

Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2022
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1, **Call to order:** Jim D, Alt DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM with the Serenity Prayer followed by the **AA Declaration of Unity**

Any New items to add to the Agenda?

- **Elect DCM** - to be discussed under number 2 on the Agenda.
- **Zoom set up** - to be discussed under website standing committee

a) Attendance: Mathea A,; James B; Bob B; Shoshanah B; Ann W; Anastasia A; Amy B; Aaron L (virtual); Jim D (virtual). **(8) voting members present.**

b) Reading of the Tradition 2 checklist and questions read by Bob (see Agenda and handouts). Discussion followed: Jim D points out that, when you look at all the traditions, this is the only tradition where the short form is longer than the long form. About the second sentence, "our leaders are trusted servants, they do not govern", we need to think about this sentence. We need to do better about passing it on.

c) Reading of the Concept II checklist and questions read by Mathea (see Agenda and handouts). Discussion followed:
Question 1. In 1951, the GSC started. Our new service manual comes from the Conference.
Question 2. Advisory actions means we have to do it and It goes to the GSB. There are 3 categories of decision: advisory action; consider /pass it back; and no action. We need your opinion (groups) to give to our Delegate at the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April.
Question 3. Kauai is marvelous - of our 32 groups on the island, about 50% distributes money to District, Area, Intergroup, and GSO. Anastasia heard that there were new suggestions for splits which did not go through. In the brochure "7th Tradition" - suggestions are available in the pamphlet. Equal to the 4 splits are adequate to start per Mathea.

2. **DCM Election** - Mathea introduced the election process. Amy read the Qualifications and Duties and Responsibilities of the DCM. All stood as qualified. Anastasia remained standing. Was GSR Panel 69, service at the group level, willing to learn and grow.

Motion was made by Mathea that **Anastasia be elected DCM**; seconded by Bob F. Jim asks that we accept her as DCM by acclamation. **Vote take:** 8 members voted in favor.
Unanimously passed.

Our newly elected DCM chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary emailed the final draft of the January 14, 2023 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 January 2023 minutes as and presented and distributed was made by Mathea A; seconded by Ann W. **Vote taken:** 8 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. Treasurer's Report: Bob F - The Treasurer distributed the report via email and printed copies were available at the meeting. See the spreadsheets for details. Bob has money to reimburse Jim D and has paid the postal services. We have not allocated anything to GSO since the beginning of last year. We sent them a check for \$500 (to HICYPAA). Bob asks when DO we distribute money. and Mathea responded that District does not contribute on a regular basis. At the Orientation Assembly, he learned info from the treasurer about group contributions. Bob explained that if we have 32 groups, we have 14 groups on the island that contribute to the district which is about 35%. Bob is wanting to figure out a budget for next year. He doesn't know if we will get the same amount of contribution dollars. His group decided to give all their 7th tradition \$ to the 4 entities. His proposed budget shows a shortfall which he explained how it will balance out (i.e. no Garden Island newspaper ads anticipated this year). Amy asked about the Whiskey and Milk contributions as she thought they received high contributions from that group. Bob reminded us that he is not the group contribution police. James reminded us that they discuss where the money goes at their group conscious business meetings. Anastasia reminded us that we need to share the joy of service. When she goes to meetings now, she suggests that they announce sending a GSR to District meetings during group announcements.

Motion to accept the January 2023 Treasury Report as and presented and distributed was made by Mathea A; seconded by James B. **Vote was taken:** 8 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

5. Alt DCM Report: Jim D - he went to the Orientation Assembly and thanked us for the opportunity. He also registered for the committee meeting next weekend on Hawai'i Island where we will get the assignments for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. He wrote an article in the Garden Island Sobriety Newsletter. He wants us to expand the discussion on money on group participation. He plans to bring copies of the group change form and encourage all the GSR's to complete them. This will give us a much better sense on who is here and then we can worry about the money. We have a lot of \$ at this point. On the other hand, we need to figure out our future plans and to include the online format.

Orientation Assembly report back- Highlights From the Orientation Assembly "Take Backs" - Jeannie Area Chair, Panel 73:

- a. **The Area Finance Committee was established:** The committee consists of 5 members. Under the Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guideline, Sean C, Area Treasurer, is to serve on the committee along with Deborah L, the Area Alternate Chair. Jim D., **DCM**

District 6 Kauai, Arianna G., DCM District 1 Oahu, and Mark N., DCM District 7 Hilo/Hamakua volunteered to serve as the remaining three members needed to fill the committee.

b. Mark your calendars:

- **February Committee Meeting:** February 25, 2023: Puna District 12 on the Big Island. Registration is posted on the website at area17aa.org
- **PRAASA 2023:** March 3-5, 2023: 56th Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, hosted by Area 5 Southern California, at the LAX Marriott. Register at PRAASA.org
- **Inform The Delegate Assembly:** April 1-2, 2023: Leeward District 3 on Oahu. Registration is posted on the website at area17aa.org. Tommy, our delegate, was randomly assigned the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee for the General Service Conference (April 23-29). He received his agenda items for the conference, which will be disbursed to the DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and IG/Central Office Chairs at the February 25th committee meeting. DCMs to send the agenda items to the GSRs as soon as possible to give them time to gather feedback from their home groups. We have a short window of opportunity to make this happen as the Inform The Delegate Assembly is just right around the corner on April 1-2. On April 23-27, Tommy will carry Hawaii Area 17's voice to the General Service Conference.
- **Budget Assembly:** September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu.
- **73rd General Service Conference:** April 23-29, 2023: Conference Theme: "A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution", Brooklyn, New York
- **May Committee Meeting:** May 20, 2023: Kihei District 11 on Maui
- **International Convention:** July 3 - 6, 2025: Vancouver BC, Canada

