94				208.85		218.79	81.21	
Rent	300.00						150.00		150.00	150.00	
DCM Travel & Registration	1,200.00			500.47		698.47		262.06	1,461.00	(261.00)	Bob
Alt DCM Travel & Registration	500.00								-	500.00	
PRAASA Travel	1,000.00					1,000.00			1,000.00	-	Bob
Treatment/Accessibility	5.00								-	5.00	
Corrections	250.00					239.45		131.00	370.45	(120.45)	Bill G
Public Information (PI)	200.00								-	200.00	Doug H
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	5.00								-	5.00	Amy B
Grapevine	5.00								-	5.00	
Mynah Bird News letter	5.00								-	5.00	
GSR Travel	500.00								-	500.00	
Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC)	200.00								-	200.00	Jay
GS Board	1,000.00								-	1,000.00	
Archives	200.00								-	200.00	Mathea
Workshops	200.00								-	200.00	
Website (GoDaddy)	500.00						1,114.91		1,114.91	(614.91)	JoRina
Meeting App (Hostgator)	100.00						541.81	(646.45)	(104.64)	100.00	JoRina
Zoom	120.00				100.46			63.00	163.46	(43.46)	JoRina
Delegate Expenses	100.00								-	100.00	
Expense Total	6,940.00	222.00	9.94	500.47	100.46	1,937.92	2,015.57	456.06	4,700.61	2,239.39	
Prudent Reserve	1,200.00										
Operating Balance		2,665.60	2,655.66	3,670.19	3,569.73	1,631.81	1,065.24	1,270.63			
Bank Balance		3,865.60	3,855.66	4,870.19	4,769.73	2,831.81	2,265.24	2,470.63			
Profit or Loss										(940.18)	

**4. Alt DCM Report:** Vacant position

**5. Intergroup Report:** Kathryn B

Intergroup Report for August 2025

Aloha Kauai AA community

My name is Kathryn B, and I am privileged and honored to serve as your Panel 75

Intergroup Chairperson for the 2025-26.

Our June 28th Intergroup meeting was held as a highbred meeting with 4 members joining us from the Westside, Northside and Lihue on Zoom.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held on August 2nd as 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 groups locally. This is the platform to announce upcoming events and to ask for support from other local groups.

Our website, zoom, and email committee has a new co-chair in JoRina H. They are all working to cut costs and to make our communications more user friendly. Please check out the new calendar before you schedule an event, so we don't double-book event dates.

We are working to increase Unity and Participation throughout the Island Fellowship.

## **6. DCM Report:**

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### **DCM Report**

I have been preoccupied with business and family this past month and have not had the opportunity to outreach to the various groups in our District that are ill informed with new policies and events upcoming here on Kauai in AA.

With respect to that, we need to attract an Alternate DCM and now a CPC coordinator. Thank you JoRina for stepping-up to help Kathryn with our Treasurer duties.

I will be attending the Budget Assembly in Kona in August. Coordinating with Deborah, our Delegate regarding her presentation at our Labor Day Event in September.

I have participated in the planning of the Labor Day and Mens' Retreat events later this year.

The Hawaii Convention will be in Honolulu Oct.30-Nov.2. I have been asked to find 2 speakers to facilitate Discussion Meetings. If you or anyone else you know is planning to attend the event, please put them in touch with me. I do plan to attend the Convention and will probably volunteer for one of those shifts.

## **7. GSR Reports:**

- Anahola Jaywalkers - JoRina
  - New people becoming members of our group, exciting.
  - We had potlucks and cake 3 weeks in a row to celebrate new members sober birthdays.
  - We are still small but we keep the doors open and lights on.
- Happy Hour: Jim reports for the group. Discusses format and days/times of meetings. Steady flow of visitors, and a couple new members. Issue with tables at the park they are

working out.

