

Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2022
Lihū`e Lutheran Church

1, **Call to order:** Jim D called the mtg to order at 9:56AM with the **AA Declaration of Unity**

a) Attendance: Mathea A; James B; Jim D; Keola O; Bob B; Ann W; Shoshanah B; Aaron L - attended virtually. Six 6) voting members present.

Motion was made by Mathea that we abandon the quorum requirement for this meeting today, January 14, 2023. **Vote taken.** Six in favor. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

b) Reading of the Tradition1 checklist read by Mathea and questions read by Shoshanah.

c) Reading of the Concept I checklist read by Mathea with comments.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah emailed the final draft of the December 17, 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 December minutes as corrected as presented was made by Mathea A; seconded by James B. **Vote taken:** 6 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F not presented - distributed report via email and printed copies were available for both the December spreadsheet and 2023 proposed budgets. See the spreadsheets for details. Shoshanah shared the budget and projected budgets on the large screen and pointed out the increase to the website committee for the Zoom meetings and equipment for this next Panel. Jim D asks that we table the discussion of these reports until next month.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D reported that Keola texted him a while back and has decided to step down as DCM. Keola suggested that Jim step up as DCM. Jim would like to defer the decision to the group. Jim queried Colleen, former Delegate from Maui, who reminded Jim that Maui has no DCM in two Districts. Colleen suggested that we (coming out of the pandemic and reestablishing AA to the best of our abilities) step up and serve AA. Those of us sitting here today believe that this fellowship needs our attention and that is our group conscience. We are doing AA to the best of our abilities, and our members do not understand the value of serving AA as a whole. Group discussion followed. Mathea reminded us that, in our Structures and Guidelines, it says that the Alt DCM may step up to fill the DCM position (i.e. Keola stepped up last panel when the DCM needed to step down). It would be acceptable to have the DCM position be vacant. Jim D is willing to attend all the assemblies and committee meetings in the interim. "The main issue is the health of our service structure. We have 37 registered groups and look around the room and see how many are in attendance". Jim D recalls the valuable experience he had when learning how to be a DCM and wants to give someone else the opportunity to serve as DCM. Plan: continue to post the DCM position on the agenda for next month.

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W - Incoming Intergroup Chair for Panel 73. They had 10-12 people in attendance at the January 7th meeting last Saturday. We are seeing new faces. Carolyn has accepted the position of Secretary and all the officers are filled. Alternate Chair = Mathea A; Treasurer = Tommy R. There are some chair positions still vacant: Events and Hotline. Bob B continues to serve as Literature Chair; Tommy R prints the Meeting Schedules; and Linda B produces the GIS newsletter. Two topics were discussed at the meeting: (1) maintaining, on the printed schedule, any group that uses literature that is not conference approved; and (2) they began to look at the Structure and Guidelines for Intergroup (need to be updated). They will revisit these topics in February. James B reported that he knows someone who wants to be the Events chair and maybe the Hotline Chair.

Literature: Bob B - the Big Book is changing. Doing away with the Jacket and the price will go up. Literature locker has a large supply of the jacketed BB - \$9. Book sales have slowed down tremendously. Bob passed out the inventory list of the books on hand. He has beginner pamphlet packets available. The packets include the pamphlets Is AA for you?, Is AA for me? , Introduction to AA and recovery, and a wallet size card with serenity prayer, 12 steps, 12 and traditions which costs \$1/ card. Perhaps the literature sales are going down because the literature is available virtually/digitally. Bob also has copies of the new service manual available as well.

6. DCM Report: position is vacant

- Keola thanked us for his opportunity to serve the District. He is not comfortable with the traveling requirements of the position and has stepped down from the DCM position.

7. GSR Reports:

Na Wahine Ku Pono - Mathea reporting for the group. We have 7 meetings a week at 5pm on line and Mondays are in-person at 5pm (hybrid). There are about 20-22 people in attendance. They rotate the chair of the meetings. They have no GSR and are doing well without a GSR at this time. Jim gave Mathea a GSO group information change form for her group and wants the group to complete and return it to him.