6. Intergroup Report: Ann W - last meeting was held on Feb 4th. 10 people in attendance. Discussed the hotline: who is currently taking calls (David not present and no longer the hotline manager but still taking calls, Ann believes). The Hotline was revised in 2020 so this is not new. Still gathering info. We need a hotline manager. Mike, Hui `Ohana, will do Events. Bob B, Literature, needs a replacement. Bob provided us with an updated literature. More people are getting their books online and for free so we see less literature being sold. Lengthy discussion about a couple of the meetings listed on the schedule (time to print a new schedule) - groups that do not use conference-approved literature. 2nd piece of that discussion, there is a group on this island, is or is not affiliated with an outside entity (Primary Purpose), depending on who you talk to. They decided to put an asterisk on the printed schedule to say they are not using AA-approved literature. The discussion was tabled to talk about Primary Purpose. Carolyn reported as IGR and secretary, east side wahine group is growing in attendance.

7. DCM Report: no report. See "what to take back" highlights from the Assembly

8. GSR Reports:

Na Wahine Ku Pono - Amy, GSR. Just elected GSR. new treasurer, Mindy.

Waimea Canyon - Shoshanah reporting. No changes. We continue to have 3 meetings a week. See the printed schedule and kauaiaa.org

Anahola Jaywalkers - no report

Hui `Ohana - James B, GSR. Jennifer has been their treasurer for 2.5 years and finally got a new treasurer, David and his wife, of course, will help him. 7 meetings, 7 days a week.

Hui `Ohana Virtual – Kalani Joe, Alt. GSR , not present. Mathea reporting. 20 members attending. In October of 2022, some of the virtual meeting members came to Kaua`i to share fellowship and meet the Hui `Ohana members in person. An all-day gathering was held and many island activities were enjoyed. They are planning a 2nd annual visit this October.

Koloa Aloha - Mathea reporting. 2 meetings a week: 8am Fridays is virtual; and Sunday at 8:15 am on the far west pavilion at Poipu Beach. We do not have a new GSR and the past GSR keeps reporting. Mathea reports as the old intergroup rep. No new service positions filled.

Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F. GSR . one of our meetings does not use conference -approved literature (Drop the Rock). Our virtual meeting is not listed on the schedule and AJ is helping with getting that meeting listed. Carolyn C has agreed to make a list of all the virtual meetings that are online. She will submit it to the webmaster. Plan: Bob F to have AJ contact Carolyn.

Princeville-Hanalei - no report

Happy Hour - Jim reporting. Meeting on Wednesdays at Nawiliwili Park at 5pm. They are currently going through the service manual a few pages at a time.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: position vacant

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): position vacant

Corrections: Garrett S, not present. Bob F asking if there was any new information. He spoke with Kalei and heard that they have gone into KCCC. Bob was told to talk to Kalei and Jeannie.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): position vacant

Grapevine: Mathea A, Chair - her task for herself is to try to find out the faces of grapevine. Not only in printed copy; there are also podcasts, daily messages/quotes that you can sign up for, and terrific jokes.

Mynah Bird: position vacant

PI: Kevin H, not present. No report

Treatment Settings and Special Needs: position vacant

Website: Aaron L - Everything is fine with the website. Let him know if you need anything. We might need a microphone, hot spot, HDMI cable. Aaron would like to talk with the Pastor about using the guest portal for our hybrid meetings (intergroup and district). Plan: get phone number for pastor to Aaron. There are quite a few fees associated with this website. Aaron has a big bill coming up and the next big one is for 2025. Other website/webmaster spending includes: Security certificate, website hosting itself, and more. We are in good shape and he can cover it. In the past, the webmaster has covered the costs and submitted the invoice billing to the District treasurer. The Church contact person is Noreen (808) 635-3550. Ann W said that the Password is grace1 per Noreen. To submit an invoice, make it payable: to Robert French and send it to PO Box 1513, Koloa, 96756.

9. Old Business

- Hybrid meetings: Aaron has suggested a hybrid budget for the website committee and will be discussed next month when the Treasurer is present.
- Vacant Standing Committee Members - description of all positions are available in the structures and guidelines
- Update District 6 Structures and Guidelines – up for discussion this month
- On-going discussion: need to revitalize AA and service participation on our island

10. New Business:

- Elected a new DCM - Anastasia. Ann W to notify the GIS newsletter.
- Mathea would like to start the conversation about sending the newly elected chair to the committee meeting in Feb to pick up the information for the Inform the Delegate and help Alt DCM . **Motion:** Mathea moves that **we send the DCM to the Committee meeting on Feb 25th** (Anastasia will see if she can get the time off). seconded by James. **Vote taken:** 8 in favor. **Passed** unanimously.
- **PRAASA** (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) 2023 – March 3-5.2023. 56th, hosted by Area 05 Southern California, held at the LAX Marriott. Register at www.PRAASA.org
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11. GSR/District concerns:

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

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- Standing committee chair positions available: Archives, CEC; CPC; Mynah Bird, Tx settings
- We need GSR’s
- 7th tradition contributions - consider sending splits to the four entities: District, Intergroup, Area 17, and GSO contributions.

13. **Motion made** to adjourn was made by Mathea and seconded by Amy. **Vote taken: 8 votes. Passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 11:38 AM.

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.*

The Next District Meeting will be held on March 18, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church, Room 8, 4602 Ho`omana Rd, Lihu`e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted,

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