

Draft Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2024
Lihue Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Anastasia, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:30A.M with the Declaration of Unity

a) Attendance: Anastasia DCM; Jim D, Alt DCM; Amy B, GSR – Na Wahine Ku Pono; Charlie S, Website Chair; Mathea A, Grapevine Chair, Jenna guest, Bob F, District Secretary and GSR Sunrise Sobriety; Shoshanah B, District Secretary, Benita A, Intergroup Literature Co-Chair, Garrett S, Corrections Chair; Jennifer D, guest.

Hybrid: Ann W, Intergroup Chair; Suzie S, guest; Annie C – GSR Saturday Sober Sisters,

Total Attendance 14
10 voting members present.

***Any new items to add to the Agenda?** Delegate Report back July 20th

b) Reading of **Tradition Six** and checklist questions by Bob F

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Discussion followed:

4 Mathea A said no. Bob F doesn’t feel that way. If you are asked to sit on a committee, you don’t have to proclaim that you are the GSR or DCM for a certain group. You give your opinion without advertising it. Jenn D felt it would be okay if you were invited as a community member and not as a member of AA , Otherwise, no.

c) Reading of the **Concept VI** and questions by Mathea

Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

Discussion followed:

Mathea A - Concept VI is the shortest concept of all the concepts. It’s a little tricky. The key is the 1st sentence. The General Service Conference (GSC) decides what direction AA goes. The General Service Board (GSB) is responsible for prudently getting the work done; making sure we follow all the regulations (conforms to our non-profit status/legal aspects, have the funds available for these decisions, etc). We, as AA members, have direct input into the GSC. We do not have direct influence on electing trustees. GSC makes the decisions; the GSB does the work.

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

Mathea A entertained the **Motion** to accept the May 2024 minutes as presented / corrected; seconded by Bob F.
Vote taken: All were in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- Bob distributed the May 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 June 2024 (bank closes at the end of the month):

We started May with a Bank Balance of \$2822.42.

We had 7th Tradition Contributions of \$700 from Hui Lokahi, Anahola Jaywalkers, and North Shore Aloha.

We had expenses of \$124.20 for GSR Airfare to Hilo's Inventory Assembly.

Our Ending Balance was \$2997.42 and Current Operating Balance is \$1797.42.

We have no outstanding Payables in the near future that I am aware of.

Bob asks for any receipts that he is not aware to please them send to him.

Jenn D entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected and was seconded by Amy B.

Discussion:

Jim D asked for clarification regarding the GR airfare to the Hilo Assembly. He was surprised to see it on the report as the Assembly was held a few months ago. Historically, the GSR's come to District to ask for assistance, we direct them back to their home group to see what they can afford. Then we pay them.

DCM clarified that the GSR did present her Group needs at a District meeting. Since it is a line item in our Budget, it doesn't have to be brought here to be paid.

Jim: As a District, we have a tendency to just hand money out. We want people to contribute.

Jenn D: agreed that the group should have a consensus.

Mathea reminded us that it is in our Structure and Guidelines.

DCM reminded us that it was discussed at District and we voted on it.

Mathea A read from our Structure and Guidelines, page 6: "finances requires a vote at District before travel".

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

Additional Discussion Topic: How are we funding for the Delegate Report Back?

Bob F recommended we set aside money for coffee and donuts and have a Potluck lunch. The members present agreed. Mathea A asked "who's in charge", and Bob F got volunteered.

Shoshanah B reminded the group that when the Waimea Canyon Group hosted the 1st Labor Day event after COVID, it was also the Delegate Report Back. They were funded \$200 for decorations, ice, coffee supplies, etc. as an Event. They purchased a roll of white paper which is in the literature locker and is available for all our Events.

Per our Structure and Guidelines, District and Intergroup share the Delegates' travel expenses. District would be responsible to pay for the Event expenses.

Charlie S made a **Proposal/Motion**: District to set a top budget for the Delegate Report of \$200. Anastasia A seconded it. **Vote taken**: All in favor. **Propoal/Motion** passed unanimously.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D: written report:

The bulk of my energy over the past month has been focused on the Roundup. Next month there will be a meeting to "pass the baton" to a new group of servants who will be responsible for the 2025 event. This in itself is a big step forward, and I am hoping there will be a formal commitment to make the Roundup become an annual celebration of Founders Day with continuing representation at District 6, somewhat similar to the relationship between the Annual Hawaii Convention and Area 17.

I continue to participate with Intergroup and am looking forward to Tommy's visit next month.

Thank you for the life you are helping me shape!

Jim D

5. **Intergroup Report:** Ann W: The Intergroup meeting was held on June 1, 2024

Attendance: 12, including 4 people who attended via Hybrid access

Treasury Report: Operating balance \$5588.95

Events: Kauai Round-Up will be happening June 6-9, 2024

District: Jim D. reported that the elections for the next panel will be held early this year in September, 2024; PRAASA will be held in Hawaii in 2026, Kunane is organizing the event. Strongly encouraging people to step up for service positions

Literature: increased sale of AA literature in the past 1-2 months; will need to place another order for supplies.