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. The birthday meeting with fellowship/ potluck is well attended at MacArthur Park on the last Friday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm. Jim gave Shoshanah a GSO group information change forms for her group and wants the group to complete and return it to him.

Anahola Jaywalkers - Jim D reported that they are now meeting on Wednesday nights..

Hui `Ohana - James B, GSR reporting. They have a new literature guy, Kevin H, and they will be getting more books for the meetings. Mike may take on the positions of Hotline and Events. They are looking for a treasurer and have a lead.

Koloa Aloha - no report

Sunrise Sobriety - no report

Princeville-Hanalei - no report

8. Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: position vacant

Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): position vacant

Corrections: Garrett S - no report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): position vacant

Grapevine: Mathea A, Chair - Mathea shared her approach to the Grapevine Committee for Panel 73: She plans to find out everything she can about the Grapevine to her own satisfaction. The general goal was to increase sales. Her goal is to transmit her findings to the District about the Grapevine. She plans to explore these questions like "What has happened to the printed copy" and the numerous aspect of the Grapevine (in light of our digital/virtual world) i.e. Daily Grapevine sayings that one can access on your phone and weekly jokey podcasts on Mondays. There are enormous archives, books available, a description of the Grapevine in our new service manual; and digital copies. The overall questions that have been asked about the Grapevine: Is it needed? Is it needed now? Is it a dying structure and no longer needed or can it pay for itself?

Mathea took a few quick survey questions of the members in attendance as a demonstration of her Panel intentions and interests:

1. Who receives the printed copies of the Grapevine delivered to their homes? 4 out of 7 of the members present raised their hands.
2. Who has used the GV archives?
3. Who receives digital copies?

Mynah Bird: position vacant

PI: position vacant

Treatment Settings and Special Needs: position vacant

Website: Aaron L - see discussion

9. Old Business

- Authorized PO Box to Jim D who now has the key.
- Hybrid meetings: Aaron has suggested a hybrid budget for the website committee and will be discussed next month when the Treasurer is present.
- 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, Kola Nooners Group). Primary Purpose group is now on the new schedule and was not on before Covid due to outside affiliations. The alternate DCM is responsible to clean up this list as the registrar.
- District minutes - how to list them on the website? Plan: Secretary to send draft/unapproved and, when approved, the secretary will send to the webmaster who will add it to our website.

10. **New Business**

- Electing a new DCM - continue to announce at every meeting we attend and bring it up at every meeting. Mathea asked that GIS newsletter write a small blurb about the vacant DCM position.
- Jim asks if we (executive committee members) have a local email address: ie AltDCM@ ? Queried webmaster (AAron)
- Future Workshops topics - Jim suggested we put that off for awhile
- Possible Goals for Panel 73:
 - a. Update District 6 Structures and Guidelines - will work on this next month.
 - b. 50% of the groups having GSR representation at the District.Background information: Per Jim D we are assuming that there are 32 groups registered? And only about 6 group members regularly attend the district meetings to represent these groups. Many people present at the District meetings assume multiple roles.

11. **GSR/District concerns:**

- we need a DCM;
- we need to revitalize AA and service participation on our island

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

- Need a DCM- read the Service Manual for the job description and requirements and attend the next District meeting
- Orientation Assembly next weekend
- Workshop ideas - 2006 ? Happy Hour sponsored monthly. Kick off with Ted K and Alice at Niunalu Pavilion brought the entire island together. Founders Day weekend is being planned / Kauai Round-up with Delegate R
- PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) is coming to Hawaii 2026 (O`ahu). PRAASA 2023 will be held in Southern California.

13. **Motion made** to adjourn was made by James B and seconded by Mathea A . **Vote taken: 6** votes. Passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 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 February 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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District 6 Secretary