- Hui `Ohana/ Hui Ohana Virtual: Dylan here reporting. Discusses days/times of meetings. Mathea discusses the virtual meetings, attendance thereof, and strength of meeting. Well supported meeting.
- Kapa'a nooners: Heather reporting. Discusses days/times, and format of meeting. Fair turnout. Business meetings have been productive and the group becoming more organized. IG rep, Chris, stepped down. Jill is the new IG rep. Looking for Alt IG and GSR. Attended orientation online, found helpful. Requesting information about GSR travel. Mathea says custom is that district may cover half, and hopes that group could cover half, says to expect \$250. Asks about submitting reports monthly for district meeting. Scott discusses that he is making a template and will bring to meeting next month. Jim refers to a pamphlet called "the AA group".
  - **Motion Kathryn motion to pay 50% of travel and registration. Kathryn seconded. Passes unanimously.** The district will cover 50% of travel and registration.
- Koloa Aloha: Mathea reporting for group as Alternate. Discusses meeting format, dates, times.

Devin D (GSR) - Reporting in as GSR for Koloa Aloha, which meets online Fridays at 8AM on Zoom and Sundays at 8:15AM at the Western Pavilion at Poipu Beach on the South Shore of Kauai. Our meetings are well attended, with great participation online and in person, averaging 15 attendees for the month of June. Devin was off-island during the June business meeting, but our IGR did a great job working with our newly elected Secretary to carry on with business as usual. Koloa Aloha's business meetings are now online only on the Friday after the District 6 meeting, with next meeting scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>. Mathea A. is serving as the alt. GSR for the July District meeting, which was decided in May's group conscience meeting. On a personal note: I attended the International AA meeting online, which was a first for AA, and appreciate the many ways that AA Service reaches out and lives the Responsibility Pledge. We thank everyone for their service!

- Na Wahine Ku Pono: Mathea comments we ought to delete this meeting from district agenda going forward, unless and until a new GSR is appointed.
- Princeville-Hanalei: Not present, no report.
- Round-up: Kathryn. The next roundup meeting is the 9th of August. Need a couple positions filled. Use the District/IG zoom link for access to the meeting.
- Sunrise Sobriety:
  - I was out of town for our July 12 group conscious meeting. It was run by my alternate GSR Ramon who is doing the Keala Foundation walk this weekend so I'm reporting based on the meeting minutes posted by our secretary Amy. Both Bob and Kathryn were in attendance so I ask they add anything not included here. The non-AA potluck and dance was a success. Although not a meeting, still a sober experience for members so noteworthy. There was discussion of our finances and an upcoming payment to the Grapevine as well as some discussion of a contribution to the women's retreat. Meetings are being attended well with members and visitors often exceeding 25. Bob reported on the lack of GSR's on the island and maybe can add to this. Thank you all for your service.
- Waimea Canyon Group: Blondie reporting. Attended GSR orientation. Discusses no group numbers online at hawaii state page. Friday night this week is birthday week, come out for a meeting and phenomenal sunset. Mathea discusses how to get the group number.

## 8. Standing Committee Reports

- **Archives:** Mathea A
  - The District 6 July Archives Report concerns the AA Grapevine. Each month our Garden Isle Sobriety newsletter produces a column on AA Archives with usually six items from over 400 years of alcoholism related history. In July, our GIS editor, Linda B., selected the item that the Grapevine issue for July, 1947 had the first publication of the AA Preamble, written by the editor, Tom Y. AND the very first AA Grapevine was published June, 1944 as a result of Bill W.'s efforts.
- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** Jay Y

Ordered and received CEC pamphlets for committee use.

Sent invoice to acting treasurer. Have made a couple of potential contacts to be on this committee but have no full commitments as of yet. Please GSRs announce the opportunity to represent your group as a CEC rep .Hope to be giving intro presentations to facilities and other professionals that have older trouble drinkers in their care.

Look forward to making these plans when the committee grows to more than just myself. I make announcements at my homegroup about the opportunities to be of service as a rep, not just on my committee but also other committees. The availability to contact all in service would be easier with a full contact list.

**Motion:** Jorina makes motion to reimburse Jay for expenses. Mathea brings to attention no vote is needed, that he has a budget to draw from. Motion abandoned. Jay to be paid from his budget.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** Amy.
  - I regret to inform you that I'm unable to continue with my CPC position. I wish I had the time but I am scrambling to keep up with my business, my teenagers and a couple of my pets who need extensive care including a feeding tube that requires a lot of time on my part. I have work on Saturdays and am not able to be at district meetings and for that I also apologize. Just too much going on right now for me to contribute as CPC. I continue to maintain several service positions at the group level and am grateful for those opportunities.

