

Approved Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2023
Lihue Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Jim D. ALT DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:37 am with the Declaration of Unity, followed by the group recital of the Serenity Prayer.

a) Attendance: Jim D., Bob F., Amy, Mathea, Keola, Ann, James B. and Laurel B. Eight (8) voting members present.

Hybrid: no hybrid meeting available today

*Any new items to add to the Agenda?

Continuation of the District Inventory Questions:

Group began by a reminder that questions 1-3 were discussed last month, and then began with discussion of the Proposed Inventory Questions which were attached to the July minutes email.

Question 4: What has the district done lately to bring the message to the attention of professionals who can be helpful in reaching those who are in need of A.A.?

Amy, do we have answers from our own experience Jim, we don't have an appointed representative for the CPC committee. Amy, should we begin the process of filling the position? Mathea, guidelines are in the service manual, she then stated the guidelines, suggested that Amy is really already doing those things and referred the group to the service manual.

Question 5: Do we try to illustrate a good cross section of A.A. in our message carrying?

Mathea, our meetings have a good cross section of our Kauai meeting culturally. Keola, stated that he is Gay and wishes we had a Gay meeting. Mathea said we had a Gay meeting for 9 or 10 years and it seemed to go over quite well.

Question 6: Do new GSR's stick with us, or does our turnover and missed meetings seem excessive?

Mathea thinks our GSR's are exemplary and believes they are doing really well. Keola said he is frustrated at the lack of attendance at District meetings. Bob F. agreed and added that people are very busy. He said that Anastasia is very good at keeping meetings on track and running smoothly and short. James B., GSR for Hui Ohana, likes being a GSR. He took schedules to the hospital which was difficult to sneak them in and found no clearly identified place to put them. He loves service work and mentioned a new member with 90 days who is full of enthusiasm. Ann said that, geographically some locations are more active than others. Ann also noted that, since COVID, a few people who used to attend regularly haven't been seen. Asked how many of the groups actually have GSR. If they don't, then there will be no-one to attend the meetings on behalf of their group. Mathea said that Shaun, our registrar, has a list of everyone with their group number. He is tasked with keeping track of the registered groups in all the Districts. many are active - 29, 32, 37? Jim D., ALT DCM, had a dissenting opinion and said that he has been over the list also. Our participation ebbs and flows. Meetings change the number of days offered, etc.. At the Election Assembly 17 we had 37 groups represented. We have had good representation but we lack continuity. Officers should groom replacements and pass them off when retiring. Keola, asked if we could consider how many questions we discuss at each meeting, the question was discussed and no further action/changes were made.

b) Reading of **Tradition Eight** read by Bob F. and he shared some personal insights. No further discussion.

c) Reading of **Concept VIII** read by Mathea who explained the legal aspects and oversight responsibilities of trustees. Bob read the questions. Discussion included; Mathea, the head is the Board. AA World Service has GSO. Grapevine has its own board and directors. Both have oversight by the General Service Board and 2 members on each of those committees. See Service Manual for more details. Secretary Report: Minutes had been emailed to me

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah B - not present. Laurel B and Ann W - note takers. The Secretary distributed the Draft of July 2023 District 6 minutes via email to the mail distribution list. Minutes were reviewed.

Ann W entertained the **Motion** to accept the June 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by another member.

Vote taken: 8 in favor. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- Bob distributed the July 2023 Treasurer's report via email and printed copies were also available. See the spreadsheets for details. Bob read and described details of the Treasurer's Report for July 2023. Ending balance was \$6027.04, with a prudent reserve of \$1200 and an operating balance of \$4827.04. Keola asked what the office expense was for, and Jim explained that it was for supplies to build a rural display case

A member entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; seconded by another member.

Vote taken: 8 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D - provided a written report:

Alternate DCM report, August 19, 2023

This past month has been a wonderful whirlwind of activity. Perhaps the highlight was acting as host for Delegate Tommy G as he did his report back in Kilauea. Approximately 20 people came to participate in whatever way they chose and Tommy seemed to be pleased with the number of participants since we are the only island which has just one District.

