

Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2022
Lihu`e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Delayed start due to Wi-Fi/technical difficulties with connecting to a hybrid meeting. Aaron assisted Mathea to make her phone a mobile hotspot. Keola O called the mtg to order at 10 AM with the **AA Declaration of Unity**.

a) Attendance: Keola O; Bob F; James B; Garrett S; Jim D; Mathea A; Ann W; Shoshanah B; Aaron L, Webmaster (hybrid format). (8) voting members present.

b) Reading of the Tradition12 checklist and questions read by Bob F.

c) Reading of the Concept 12 checklist read and questions by Mathea.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah emailed the November 12, 2022 minutes to the District distribution list. Copies will be sent to the Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Archivist after the minutes are approved. Written copies were presented to the group in attendance.

Motion to accept the November minutes as presented was made by Mathea A; seconded by Ann W. **Vote taken: 8** in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F - distributed report via email and printed copies were available for both the November Treasurer's Report spreadsheet and 2023 proposed budget for review and discussion. See the spreadsheets for details. Balances: operating balance = \$ 4100; \$ 5300 in bank account. COVID made it so we couldn't travel and use the allotted budget.

Jim and Bob conferred for the projected budget (Keola not available at that time).

Highlights and discussion followed: The groups will have more traveling expenses than the last few years. We need input from standing committee chairs and the groups as to their budget needs. They have questions: office expenses/rent (\$300 – to be paid quarterly); DCM travel was increased to include PRAASA in LA and all assemblies and committee mtgs. PRAASA has it's own line item; GSR; Founders Day (is an intergroup responsibility – will be nixed from the projected budget. Clarification: District 6 is only responsible for the Delegate report back. Per Bob, it's guesswork for now until we see what this next year brings. Jim suggested that we get our own Wi-Fi, independent of the Church. Aaron was tasked to work on a budget proposal for the equipment necessary to provide a hybrid meeting including our own router/Wi-Fi connection and bring it back to the group. Ann reminded us that Intergroup also wants to hold their meetings in hybrid format as well. District and Intergroup could share the expense.

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report by Mathea A; seconded by Garrett S. **Vote taken: 8** in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** vacant. No report.

5. **Intergroup Report:** Ann W, secretary reporting. Last mtg was held on Dec 3rd. 10 people in attendance. We have a new secretary – Carolyn from north shore and she will get together with Ann to upgrade the distribution list. Sunrise Sobriety (Ramon and Chris) to host an Alcathon for Xmas at Salvation Army from 6pm - 6am and on New

Years eve at the far west pavilion at Po'ipu Beach Park from 6pm. Fireworks will be at 8pm. Soup and Hot Dogs on the menu for New Years.

6. DCM Report: Keola

- Thank-a-thon was successful
- Christmas/New Year's Intergroup events - Intergroup report
- New GSR especially need to attend the Orientation Assembly January 21-22nd on Hawaii Island, District 8, Kailua-Kona. Registration flyers are available on Area 17 website
- Area Election results:
 - Delegate - Tommy G, West Hawaii Island;
 - Alt Delegate - Deborah S, O`ahu;
 - Chair - Jeannie G, West Hawaii Island;
 - Alt Chair - Deborah L, O`ahu;
 - Treasurer - Sean C, Maui,
 - Secretary - Kaleka K, O`ahu;
 - Registrar - Sean F, O`ahu

Jim D, Panel 73 Alternate DCM, brought copies of the new Group Information Change Form to register for the new panel. GSO has a new system - Fellowship Connection (see new AA Service manual). Encourage members to download the change forms and submit that information. We have discrepancies with our group listings. We have the printed and on-line schedules to compare and attempt to correct.

Mathea mentioned asking the Area webmaster to add her to the 'ALL' mail distribution list so she gets ALL the communications to the Area 17 committee members. The Area Chair, Jeannie, invited incoming people to a zoom meeting on January 8th to "meet and greet" the new people and Mathea has the link for it. Ann (new Intergroup chair) will also be attending.

7. GSR Reports:

Na Wahine Ku Pono – Mathea reporting. Meets in person at 5 pm on Mondays and 7 virtual meetings/week. No new GSR yet. They do have a new treasurer.

Waimea Canyon - Shoshanah reporting. Meetings continue 3 days a week at 5:30pm: Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Waimea Plantation Cottages conference room and Fridays at MacArthur Park in Kekaha. Birthday meeting with potluck held at the beach meeting on the last Friday of the month.

Hui `Ohana - James B, GSR- Things are going good. We have coffee makers and secretaries. We have visitors showing up and everyone loves this meeting.

Hui Ohana Virtual - Aaron – doing well. Treasury is solid. 20 people a day. People are fighting over being secretary. Steady group of people who show up and are dedicated to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Koloa Aloha - Ann, GSR, meets twice a week. Sundays at 8:15 am at the far west pavilion. Last Sunday they had a bunch of north shore people in attendance. Bob makes coffee, treasury is solid, Friday 8 am meeting remains virtual with 12-15 people

attending. They are a regular group and, each time they meet, there are about 30% of the people are from off-island. People want to maintain their mtg on Friday.

