

Approved Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
 March 16, 2024
 Lihū`e Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order:** Anastasia B, DCM, called the meeting to order at AM with the Declaration of Unity at 9:05 AM.

a) Attendance: Anastasia B (DCM); Jim D (Alt DCM); Doug H; (GSR- Hui `Ohana); Bob F (Treasurer/GSR – Sunrise Sobriety); Annie C (GSR – Sober Sisters); Ann W (Intergroup Chair); Garrett S (Corrections Chair); Kathryn F (GSR – Anahola Jaywalkers); Amy B (GSR – Na Wahine Ku Pono); Mathea A (Grapevine Chair); Shoshanah B (District Secretary); April T (guest).

Eleven (11) voting members present.

Note: some members arrived late and were not present to vote on prior **Motions**.

Hybrid: unavailable

*Any new items to add to the Agenda?

b) Reading of **Tradition Three** and checklist questions by Annie C.

Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudice some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

c) Reading of the **Concept III** and questions by Jim D.

Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

- Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?
- Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

Discussion followed:

Bob F had a question regarding the “Right of Decision”. We are not leaders, we are trusted servants. Do we make decisions for the group when there is little feedback from them? District members gave feedback - yes.

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

Bob F entertained the **Motion** to accept the January 2024 minutes as presented / corrected; seconded by Jim D.

Vote taken: Eight (8) in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

Bob F entertained the **Motion** to accept the February 2024 minutes as presented / corrected; seconded by Jim D.

Vote taken: Eight (8) in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- Bob distributed the February 2024 Treasurer's spreadsheet report via email and printed copies were also available at the meeting. See the spreadsheets for details.

Current operating balance \$4,589.82. He doesn't have any information on the website fees.

2024 projections were also presented. Bob added \$250.00 in Post Office Box fees. He has paid \$220.00. Since District has a large surplus in the current operating budget balance (\$4,589), Bob proposed that we send the General Service Board \$5,000 for 2024. While we are working to prepare and present our 2024 Budget to the District Committee Members, Bob suggested that we send GSB the same amount this year as last year (\$3,250) and can make the difference once the 2024 Budget is approved.

Discussion: DCM suggested that the Treasurer has a list of people who want to be on the committee and to hold a meeting to present the 2024 Budget at the next District meeting. DCM also suggested that a second **Motion** be made regarding sending some of the surplus monies to GSB.

Anastasia B entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected. Seconded by Jim D. **Vote** taken: Eight (8) in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

Ann W made a **Motion** to send the proposed \$3,250 to GSB and was seconded by Jim D.

Discussion: Garrett asked for clarification regarding sending \$5,000 to GSB in the Proposed 2024 Budget. The plan is that District will make up the difference when the Budget committee makes their recommendations and the Budget has been approved.

Vote taken: Ten (10) in favor. No abstentions/ passed unanimously. Motion passes.

Bob F asked who else would like to be on the Budget Committee? Hands raised – Kathryn F and Shoshanah B would also like to be on the committee. He asked Shoshanah B to help coordinate the zoom meeting.

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

ALTERNATE DCM REPORT 3/16/2024

As most of you know, I represented District 6 at the Committee Meeting on Oahu last month and distributed material where I could. I also had a brief meeting with Anastasia after that and we discussed beginning preparations for the next panel. It will be a very exciting panel because of the 90th birthday party and Hawaii hosting PRAASA! We are truly blessed to be living in such a remarkable period of our fellowship's growth! And speaking of growth, it is exciting to welcome a new GSR today and remind everyone of the Roundup in June. Please encourage members to register!

In getting materials for our new GSR, it was brought to my attention that our agenda doesn't have the time of the meeting and it was suggested we add that to the format.

Also, a participant at my home group suggested AA procure a space at the Pride Day event which is June 28. I would help anyone who's interested.

And last but not least, we need to schedule a report-back for Tommy.

Thank you all for participating today!

Kathryn F volunteered to help with the Pride Day event.

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W:

Our last meeting was held March 2, 2024.