New Business:

“Delegate Report Back” will be held on July 20, 2024 at the Hanama`ulu Beach Park at 10am- 2PM AM with food and socialization.

Proposal to Combine Intergroup and District: presented by Jim D. followed by an extensive discussion where all in attendance were able to voice their opinions. This topic is on the Agenda for the upcoming District meeting.

Upcoming Events:

September 2, 2024: Labor Day at Salt Pond Big Pavilion, set-up starts at 9 AM

July 4, 2024: Sunrise Sobriety will host a panel following the morning meeting discussing the topic of “sponsorship”

6. DCM Report: Anastasia A -

Thank you all for letting me be of service. In May 18th I attended the May committee meeting.

-there was a proposal about removing the Area from the Hawaii State Convention. This will be discussed at the next Assembly, I believe.

-the Delegate report back is scheduled for July 20th, 10am to 2pm at Hanama`ulu beach park pavilion. Our district meeting can take place after or just be postponed until the next month. This also may be a good time for me to give a budget report for Area 17. We can discuss that in new business.

-I have the proposed budget for Area for 2025 and am available to be schedule to give reports on that

-next assembly is the budget assembly on September 7th and 8th.

She brought handouts from Tommy G from his attendance at the General Service Conference, including his Report Back, and made them available.

Discussion followed about moving next District meeting to another day since that it will be held on our regularly scheduled Saturday or postpone until August. Plan: Cancel the July District meeting and attend the Delegate Report Back. Hold the next District meeting in August.

Jim asks if there are any highlights from the Budget Assembly. DCM gave a few highlights: There are a few changes to the budget. Since PRAASA will be held in Alaska, the Area budget has increased. Our Delegate will need to stay an extra night. There is one less committee meeting next year which will offset some of those costs. All the computers have been replaced. DCM doesn't remember anything “super controversial” offhand. Jim asked her to check with Sean and give us a report back. Plan: DCM will have the Budget Assembly report for us at the Delegate Report back.

7. GSR Reports:

- Anahola Jaywalkers – Kathryn F, not present. No written report provided.

- Happy Hour – Jim D reported: The meeting is small, but it's working. We had a couple of visitors from AZ with 40 years of sobriety. We may end up adding another meeting day.

- Hui `Ohana/Hui `Ohana Virtual – Doug H GSR: not present. Written report sent: meetings are held every day at 7 am both online and in person. James B is the Alt GSR. 20-25 people attend In-Person daily. Approximately 1-3 visitors daily. Marvin Hui Ohana is the chairperson for the upcoming Nov 9 Potluck. Hui `Ohana will be voting at the next business meeting to see if the proposed new meeting can use the Hui Ohana name. The proposed new Friday meeting is being held at Lydgate benches, or in the pavilion when raining, at 6:30pm-7:30pm. Hot dogs are from served from 5:30-6:15pm. Marvin also suggested we use smaller cups for coffee to save money. All agreed. I asked Charlie to correct the Meeting Guide (chair app) Hui Ohana In-Person meeting topics M-F are listed incorrectly Sat-Sun correct.

Shoshanah B gave virtual report: we are having way less disrupters with the enabled waiting room, muting all on entry, and the Spiritual Bouncers squad vetting the new visitors in the waiting room and “ushering” them to their square. We do report them to Zoom. We formed a Safety Steering Committee that reports back at our business meetings and that continues to learn more to keep us safe. AA Intergroup has an online team called Tech Steppers and the link for that is <https://aa-intergorup.org/meetings/>

Discussion:

Jenn D commented to think of this from the perspective of attending an in-person meeting. For them it is like a shooter coming to a meeting. Safeguards may be needed. Otherwise, we don't want to exclude anyone who wants help from the meeting, especially an Open meeting. We would take the person aside and simply talk to them. Shoshanah B said that the Committee is looking into Breakout Rooms for a member who may need quiet time and how to allow only Registered or Domain verified users.

Annie C shared: November 2023 Mynah Bird has information on safeguarding your meetings.

- Koloa Aloha – Laurel B, GSR: not present. Mathea A reported: We have 2 meetings a week; one on Zoom and one in-person. Mostly women attending the virtual meeting. The In person meeting sees 9-15 people. The Business meeting is on Fridays. The treasury is in order; our secretary is Connie; and we are looking forward to the next Panel.
- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR. We have between 12-20 women in person and 6-7 on-line.
- Saturday Sober Sisters – Annie C, GSR: revised our phone list and currently have 14 active members. We average 6 people in attendance. We are back at Lydgate again and it is a BYO chair meeting
- Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR:

We continue with 7 face to face meetings and 7 virtual on-line meetings weekly. The meeting in the Park is well attended daily averaging 15-24 sober alcoholics. 1/3 are less than a year sober and 50 % are visitors returning to our meeting. The virtual meeting has 6-12 members from US mainland and Hawaii.