I also attended the Intergroup meeting and encouraged that group to get a report from the editor of The Garden Island Sobriety although this may not happen since she was seriously injured in an equestrian accident this past weekend. Nonetheless, I feel a real need for us to bolster our efforts to communicate with the fellowship and think the GIS is a wonderful mechanism for that.

A newcomer at the Lydgate meeting reported that he had seen a display of NA literature at the library and thought perhaps AA ought to do the same. I shared with him the list I have of 38 places where we used to have literature which of course includes the libraries. Clearly we have not done well in passing on that responsibility! As we continue in our inventory process it might be useful to review the structure of the AA Group in the pamphlet by that name.

In addition to my responsibilities as ADCM I am the treasurer for the Kauai Roundup and that committee is finalizing the registration form for the 2024 June event in Kokee. I encourage everyone to check the website, Kauairoundup@gmail.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to grow in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Jim D

5. **Intergroup Report:** Ann W - Ann said the August 2023 intergroup meeting had 7 attendees.

- She discussed that the Roundup will be June 6-8, 2024 at Hale Koa.
- The Budget Assembly will be held on September 8-10, 2023.
- Ann wants more information about the Hotline, specifically the statistics on the telephone service and the relationship of the hotline to the website. Sean G is our Hotline Chair.
- Printing of new schedules - It was agreed to wait until September to print more schedules.
- Ann complimented Linda B for how quickly she responds to questions about Garden Island Sobriety newsletter and how much work maintaining the GIS newsletter entails. Ann keeps copies of all the issues.
- There was a short discussion about the Gratitude luncheon. It was mentioned that we need a chair for the Thank-a-thon. Bob said Jonathan D will be the Chair and Mike T will be the assistant Chair and publicity (Events Chair for Intergroup).
- Bob mentioned that Garrett S is chair for this year's Men's retreat, and Christina is chair for the Women's retreat, both to be held the last weekend in October.

6. **DCM Report:** Jim D, Alt DCM, reporting for Anastasia, DCM:

He hosted Tommy, Crystal was with them, he is working on The Roundup Committee. He worked with Doug on the Rural Health project. He believes getting the word out about "our way" is very important and that our Standing Committees are the way we do that. We need to do more of it. He discussed his attendance at the Intergroup meeting. Then suggested we have a discussion about the Garden Island Sobriety newsletter because we haven't had this discussion in recent times. He thinks everyone should subscribe. James B., any questions about Garden Island Sobriety should be emailed directly to Linda. She is the editor and currently cannot attend meetings due to an accident. Discussion ensued.

7. **GSR Reports:**

- **Na Wahine Ku Pono** – Amy B, GSR - has good attendance at both in-person and on-line meetings. The on-line presence is serving a wide cross section of women both in and out of the program. She suggested many of these women could provide service if we could find projects for them that could be done in an e-capacity. Jim suggested editing pamphlets, Mathea shared where to find pamphlets on-line.
- **Koloa Aloha** – Laurel B, GSR - group is doing well with relatively small but consistent attendance in both in-person and on-line meetings. Ann mentioned we need a new Treasurer as Bob has retired. Ann is looking and may have to stand for the position if no one else volunteers.
- **Hui `Ohana** - James B, GSR - attendance is good. We get a lot of off-island visitors who take on coffee service and then have to go back home. He also stated that service is really good for all members. He shared that they have a male predator who has come back to their group. He is trying to keep an eye on him and warning the newer women members about him. Keola, Hui Ohana virtual group, also had a predator but their "spiritual bouncers" booted him from the meeting (new service position). Their meeting has good attendance and good service people.
- **Hui Ohana Virtual** – Keola, Alt GSR - see above.
- **Sunrise Sobriety** – Bob F, GSR - had about 35 people in attendance this morning. Quite a few newbies who attend regularly. They need a new coffee person. He discussed ongoing planning for the Mens and Women's retreats. Cost will be \$100 per person and asked if the other groups would consider sponsoring scholarships for members to attend the retreat.
- **Waimea Canyon Group** – will be hosting the Annual Labor Day at the main Pavilion at Salt Pond on Monday, Sept 4th with Sunrise Sobriety providing support and man-power. We now have 4 meetings a week: 5:30-6:30pm Tues/Thurs at Waimea Plantation Cottages; Friday at MacArthur Park. Our newest meeting is an open meeting on Wednesday mornings at Salt Pond Beach Park behind the Lifeguard stand at 9:30-11AM. Children are welcome.
- **Anahola Jaywalkers** – no report
- **Princeville-Hanalei** – no report
- **Happy Hour** – Crystal, GSR (not present) - Jim D reported that Ken K, former Delegate, was here