Sunrise Sobriety - Garrett S, GSR. He has been absent during the last month, traveling. Meetings have been busy and well attended. Bob attended the business mtg and reported that (1) their virtual meeting is not listed and that they want to list their zoom meeting online so it can be open to more people; (2) we meet daily at 7am. Kimo said that Koloa Aloha may want to go back to their Friday and Sunday meetings at the 7am time and that Sunrise Sobriety would attend that meeting (instead of having 2 different times for the meetings at the same place); (3) Theresa is taking on the job as Intergroup Rep and her husband Bill will be the alternate Rep. (4) Bob will be attending the orientation assembly as the GSR.

Jim reminded the new GSR's that there is a lot of reading to prepare for the Assembly including the AA Service Manual, AA Comes of Age, and the Group pamphlet. A great deal of information comes in their new GSR packet from GSO.

Happy Hour – Jim D. meets only on Wednesday at 5pm at Nawiliwili Park. and they are now reviewing the Service Manual.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: Mathea A - been a delight. We have a presence on the Area and District websites. Mathea created a brief history of the Kaua`I Thank-a-Thon which is now posted. A copy shared at the District meeting. We do not have a permanent archivist and the work has been taken on by the Webmaster.

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): no report

Corrections: no report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): no report

Grapevine: no report

Mynah Bird: position is vacant/no report

PI: position is vacant/no report

Treatment Settings and Special Needs: no report

Website: Aaron – Contact kauaiaa.org to make corrections or additions to the website. He wants input. Jim D mentioned that the Anahola group is changing from Wednesday night to Tuesday night. Is that enough for Aaron to know to make the changes? Aaron wants the info. “meetings are handled through a web-thing” which should correct the on-line schedule as well. Aaron reminded us that we have our own Zoom account for Kauai. He will change it so we use the account that we are paying for which should help us with our connection. He will let us know when it is done. Next month, Aaron will open the meeting next month online through the website and join us.

Key points:

1. Mail Aaron the change so he can update the website

2. Aaron needs to put it on the meeting app
3. Email it to Tommy R so he can change it to the paper schedule

9. Old Business

- Authorizing PO Box to Keola – no change. Bob talked to the PO in Kapa`a. The application has been put in 20 years ago and hasn't changed. Bob needs to complete an application
- Hybrid meetings: Aaron is currently serving as webmaster pro temp. Jim reminded us that the Executive committee brings the slate of officers (chairs) to the District Committee meeting in January. DCM to contact the candidates about serving for next panel
- We have the District 6 list of groups that are registered with Area 17/GSO. Jim discussing discrepancies and that some groups that no longer meet (ie. Kokua Group, Big Book & Step Study Group, Koloa Nooners Group). The alternate DCM is responsible to clean up this list as the registrar
- Primary Purpose group (not registered with GSO) is now on the new schedule and was not on before Covid due to outside affiliations. Jim D would like to make a request that Intergroup consider removing the Primary Purpose mtg from the schedule. Mathea mentioned that we do things to meet our needs – i.e. “the little red book” which helped create the Daily Reflections Book. A workbook that members use can eventually get approved by GSO. There is no prohibition that prevents us from using outside literature, if the group approves. **MOTION: Jim D** make a request that Intergroup consider removing the Primary Purpose mtg from the schedule. Not Seconded. **Motion** did not carry.

10. New Business

- Budget committee report back
- Hybrid meeting needs - Aaron to compile cost for Web Camera, speakers, etc. and present to committee
- District meeting minutes – how to list it on our website; when/how to move them from unapproved and approved
- District- sponsored workshops - revitalizing the island and AA service in this new panel

11. GSR/District Concerns:

12. Announcements/What to take back

- **The Orientation Assembly** will be held in person only on January 21-22, 2023, District 8, Kailua-Kona. Registration flyer is available at the Area 17 website [www. Area17aa.org](http://www.Area17aa.org)
- PRAASA 2023 will be held in Southern California
- Treasurer needs input from standing committee chairs and the groups as to their budget needs for 2023
- There are vacant standing committee chair positions available. Please attend District meeting next month if interested
- Bring ideas for workshops to the District

12. **Motion** made to adjourn was made by Garrett and seconded by Bob F. **Vote taken:** 7 votes. Passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 11:45AM.

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.*

Due to the Orientation Assembly on the 3rd weekend in January, **the Next District Meeting** will be held on the 2nd Saturday, **January 14th, 2023**, at 9:30 am at the Lihue Lutheran Church, Room 8, 4602 Ho`omana Rd, Lihue, HI 96766. The District 6 members will work with the Webmaster to set up our hybrid format as we transition back to in-person gatherings with virtual attendees moving forward to Panel 73 next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Barretto aka Shoshanah
District 6 Secretary