We are planning a Speaker Meeting / Sponsorship Workshop Discussion on July 4th at the western-most pavilion at Po'ipu Beach Park. There will be 4 speakers. It starts at 9 with a light breakfast, Panel Discussion from 9:30-11. Wieners-of-World Roast with Fellowship after the Panel Discussion and Potluck. It will probably go into the afternoon.

Our Group has started budgeting to support interested group members to attend the Hawaii State Conference in October and PRAASA in Anchorage next March.

We have also agreed to give a Big Book and 12 & 12 to new members just starting to count time. Benita, our District Intergroup Literature Co-chair, has put together information fliers for Newcomers called the Newcomer Packet.

• Waimea Canyon Group – Shoshanah B reported: We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Labor Day Gathering at Salt Pond Beach Park, Main Pavilion on Monday, September 2nd. Sunrise Sobriety will be supporting the event as well. Set up at 9am. Stay tuned for details.

• North Shore Aloha – Charlie S reported: We have 4 meetings/wk and they are well attended. Monday:7pm Speaker-Discussion; Tuesday: 7pm Living Sober; Wednesday – 7pm 12 & 12 Discussion. All the service commitments will be turning over in July. In Kapa`a, 7:30pm on Thursdays, Hui Lokahi men's stag, a topic/discussion meeting, needs a GSR.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

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

Corrections: Garrett S, Chair: He spoke with Kalei and was told that, for the past 3 months, we have 7 men bringing a meeting to the Jail on Tuesdays, depending on the guards. There was only one woman who passed and we need to 2 women to bring a Women's meeting into KCCC. Garrett will talk to Zach about holding another Vol-Corr Training. Garrett didn't submit it all the paper work in time for this volunteer group. Amy B asked how many women attended the training. Garrett said between 10-12 women.

Discussion:

Ann strongly suggested that some of the women at the training did not proceed with the paperwork due to mistreatment (some of the women reported that they were not spoken to kindly at the Vol-Corr training). Garrett said that he would follow-up with the women about their concerns.

Charlie S reported that there was a Vol-Corr training today and that Kalei had a few people attending. Charlie S also felt that if anyone is feeling that they are being harassed, it should be known and corrected.

Mathea A felt that having this in-depth discussion about Corrections is progress and an improvement. She suggested that Garret let the Area Corrections Chair be informed and perhaps can lend some assistance with our concerns. Contact information: Mike Lag at Corrections@ Area17aa.org

Jenn D suggested that, in the meantime, perhaps we could have Correspondence support for the women incarcerated. Garrett agreed to work with Jenn D.

Shoshanah B – expressed frustration with the lack of communication and stated that we need to have all our Corrections information going thru our Corrections Chair. She had been on the training list when Kalei had been helping to organize the last training. She was not contacted about today's training like he said that he would. She had been certified in the past as well. Perhaps we could channel all our questions, comments, and concerns one person, Garrett, the Corrections Chair. Suggested that we all learn to set up and use our District Outlook email addresses for correspondence and communications like Area 17 does. Charlie S stated that he offered Kalei to help him last Panel and Kalei didn't think we needed it at that time.

Amy said her friend asked if they cancelled the VOL-CORR training today. Someone clarified that the training was for recertification (for those who had been certified in the past) only.

Jim thinks we can do all kinds of other things that can be done to get us ready to serve our Corrections community in the meantime. There are pamphlets we can share. He reminded us that we have not had the best relationship with KCCC in the past. There have been forces at the jail that have not wanted AA in there. There have been many roadblocks. With the new warden, we are hopeful that things can change. For now, we should know the rules and be more accepting of the way things are and find way of working around it and with it.

Jenn D asked if we have a program from when they are released from KCCC. Bridging the Gap is not currently happening.

Anastasia suggested that we hold a Correction workshop. At her place of employment, she saw a worker come in a van which may have been part of the work furlough program at KCCC. The group was supportive of a Corrections Workshop and suggested to bring coffee and donuts and food for a successful gathering.

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

Grapevine: Mathea A, Chair: written report:

1. The 74th GSC agenda item that achieved “**Advisory Action**” (that means it is going to be done by the Trustees) was phrased: “**Discuss the cost effectiveness of and sustainability of continuing to print La Vina**”

Recommended by 74 GSC : “**The Grapevine Board developed a 5-year financial plan for La Vina with the goal to reduce shortfalls and increase revenue to be brought back to the 2025 Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Vina.** The Delegates at GSC votes were taken: **Passed** 108 “yes”; 18 “no”.

