

Draft Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2023
Lihue Lutheran Church

1. **Call to order: Anastasia**, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:55 AM with the Declaration of Unity.

a) Attendance: Anastasia A; Amy B; Bob F; Jim D; Mathea A; Kathryn F; Crystallyn B Ann W; Shoshanah B. Nine (9) voting members present.

Hybrid: unavailable

*Any new items to add to the Agenda? No

Final District Inventory questions: Read by DCM

Question 13: How well are our groups informed about what is happening in A.A. worldwide?
Discussion:

- Jim D: If we learn to use the **meeting guide app**, there's information from the General Manager of GSO, membership survey, Box 459, etc, at our fingertips.
- Mathea A: It's not an AA site. The App was patented and, therefore, cannot be AA. That information comes from attending PRAASA; it is our world-wide access to AA. The Delegate goes to the Conference. Our Trustee is assigned to WWS and reports back at PRAASA. Koloa Aloha Home Group sends their GSR to PRAASA every other year. PRAASA is "the graduate school" of AA.

Question 14: Are our District meetings informative and enthusiastic?

Discussion:

- Mathea A: Yes. Entire group in attendance agreed "yes". Our District meetings are very informative and enthusiastic.
- Anastasia A: they are aggressively enthusiastic.
- Amy B: they are informative.

b) Reading of the **Tradition Eleven** and checklist questions by Jim D.

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

Discussion followed:

- Mathea A asked where the checklist came from. Answer: AA.org website; from the AA Grapevine. Revised 01/18 SM F-131
- Bob F: He is not afraid to tell people that he is in AA and doesn't broadcast it. He respects personal anonymity. He does share with his wife about some situations in AA and feels that he could do better with anonymity.

- Amy B: We can all work on anonymity. In her training at Child and Family Services, they talked about HIPPA (privacy act). It is important to ventilate and not give personal information while doing that.
- Jim D: He is amazed at the intimate things that he knows about people in AA."I have to be quiet about it; not share their names, just their stories." He described the balance of the General Service Board members: 14 members are alcoholics and 7 are "normies". He talked about the denial aspect of our disease and the importance of our need to share what goes on with us. " I need to know how you do it in order to help myself".
- Anastasia A: To newly sober people, "Big Book Thumpers" make it look unattractive. "I was one. I've seen sponsors share confidences inappropriately. Question number 1 is linked with question number 6: I want a drunk to say to me: "you look happy... I want what you got".

c) Reading of the **Concept XI** and questions by Mathea A.

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

- Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
- How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation"?
- Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

Discussion followed:

- Mathea A: Point #1 - so much needs to be done. They are working on a simple translation of AA (non-AA), and they hired someone. Five chapters are ready so far. Occasionally, we need to hire accounting people. For example, Hawaii's Non-Trustee Director, David Avery, was in the publishing business and was hired as the Director of the Grapevine. Tradition Two states that Paid workers get a vote. Point #2 Doesn't apply to us. Point #3 Our Literature Chair, Bob B, didn't rotate for 20 years because no one let him. Now it's been challenging to pick up his duties.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah B. The Draft of October 2023 District 6 minutes were distributed via email to the mail distribution list. Minutes were also available at the meeting. The minutes were reviewed.

Mathea A. entertained the **Motion** to accept the October 2023 minutes as corrected; seconded by Bob F. **Vote taken:** in favor. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F- Bob distributed the October 2023 Treasurer's report via email and printed copies were also available at the meeting. See the spreadsheets for details. He anticipates that next years' contribution could be the same. This year's budget is \$6,316 and would like to form a budget committee to plan next year's budget. The main expense is once again travel. Anticipating 4 assemblies in 2024 and wants to increase the DCM projected budget \$1,000.

Discussion:

- Mathea - 1. Mahalo for the list of groups who contributed ytd. 17 groups contributed (about ½ the total groups in District 6); 2. District has too much money. GSO needs money and suggests sending \$3,000 to GSO; 3- Point of information: our Literature Chair did not rotate for 20 years because no one let him. It's been a challenge to pick up his duties.
- Anastasia suggests we form a subcommittee to propose the 2024 budget. Set up finance subcommittee meeting for November 27 at 5pm. Mathea commented that she expects a proposal by the next District meeting.

Mathea A. entertained the **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected; seconded by Amy B. **Vote** taken: in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** Jim D - provided written report as follows:

Alternate DCM Report
November, 2023

Thank you all for demonstrating your commitment to AA by showing up this morning and thus giving me a further opportunity for growth.