Discussion on the upcoming events:

- Founders day June 6-9th in Koke'e. Registration fliers are available on the website with a QR code as well. The last planning meeting was held on March 9th at Lydgate Park small pavilion. They are having fundraising for that event. Laulau tickets have been sold and pick up is tomorrow, March 17th from 10am-1pm. Donation Cans are also available at many home group meetings
- Hui 'Ohana is hosting a St. Patty's day event at Lydgate Park small pavilion from 12-3 pm with a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal/ potluck.
- Inform the Delegate Assembly will be held on O'ahu on April 6-7. Kaua'i has two items to review, Information is available and will be discussed today
- Petey K was our Literature Committee Chair. She had an opportunity and has moved back to Colorado to be with her family and grandchildren. We are looking for a new Literature Committee Chair. A couple of people have expressed interest in that position and it will be voted on at our next Intergroup meeting.
- Our secretary, Carolyn, has been working with Charlie and is putting together a Website procedure "manual" on the how to's: i.e. add/subtract from the website; etc for all to refer to.
- Jim asked if the next meeting will be held on a different date since it is the same it is the same date as the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Ann will check with the church to see what is available and let us know.

6. DCM Report: Anastasia: 3/16/2024

Aloha pals,

Please register and attend for Inform the Delegate Assembly April 6 & 7 on oahu.

https://area17aa.org/panel63/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024_Delegate_Assembly_by_District-2_01.pdf

If you have any questions about this assembly, please let me know.

Agenda Items to be discussed:

Agenda Item A

IV. Finance:

A. Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of various services by the GSB.

Consider: means a vote might be taken at the GSC on this item. Ask your group for a yes/no/ or for/opposed response.

- asking for reporting focused on the actual costs of the various service items we provide.
- Would be included as background information for any new agenda items listed in reports.
- Podcasts, apps, Instagram etc, come with long-term costs even though they are free to the community.
- Asking for budgeted cost, changes to budgeted cost, estimated total cost
- Agenda item came from Area 47 Central New York

B. Review self-support packet presented to provide suggestive action, changes, or corrective actions.

In love and service,

Anastasia

Discussion continued:

DCM welcomed the new GSR's present at the meeting today and explained how to prepare for the Inform the Delegate Assembly, specifically how to present the Agenda Items to their home groups.

1. Read the packet
2. Summarize the information
3. Present the 2 Agenda Item questions and get the group consensus
4. Bring their vote to the assembly

Additionally, when she reads the Agenda Items, she underlines CONSIDER. Anastasia also made herself available to review this with any of the GSR's.

DCM noted that the Finance Committee on our website doesn't match the Actual report that she presented today.

It is important to Register **ASAP** for the **Inform the Delegate Assembly** as there is a deadline for home stay.

Agenda Item A: Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of various services by the GSB.

Say a group wants to make a new pamphlet. How much does things really cost us to make a new pamphlet, or create a You T channel? Do we want to keep doing this? What about the cost for Grapvine on line vs GV in print. We need to use our money wisely.

- budgeted costs
- any changes to the costs
- area 47 central NY

This was Included as background information.

DCM asked for the District Committee Members to vote on Agenda Item A:

VOTE taken: 8 members in favor; 3 members abstained.

Agenda Item B: Review Self-Support Packet (from GV)

Self-supporting inside Grapevine. We are the self and not strangers.

Discussion:

- Doug- just another method of distribution
- Kathryn – GV is not a part of AA. Where does the money go? **Answer: Per DCM**, GSB it is the same as 7th tradition. The home groups “should” be doing the 3 way split. GV contributions go to GSB.
- Bob F – seems like it’s another way to contribute to GSB.
- Mathea- we need another way to contribute to GSB as we are not sending enough money
- Bob – or we are spending too much money – referred back to Agenda Item A: finance)
- DCM – agreed that their suggestion is a little weird. “Contribute 5x the number of years of your AA birthday”.
- Mathea – during the early yrs of my sobriety, there was a big emphasis on this island of having a birthday envelope and was extremely emphasized by our District. Just recently, in the last 5 yrs, I’ve cleaned those envelopes out of my closet. There was also an emphasis on how many times your net worth has increased over the years? Does your increased net worth match the increase in your contributions? She is for it.
- Jim – I get uncomfortable when talking about money, like everyone else does. Heard a member say that AA is a spiritual entity and doesn’t own anything. The Hindu temple has a gold dome on it. Their temple foundation was designed to last 30,000 years. Here we are at the beach meeting trying to get by one day at a time. Money, for us, gets to be weird. But, as DCM reminds us, we keep our head in the clouds and our feet on the ground. This spiritual work costs money. We need to have the material resources to carry it out. Our real limitation is not the money but in **the doing**. We don’t have the man-power. We have only two committee chairs filled presently. We are not reaching out to our community enough.
- Mathea – We need to visit the library and our care homes.
- Garrett – It seems like it’s either service or money. Money is irrelevant. If you are working for a goal, you don’t need money. Talent, treasures, and time equate to working together and working in unity. We need to bring the people in.
- Anastasia - We need to fund the GSB with our “extra” monies in our budget.