The other nine agenda items got “**consideration**” which means they will be heard from again at a future GSC.

2. The May Grapevine had an excellent article on Drinking Dreams. Mathea A showed us her copy with pictures of the different meeting locations and shared a joke.

Mathea A, Grapevine Chair

Discussion:

Question: Can we send money to grapevine directly. Answer: No but you can purchase a subscription It costs \$36/year. A member suggested that perhaps the Grapevine committee could send a copy to the KCCC.

Mathea A made a **Motion:** that District 6 send a 2-year subscription of the Grapevine to KCCC. Charlie S seconded the Motion.

Discussion followed: The Group liked the idea of supporting our Jail in this way. Questions about specifically how this subscription would be sent (to whose name) and how it would be distributed arose. Charlie S asked about what we CAN do here at home about Corrections. Plan: Garrett to investigate first by contacting Zach Sui, new Warden, and find out the detail about getting the Grapevine subscription to the inmates as well as how to begin AA correspondence with the female inmates.

Motion was tabled.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant.* Annie C, GSR is on the Area Committee and reported that she is collecting stories and has collected a few while attending the Roundup.

PI (Public Information): *position vacant*

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: Web Chairperson, Charlie S: He thanked Jenn and Shoshanah for setting up the hybrid last month so that he was able to attend and give his May report. He expressed gratitude to be present in-person today. He will be away starting in July and Carolyn V will be handling the Website while he is gone. He has been working on our District 6 email addresses and has updated the email addresses currently available. Charlie asked if Literature Committee would like to have their own email address.

9. Old Business:

- On-going vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR’s participation. See list of vacant positions above.

Discussion: Benita suggested that we write something for the GIS about the vacant positions; what they are and what they entail. Mathea A referred us to our Structure and Guidelines, article IX and our Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines Area17aa.org) which have a descriptions of the standing committee chair positions and duties. It is also written in our AA service structure manual.

- PRAASA 2026 - Hawai'i is hosting. Kunane D is Chair. Need hundreds of people.

10. New Business:

Combining District and Intergroup as one Entity: Charlie S wants to postpone the discussion until next meeting when we are fresh and not at the end our meeting. The Group agreed and the DCM has asked that it be placed on the Agenda after the reading of the Traditions and Concepts of the month.

Discussion followed:

Jim suggested that we wait until Intergroup has decided since it was presented to them initially. Ann W wasn’t sure why we would make a decision for both entities. Charlie S thought that Intergroup was going to get back to District.

DCM wanted to see the Proposal and to get feel of the room. Amy B felt that with one meeting, we would consolidate energy.

Jim: We need the cooperation of both Intergroup and District to enhance the way we organize and carry the message. Isn't this our primary purpose? Presently, we share the costs for our website and our Garden Island Sobriety Newsletter, - so why be separate? Historically, Intergroup happened first. They had the members' phone numbers and addresses. The functions that Intergroup performs are a part of what we do. Years later, the Service Structure was formed and the General Service Conference started. This is our First Tradition. The question is, "How do we want to organize to get the work done". The fewer meetings we have the better off we are. People need to start making reports. To illustrate this point, Jim asked, "Would you do 4th step without a using piece of paper?"

Jenn D stated that, as a visitor from HI Island, she has been attending both District and Intergroup to keep her fingers on the pulse of the island and could see the benefit of it just being one meeting. Jenn would like to hear the reasons against the merger, especially from our more seasoned members.

Garrett agrees with Jim to streamline and join as one.

Plan: District will hold on putting it on our Agenda until Intergroup finishes their discussions.

11. **GSR/District concerns:** none

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

- Delegate Report Back" will be held on July 20, 2024 at the Hanama`ulu Beach Park Pavilion at 10:00 AM - 2PM with food and socialization. No District meeting
- July 4, 2024: Sunrise Sobriety will host a panel following the morning meeting discussing the topic of "sponsorship"
- September 2, 2024 Labor Day gathering at Salt Pond Beach Park, Main Pavilion, hosted by Waimea Canyon Group with Sunrise Sobriety supporting. Set-up starts at 9 AM.
- September Budget Assembly: September 7-8,2024, hosted by District # 4, Windward O`ahu
- October Election Assembly 10/19-22, 2024 District #1, Diamond Head, O`ahu
- Pacific Regional Forum 2024, July 12-14, 2024, Westgate Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, NV – Registration is FREE and opened online at www.aa.org on May 13, 2024
- 61st Annual Hawai'i Convention, October 24-27, 2024 at Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. Registration and more information: <https://www.annualhawaiiConvention.com/>
- A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Center and BC Place Stadium. <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

13. **Meeting Adjourned:** Charlie entertained a **Motion** to close the meeting; seconded by Jim D. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 11:22h.

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 August 17, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church on German Hill,4602 Ho`omana Rd, Lihu`e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted by
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Panel 73