visiting Kaua'i with Rochelle. He finds the group to be very spiritual. The group currently meets 1 day a week (Wednesdays), previously meeting 7 days a week.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant.* No report

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): *position vacant.* No report

Corrections: Garrett S - not present. Jim D reported that Garrett has been communicating with KCCC about getting VolinCor Training scheduled. Keola talked with Scott, Roger, and Kalei, who were all trained.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): *position vacant.* No report

Grapevine: Mathea - the Grapevine now represents the social media contact with AA.

distributed information on the new, upcoming Grapevine app. She described the chart which shows viability and revenue projections with timelines for printed version, e-version, and projected app use. Mathea also mentioned that rolling out of the Grapevine the app will go a long way toward saving the Grapevine as a publication which is necessary for jail and prison outreach. A printed version will always be available because that is what is sent to our jails and prisons.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant.* No report

PI (Public Information): *position vacant.* Bob mentioned that District sponsored an AA banner on the Kauai Bus and wondered about that. Also mentioned visiting libraries and not seeing our racks (smaller racks) in a prominent location or not within easy reach for the walk-in customers.

Jim shared he has a list of 38 places where we used to distribute information. We need someone to distribute information to these places. Laurel offered to distribute materials. Plan: Revisit the discussion at the next District meeting.

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant.* No report

Website: Aaron L - meeting not hybrid and Aaron was unable to attend.

9. Old Business

- On-going topic: Update District 6 Structures and Guidelines
- On-going discussion: revitalize AA and service participation on our island. Need more workshops and events.
- Events/Workshops: Sept 4 - Labor Day event at Salt Pond. Hosted by Waimea Canyon Group
- Budget Assembly: September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu
- Vacant Standing Committee Members - and GSR's. See list of vacant positions above.
- Everyone to read the Structures and Guidelines (the position/s that pertain to you) and present your insights to District.
- 2024 Round Up is being planned for June 6-9, 2024. See Mike T, Events Chair. AA needs more participation. "If you are stoked on service and not burned out, share your love for service."

10. **New Business:** See District Inventory Questions #4,5,6 discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

11. GSR/District concerns:

12. Announcements/What to take back

- Sept 4 - Labor Day event at Salt Pond from 10AM - 4PM. Hosted by Waimea Canyon Group. A flyer has been created.
- Budget Assembly: September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu
- Thank-A-Thon: Thanksgiving, November 23, 2023
- 2024 Round Up is being planned for June 6-9, 2024. See Mike T, Events Chair.
- Founder's Day: June 10, 2024
- International Convention: July 3-6, 2025, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- New Westside Meeting at Salt Pond Beach Park Pavilion behind the lifeguard station, 9:30-11 am; open topic/discussion meeting
- Intergroup and District are looking for topics for island-wide events/gathering

13. Meeting Adjourned:

A member made a **Motion to close the meeting**; seconded by another member. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 11:30 AM 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 September 16th, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Lihue Lutheran Church, Room 8, 4602 Hoomana Rd, Lihue, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted,

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Hawaii Area 17
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