

Approved Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2024
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Anastasia B, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M with the Declaration of Unity

a) Attendance: Jim D., Alt DCM; Mathea A, Grapevine Chair: Annie C., GSR Saturday Sober Sisters; Jeff S. guest, Bob F., Treasurer/GSR Sunrise Sobriety; Doug H., GSR Hui `Ohana; Anastasia A., DCM; Ann W., Intergroup Chair: Jeanne L., note-taker (filling in for Shoshanah, Secretary).
Hybrid: unavailable

7 voting members present.

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

b) Reading of **Tradition Four** and checklist questions by Doug H.

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole. 1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

No Discussion.

c) Reading of the **Concept III** and questions by Bob F

Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

Discussion followed: Mathea noted that the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation" lies with those who participate. Those who do not participate have no right. Simple.

2. **Secretary's Reports:** Jeannie L, note taker for Shoshanah B, secretary. The Draft of the March 2024 District 6 minutes were distributed via email to the mail distribution list. Printed copies were available at the meeting. The minutes were reviewed.

Ann W entertained the **Motion** to accept the March 2024 minutes as presented / corrected; seconded by Mathea A.

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

3. Treasurer's Report: Bob F- Bob distributed the March 2024 Treasurer's spreadsheet report via email and printed copies were also available at the meeting. See the spreadsheets for details.

Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2024:

The District started the month with a bank balance of \$5789.82.

There were Group contributions of \$400.00 and a single expenditure of \$75 payable to the Lihue Lutheran Church for 1st Quarter Rent.

We ended the month with a balance of \$6114.82, a prudent reserve of \$1200 and an operating balance of \$4914.82.

We do have Outstanding payables to:

- GSB for \$3250
- Anastasia A for DCM Airfare of \$184.20
- Kauai Intergroup for Website and Virtual Meeting Expenses incurred by Aaron Lambert since the end of 2023 of \$400.80.

The Budget Committee has not been able to agree on a time mutually acceptable to discuss the 2024 Budget projections for the District.

Our 1st Quarter Contributions total \$1276.76 which is roughly \$300 or 19% less than last year.

Our expenses through the 1st Quarter are \$655.79, roughly 10% of the 2023 Budget.

The unfortunate part of the equation is that we are still not using those contributions in our direct community, here on Kauai. Primarily due to a shortage in people-power.

Ann W. entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected and was seconded by Mathea A.

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

4. Alt DCM Report: Jim D:

ALTERNATE DCM REPORT

Addendum: April 20, 2024

I decided to simply add to last month's report since the majority of my efforts reflect pretty much the same tasks as last month – Roundup, presentations wherever possible, schedules to court people, report back from Tommy.

Intergroup has also recently lost another literature person and, while there is now a committee of sorts (a good thing!), it is now clearer than ever that our size dictates we should consolidate our service structure.

In love and service,
Jim D

At the meeting, Jim D suggested that we combine the efforts of District and Intergroup by consolidating our time and our resources.

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W: Ann W provided this written report: There were 8 people in attendance. Treasury Report: Operating balance was \$3661.18. Aaron L. has been reimbursed for Website and Zoom expenses from the past year totaling \$801.06; this will be split between Intergroup and District. Charlie, the Webmaster, has been asked to provide a detailed report regarding costs associated with the Website and Zoom access.

Schedules: 500 schedules will be printed and available for distribution in the next few weeks.

Events: see www.kauaiiaa.org for additional information and flyers

Founder's Day: June 6-9, 2024

Kupuna Day: April 27, 2024

Women's Retreat: May 3-5, 2024

Literature: Benita A. from Sunrise Sobriety and Jeanne L. from Hui Ohana have been elected to fill the positions of Literature Chair and Alternate Chair. Thank you very much for your service!

IGR Reports:

Hui `Ohana will be meeting at the Wailua Houselots Pavilion until further notice due to septic issues at Lydgate. Koloa Union meetings will continue to be held at the Salvation Army in Koloa due to construction at the church. Inform the Delegate Assembly was held on April 6-7, 2024 on Oahu. Mathea and 5 other members from Kauai attended. Mathea provided a summary of the Assembly.

6. **DCM Report:** Anastasia A provided this written report:

Aloha district members,

I attended the Inform the Delegate Assembly on Oahu. It went really smoothly in a mock-conference style. I got to have my first experience with changing my own vote in a re-vote. I attended the area finance sub-committee meeting during breaks and we finished revising next year's budget. The next assembly is the budget assembly on September 7th on Oahu. Thank you to all who attended the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Kauai is impressing Area 17 with our participation, I had multiple people come up to me stoked on our attendance. Hope to see you all and more at the next assembly.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
DCM, Anastasia