In the last few days I have reviewed the preparation materials sent out for the Inventory Assembly which prompted me to print three copies of the New Group Listing Guidelines from GSO. The cover sheet is a great reminder about the role this form plays in the communication process in AA.

I continue to participate on the Roundup Committee as the treasurer and this has resulted in experiencing a steep learning curve regarding online banking as we continue to develop the registration form for the June 6-9, 2024 event.

And the Thank-a-thon's QR code has offered another new perspective on communicating!

Further, I want to encourage all who have not yet discovered it to participate in the AA Survey by clicking on the "News" button at the bottom of the Meeting Guide App. It takes only a few minutes and the more data gathered, the more complete will be the picture for a future "AA Fact File" or similar pieces of literature.

Lastly, "*The Way Out of the Rough*" golf outing hosted by Happy Hour was truly a demonstration of the joy of living we have found here and we will be planning similar events in the future.

Thank you all for the opportunity to learn to serve this remarkable organization!

5. Intergroup Report: Ann W - October 7th was the last IG mtg with 11 in attendance. The Treasury has \$5,566.98 in the operating budget. Preparing for the annual Thankathon. Mahalo Bob F and Mike T. A meeting was held at Lydgate to discuss last Sunday. Ann has the snacks at her house. New literature chairperson is Petey from Hui `Ohana. There are improved supplies of our Literature at the Literature Locker. Charlie S has been helping with the website. Phone Chair, Sean, reported that the Hotline has updated their schedule on October 20, 2023 for who is working when and updating the Intergroup Link on the Kauaiaa.org website.

Discussion followed:

- Congratulate Ann and her hanai nephew, Ethan, for getting the bookcases fixed and secured in the Literature Locker.

6. DCM Report: Anastasia -

-proposal from the Finance Committee to be discussed at the January Assembly

-PRAASA - it is feasible that she can attend in 2024

-Area Inventory - copies were handed out. She asked that those attending complete pages 1 and 2 BEFORE the assembly.

-District 6 Structures and Guidelines: DCM and Alt DCM reviewed it. That copy is not in digital format and needs to be upgraded. Shoshanah volunteered to re-type it in word and will ask Charlie S for help.

-The General Service Conference (GSC) final report is available. Let DCM know if you'd like a copy.

-PRAASA 2025 will be in Anchorage and PRAASA 2026 will be in Hawaii. Will need 200 plus people to help host the event. 1,000 people will be attending.

-The optional October committee meeting was canceled and we will not be hosting it.

-The next Hawaii State Convention will be held at the Waikiki Marriott Beach and Spa October 24-27, 2024.

-The Women's Retreat will be held the first weekend in November 2024.

-Suggested that we submit our bigger events to the Area website as well as locally.

Discussion:

- Kathryn F asked about a group inventory. DCM suggested having an outside person do it, i.e. DCM or other district member.
- Bob F said that Sunrise Sobriety does one question a month at their monthly business meetings.
- Jim D reminded us that, for our 60th annual State Convention, we were out of touch with what other events were going on at the same time (i.e. men's and women's retreat on Kaua'i, NA annual retreat). Historically, Area 17 grew out of the Hawaii State Convention. We need to organize our events around it and keep continuity. Area 17 Alt Chair and Chair may not be participating in the convention and they brought the concepts to the Convention. This is a reason for the NEED for our Area 17 Inventory.

7. GSR Reports:

- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Amy B, GSR. The womens' meeting is held 7 days a week. As Bill Sees It is on Mondays at 5pm is hybrid.

- Koloa Aloha –Laurel B, GSR. not present. Mathea reported that she is the new Intergroup rep. They have been doing a group inventory. Laurel will be attending the inventory assembly. Ann is now their treasurer. On Friday, Connie chairs the virtual meeting) and Linda G chairs on Sundays.

- Hui `Ohana James B, GSR - not present.