7. GSR Reports: DCM asks for anything new.

- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR: having trouble with zoom bombers. People are leaving the hybrid meeting.
- Koloa Aloha – Laurel B, GSR: not present. Mathea reports that Laurel will be gone for the next 3 assemblies (May thru November) and they need someone to step up. Mathea will attend the Assembly as the Intergroup Rep and is looking for a vote to take to the assembly. DCM suggested that it is most ideal to have a GSR. Anyone can give their concern directly to Tommy G, Delegate, or your DCM. Your concerns won’t just disappear. There is a way to getting around not having a GSR.
- Hui `Ohana – Doug H GSR: meetings are going strong. He attends other meetings and asks about their GSR and what they do to get their voices heard when they don’t have a GSR. Shared about the Round-Up fund raiser (Iaulau tickets). He recently spoke at a DUI education class which went well. Kaua`i is small and “country”. In a perfect world, we would have someone of “color” from the Archives Committee attend Kupuna Day. He has date set for April 27th at Lydgate.
- Hui Ohana Virtual – Keola O, Alt GSR: Mathea reporting. Treasury is fuzzy from in-person Hui. 20-25 people attending with about 50% not from the Islands. Our group conscience-business meeting secretary is stepping down after serving for 2 years and we are looking for someone to step up. We would like a liaison from the in-person meeting to answer some of our financial concerns and help confirm date for our 3rd Annual In-person/Virtual Gathering. DCM asked about our 7th tradition. Yes we do contribute via Venmo or check and the monies are collected with one bank, one treasurer, one GSR. Shoshanah will contact GSO regarding virtual groups and Virtual districts and they function with the rest of the AA structure? Mathea thinks we should separate and have our own structure. The Virtual Group wants to stay a part of the In-Person group and to continue our Annual gatherings and sharing of Aloha.
- Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR: Great topics on the agenda for the Inform the Assembly. We have no liaison for our in-person to our virtual meetings. Chris K is the spokesperson for the virtual meeting. We want to get more people active in service. We have young members with less than a year and they only attend

meetings (not yet in service) which is good. They ask what they can do. We don't empty ash trays any more. Kathryn B is the new Intergroup Rep and Alternate. A representative of Sunrise Sobriety has been going to the Founders day business meetings (Kimo). Our meeting format is different every day. We have a health club.

Written GSR Report: Sunrise Sobriety at Poipu Beach

We were unable to have a formal Group Conscience meeting in February, however I was able to introduce our Group Conscience questions from Area for the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April. Our Service commitment is Public Information and our questions pertained to fliers and pamphlets that possibly needed updating. There was no one interested in receiving the background material on the subject of PI digitally.

I did attend PRAASA in SF. Our group has elected to fund a representative up to \$1000 to be used toward airfare, accommodations, and meals. It was my first PRAASA and I enjoyed the display of unity and accessibility for all interested in sobriety. I attended GSR, PI and Alanon roundtables and luncheons. I volunteered to participate as Timer for the Ask-it-Basket Panel of current Delegates. Spoke casually with Kunane the Chairperson for the 2026 Hawaii PRAASA and Tommy G, our current Delegate.

Kathryn B is our new Intergroup Rep and Benita is her Alternate.

We've sent representatives to the June Round-up planning meeting.

Consistently, announce Service Commitment vacancies that need to be filled in District.

I am planning to attend the Inform the Delegate Assembly in Honolulu in April.

Bob F

[Side Notes: DCM reminds us that we only have one vote. We need to bring information to and from groups/district. A GSR from one meeting could serve as alt GSR with another group to carry the message.

If you want to go to PRAASA next year, sign up and, if you need funding, come to District and ask for help. Garrett mentioned that he would like to attend next year and was directed to ask his home group first. Koloa aloha funds their GSR during the 2nd year of their panel to attend PRAASA.}

- Waimea Canyon Group – Shoshanah B, reporting. nothing new to report.
- Anahola Jaywalkers – Kathryn F, GSR: she has brought the Agenda items to her home group and their answers are prepared for the Assembly.
- Saturday Sober Sisters – Annie C, GSR: started 1.5 yrs ago. We are small and growing. We meet at Lydgate Park at 10 am on Saturdays.
- Happy Hour – Crystallyn B, GSR: Jim reporting. On June 28th AA could have a space at the Downtown Lihue Art night.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

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

Corrections: Garrett S – spoke to Kalei about how many people turned in their Vol Corr forms. The forms must be completed and submitted. It has been challenging for him to get the information from him Zack Sui, the present Warden. Garrett has made a contact list of those who attended the training. Only one person has sent it in so far. They have 30 days to get on the approved list to bring AA meetings into the jail and that end date is April 27th. He asked Doug H to carry the message back to Hui Ohana. Kalei, Doug, and Scott had gone into the jail a few months ago. TB clearance is also needed.