Benita ordered some materials which I'm happy to pass along should anyone want to take over.
- **Corrections:** Bill G.

My report this month has not changed much from last month. Some AA books and pamphlets provided by Benita for the library at KCCC were dropped off. Inventory was taken and logged in at the jail. Only books are noted. Pamphlets are not. Any AA approved literature is approved through Zach Sui. Prison Ministries. Bridge the gap is still to be determined. Waiting to see if KCCC is a good fit for the program. If there are any new literature ideas please contact me so i can request it. Attendance for the Tuesday night meeting 7pm has picked up from none to 7 newcomers. Still need to get everyone to complete they're training paperwork to certify and get clearance. So I can attend every week. Unfortunately we still have no women's AA meeting yet. I hope to get more women involved in the future. Nothing to add to July agenda. I won't be attending this month's meeting but plan on making arrangements at work for next month. My wife Teresa may sit in my place tomorrow to answer any questions or concerns regarding Corrections. There were no funds spent for July.

- **Grapevine:**
- **Mynah Bird:**
- **Public Information:** Doug H.
- **Treatment Settings / Special Needs:** Chris K
- **Website Committee:** JoRina Reporting

JoRina discusses refunds, they are not coming for emails. Distributes a handout for everyone to review regarding costs/fees of website/emails. Should not be getting any new or additional bills, with zoom exception.

## 9. Old Business -

- Website and emails
- Treasurer budget update (needed each chair to submit proposal). This has been abandoned per Bob F, DCM. See notes under treasurer report.
- Bank account: JoRina spoke with Kathryn about the bank account. Both would like online access, which will be more efficient and productive toward creating treasurer reports. Offers two options for changing bank accounts. The treasurer suggests we change banks from Terr. Savings to Bank of Hawaii.

Discussion regarding changing banks. DCM, Bob F. and Treasurer, Kathryn F, have authorization to change our organization banking venue to Bank of Hawaii.

- Purpose of bank account should be for all district banking activities
- District Committee Member: Robert F.; Treasurer: Kathryn F.; Secretary: Scott S (please note, full names were given to the bank in the minutes they requested, for banking purposes. I have altered last names to only last initial for our purposes.)
- Authroized bank signers shall be the standing DCM, currently Robert French, and standing Secretary, currently Kathryn Field. Standing Secretary is not to be included as a bank signer.

## 10. New Business: None

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

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

- PRAASA 2026 is in Hawaii. Contact Kunane to volunteer.
- July 24, 2025 Labor Day Planning Committee Meeting. Waimea Cottages Boardroom. 9400 Kaumualii Hwy, Waimea, HI. 6:30-7:30pm
- August 2, 2025. Intergroup Meeting. Lihue Lutheran Church.
- August 16, 2025 District Meeting. Lihue Lutheran Church. 9:30am
- August 23, 2025. Hanakapiai Hike and Meeting. Ke'e State park. 7am-5pm. Hike starts at 7am.
- August 23-24 August Budget Assembly. 76-5877 Old Government Road, Holualoa, HI 96725. Breakfast 8am, call to order 9am.
- September 1, 2025. Labor Day Event AND Delegate Report back: Salt Pond Beach, 11-4. Hosted by Waimea Canyon Group.
- October 4th, 2025 Area committee meeting hosted on Kauai, details pending
- October 30 - November 2, 2025: 62nd Annual Hawaii Convention. Waikiki Beach Marriott
- November 7-10 Men's and Women's retreats
  - Men's retreat: Mt. Kahili Camp Keala Foundation
  - Women's retreat: Need info.
- November 14, 2025 Gratitude Luncheon. Lihue Lutheran Church. Register with the Happy Hour group. Flier on website. Tables 8-10 people, \$200/table.
- Concepts workshop continues weekly on Wednesday on this website at 6:30pm. Concept X is this week. See Jim D for detail
- Visit our Area 17's website ([area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org)) and our District 6 website (<https://kauaiaa.org/>) for an up to date list of events.

**13. Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to close the meeting by Scott. Second by Benita. Passes unanimously. Meeting closed with responsibility pledge at 11:33am

Next District Meeting will be held on August 16, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Lihue Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihue, HI 96766