- Hui Ohana Virtual – Keola, Alt GSR. not present. Mathea reported for the virtual meeting: well attended with 22-25 people daily. On November 11, we had 78 people for our speaker, Kalei. Aaron is still out due to a serious back injury and we have many virtual supporting members to keep the meeting running smoothly. We have positions for members: door/mute/bombers (spiritual bouncers)/slides/timer.
- Sunrise Sobriety – Bob F, GSR. No changes. 7 days /week, live and virtual. Hosting an Alkathon for Xmas eve at the Salvation Army, Koloa and New Years Eve at Po`ipu Beach Park. Their business meetings are held on the 2nd saturday of the month with good participation and a lot of newly sober members.
- Waimea Canyon Group – shoshanah reported that there is nothing new to report. Four meetings a week, including a wednesday morning beach meeting, and all are listed on the new schedule. Great shares and fellowship. Come join us for the sunset on the beach in Kekaha on Fridays. Especially fun on the last Friday of the month for our potluck.
- Anahola Jaywalkers – Kathryn F, GSR. Best meeting on the island! Been small lately and needs support. Meet on Wednesdays at 7pm. They are changing the format: Grapevine, Big Book, and Birthday shares/speaker.
- Princeville-Hanalei – no report
- Happy Hour – Crystallyn B, GSR. Jim reported that Happy Hour is a “surprising experience”. They hosted the **Way of the Rough** golf event at the Hokulea course and it was a joy. On Wednesdays, they read from the Big Book and that meeting saw 6-7 people this past week, both local and visitors. The Thursday meetings are a Twelve and Twelve meeting. The secretary left and the position is open. Crystal thanked Jim for his welcomed support as she just moved from the W.I.N. house and is a new foster parent at the same time.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: *position vacant*

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

Corrections: Garrett S -

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

Grapevine: Mathea. The medical aspects of AA used to be the gray pages before and this month’s article, on page 62, from the Lancet “no level of alcohol is safe that does not affect health”. Alcohol is classified as a Group I which includes heroin, oxycontin, fentanyl, asbestos, radiation, and tobacco and is carcinogenic. Grapevine is in transition from print and moving towards social media. FYI - The Everything AA app cannot correspond with people like the Grapevine App.

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI (Public Information): *position vacant.* Bob F reported that he is on the Area PI Committee and he talked with Anna about the county bus service. It is no cost to us to have a sign on the Bus. We provide the artwork and letter from the District to request it. He would like to get it started. Chrystal reported that she is in transition and it is very difficult for her to take on this responsibility.

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: *position open* Temporary Webmaster - Charlie S

9. Old Business

- Updating District 6 Structures and Guidelines
- On-going discussion: revitalize AA and service participation on our island. Need more workshops and events. DCM suggests/supports a February workshop “Love and Service. Any Group interested?
- Vacant Standing Committee Chairs and Member / GSR’s participation. See list of vacant positions above.

- 2024 Kaua'i Round Up is being planned for June 6-9, 2024. See Mike T, Events Chair. 808.635.6059
- **2024 Inventory Assembly** set for January 20th and 21st. Breakfast and Registration will be on Saturday, January 20th, 8-9AM
- **The 73rd General Service Final Conference Report** is available at: <https://www.aa.org/2023-general-service-conference-final-report>
- **"Reflection on our First Year of Panel 73"** - Deadline for your submission is December 15th. Email your report to: Secretary@area17aa.org and/or Mynahbird@area17aa.org
- Registration is open for the 60th annual Hawaii State Convention October 26-29, 2023, at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel. See Area 17.org for more details. Here is the link for registration: <https://www.annualhawaiiconvention.com/aloha#h.83ebvjdf97zg>
- **PRAASA 2024** will be held March 1-3, 2024, San Francisco, CA. Visit www.PRAASA.org GSR's are encouraged/expected to attend.
- PRAASA 2026 will be in Hawaii
- **Thankathon** - November 23, 2023. The flier and sign-up sheets are on the website under **AA Announcements**. Jonathan is the Chair. See Mike T, Events Chair for more information. 808.635.6059
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly** will be hosted by District #2, Honolulu, O`ahu. April 6 & 7, 2024

10. New Business:

- Discuss having a Facebook group on social media
- Thankathon
- Finance sub-committee re 2024 Budget

11. GSR/District concerns:

12. Announcements/What to take back

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- **REMINDER** from Area 17 regarding Assembly Attendees: **All attendees Must register online at area177aa.org as well as send in the paper registration.** If you register before booking your flights, you must re-register to enter your flight information. Please be aware of homestay deadlines.

- Next year's Hawaii State Convention will be held at the Waikiki Marriott Beach and Spa October 24-27, 2024.
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13. Meeting Adjourned:

Kathryn F entertained a **Motion to close the meeting;** seconded by Ann W. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 1135h.

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 December 16, 2023 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