7. **GSR Reports:**

- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Mathea reports all is well and she loves the group's participation.
- Koloa Aloha – Laurel B, GSR: not present.
- Hui `Ohana – Doug H GSR: Doug shared his experience, strength, and hope for Hui `Ohana and that he is learning as he goes. His comments were well received and Mathea gave information about the AA Service Manual for guidance in Service..
- Hui Ohana Virtual – Mathea commented she continues to attend this group and loves the participation it continues to receive across the mainland as well as internationally.
- Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR: Bob stated the meetings are going well. Sunrise Sobriety meets daily at 7am both in a Face-to-Face Meeting in the western end of Poipu Beach Park, near the Marriott Poipu and on-line. Both venues are Open meetings with a good attendance. We vary our Service material daily, though most on-line meetings are Speaker Meetings. I have started to attend both to keep myself informed. Sunrise Sobriety is working on our Principal of Rotation for all our service positions: Meeting Secretary (7 face to face and 7 virtual meetings weekly) and Literature and Chip “chick” service positions. It's hard for some “old-timers” to relinquish their service commitments without a “battle”. We are currently seeking an Alternate GSR. Kathryn B is our Intergroup Rep and Benita is her Alternate. Benita has also agreed to co-chair the Literature duties. Kimo has been keeping us informed with Round-up events and registration. We have not had an organized Group Conscience Meeting since January, mainly due to conflicting schedules with key members, i.e. attending Area 17 Assemblies and Round-up Committee meetings.

- Waimea Canyon Group – Shoshanah B reporting: meetings are going well and seeing increased numbers with newcomers and strong support.
- Anahola Jaywalkers – not present
- Saturday Sober Sisters – Annie C, GSR: Annie reported attending the Area 17 Assembly and she enjoyed the meeting. She noted that there was not much controversy. Doug H from Hui Ohana added that he thought there was some controversy. All members agreed that change is not swift and Mathea added that again the AA service manual explains the steps for any change.
- Happy Hour – Jim states that their meetings are small but powerful.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

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

Corrections: Garrett S – absent. Verbal report from Garrett:

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

Grapevine: Mathea A - No comment

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI (Public Information): *position vacant*

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: Webmaster - Charlie S

April 2024 Website Report

- Website is up-to-date.
- The Kauai Roundup now has a website for registration (www.kauairoundup.org) with a link on the www.Kauaiaa.org website.
- Finally received a flier for Women's Retreat in May and have posted it along with an announcement about Hui Ohana venue change.
- Intergroup asked me for a list of website expenses have included it herein:

Hostgator for meeting website--

<https://kauaimetings.com/>

single website domain	\$69.99	(URL where we post meeting schedule)
private registration (1 yr.)	\$14.95	
domain.org (1 yr.)	\$20.89	
domain.com (* 1 yr.)	\$19.99	

GoDaddy

<https://Kauaiaa.org>

.org designation	\$21.07	(special fee for .org designation)
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(URL and website
hosting platform)

SSL renewal \$199.98

Zoom

\$ 0.00

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Total annual

cost: \$346.87

9. Old Business:

- Vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR's participation. See list of vacant positions above.
- **2024 Kaua'i Round Up** June 6-9, 2024. Mike T, Events Chair. 808.635.6059. Printed Registration forms are available and being distributed.
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly**
- PRAASA 2026 - Hawai'i is hosting. Kunane D is Chair. Need hundreds of people. BOB F suggested • May Committee Meeting - May 18th, 2024. Hosted by District 5 , No Ka Oi, Maui. Held at Paia Community Center, 252 Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779
- May 4th Alanon speaker meeting and fundraiser 1-3 pm at the Lihue Lutheran Church
- October 2025 optional committee meeting will be held

10. New Business:

Jim D, spokesperson for Happy Hour, reported about their proposal to add a paragraph to the *Living Sober* book (chapter 29). District passed it. District took it to Area 17. The first vote did not get the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. One member spoke to the minority about how that paragraph was necessary. Another member agreed. Another vote was taken and the vote was changed. It passed the area 87 to 14. Somehow, the proposal didn't go to the Conference. In follow up, Jim D went to the Forum on Hawaii Island and asked at the Mic why his home group didn't get a letter of decision from the GSC. Steve Q, DCM District 6, called GSO/Conference Coordinator and it finally went to the Literature committee. The conference conclusion was that it would best be placed in a new pamphlet about the Three Legacies currently under development that it would best be placed in a new pamphlet about the Three Legacies currently under development. See 2019 **Final Conference Report**, pp 87-88 for details.

The proposal places Tradition 5 "our primary purpose" foremost and needs to be revisited in the future.

Anastasia commented that specific wording should be emphasized in a proposal and reminded us that change takes time—years perhaps.

11. GSR/District concerns:

Doug said that he has a personal connection to the KCCC system, separate from our AA pathway. The general agreement was that we need to go within the current AA correction system which is Corrections Chair, Garrett S, and Kalei K, KCCC contact. Mathea A referred the District members to the AA Corrections Guidelines from Area 17 and the General Service Office as well as District 6 Structure & Guidelines.

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- **2024 Kaua`i Round Up** is set for June 6-9, 2024. Printed registration forms are being distributed. Visit www.kauaiaa.org website under Announcements for registration and QR code.
- Still looking for Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR's participation at District. See list of vacant positions above
- **May Committee Meeting** - May 18th, 2024. Hosted by District 5 ,No Ka Oi, Maui. Held at **Paia Community Center**, 252 Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779

13. Meeting Adjourned:

A member entertained a **Motion** to close the meeting; seconded by another member. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 11:15h.

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 May 18, 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
District 6 Secretary
Hawai`i Area 17
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