- Ann and April brought meetings into the jail before COVID and shared some historical information. Kalei had attended Intergroup and felt very strongly about his connection to the jail and the wardens. He wanted to be able to maintain that connection. When they got a new warden, what was required for people to go in changed and there are additional requirements now. There has been a feeling of “subtle push-back” towards the members of AA who wanted to go into the jail.
- The current Background check is more intense than previous years and that may have turned people off from going in/ pursuing it further.

Plan: Garrett will contact Kalei and the warden to get the list of qualified Vol Corr people who need to get their paperwork turned in.

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

Grapevine: Mathea A - We have the transfer of interest and performance from the magazine in print to the virtual world (digital copies). It is recognized by GSO that we need as much input and performance on line as we can possibly get. To that end, the entire Grapevine system, which the printed format is still needed for Corrections and people aboard ships, will be transferring over to the Virtual/Digital system. The whole system is switching to electronic parameters which relates to the way the GV is being paid for. She suggested that we read **Concept XI**, in which Bill W cautions us to: not change the GV. Keep it as a communication tool. AAWS and GV are for continuing the GV and La Vina (La Vina has always been money making). It needs to be self-supporting. What should we do? GV asks everyday if we are in AA. As AA members we can consider shifting to the using the Digital Grapevine App.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI (Public Information): *position vacant*

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: Webmaster - Charlie S
3/16/24

- The Website and meeting app are both up-to-date, I've included a Kauai Round Up page but think they should have their own website with an online registration form. They appear to be relying on the snail-mail document they sent me.
- Kauai AA groups rarely inform me of events that require promotion (e.g. Hui `Ohana's St. Patrick's Day.) I plan to address this at the April IG meeting, but perhaps GSRs can bring this back to your groups as well.
- Almost all the District minutes posted on the website for 2023 and 2024 are “un-approved.” Could this please be remedied?
- I was told there was an important document that needed to be reformatted and posted. Is this still the case?
- One last reminder: if something isn't on the website that you think should be there, you have to let me know, I don't have telepathic skills yet.

9. Old Business:

- Vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR's participation. See list of vacant positions above.
- 2024 Kaua'i Round Up June 6-9, 2024. Mike T, Events Chair. 808.635.6059. Printed Registration forms are available and being distributed. QR code is on our website.
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly** will be hosted by District #2, Honolulu, O`ahu. April 6 & 7, 2024
area17.org
- PRAASA 2026 - Hawai`i is hosting. Kunane D is Chair. Need hundreds of people. BOB F suggested

10. New Business:

- May Committee Meeting - May 18th, 2024. Hosted by District 5 , No Ka Oi, Maui. Held at [Paia Community Center](#), 252 Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779
- May 4th Alanon speaker meeting and fundraiser 1-3 pm at the Lihue Lutheran Church
- St Patty's Day gathering will be held tomorrow, March 17th, at Lydgate Park small pavilion. Corned Beef and Cabbage potluck.
- October 2025 optional committee meeting will be held.

11. GSR/District concerns:

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you are attending **the Inform the Delegate Assembly and haven't already done so**, register ASAP as there is a **DEADLINE** to arrange for your home-stay.
- **2024 Kaua'i Round Up** is set for June 6-9, 2024. Printed registration forms are being distributed. Visit www.kauaiaa.org website under Announcements for registration and QR code.
- Still looking for Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR's participation at District. See list of vacant positions above
- **GSR's** and District members please carry the message regarding the Agenda Items from Area/GSO to your Home Groups as we prepare for the Inform the Delegate Assembly April 6-7. If your group doesn't have a GSR, please send your opinions directly to the DCM who will let your voice be heard.
- May Committee Meeting - May 18th, 2024. Hosted by District 5 ,No Ka Oi, Maui. Held at [Paia Community Center](#), 252 Hana Hwy, Paia, HI 96779

13. Meeting Adjourned:

Kathryn entertained a **Motion** to close the meeting; seconded by Amy B.

- **Vote take:** No objections or abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Meeting closed at 1121h.

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 April 20, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, Room 8, 4602 Hoomana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted,

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Hawai'i Area 17
Panel 73