

Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2022
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1, **Call to order:** at 0936h. Keola O called the mtg to order at 9:35 AM with the **AA Declaration of Unity**

a) Attendance: Aaron L, Jim D, Mathea A, Ann W, Bob F, James B, Chuck B, Keola O, Connie S, Charlie S, Garrett S, Janeen T (hybrid), Conrad M (hybrid), Shoshanah B. Eleven (11) voting members present.

b) Reading of the Tradition10 checklist read by Keola and questions read by Connie S followed by group discussion. Bob F mentioned that we have a common goal without politics or outside issues. Charlie mentioned the challenges of being at meetings for people pontificating about religion and how that would have had him immediately out the door. He mentioned an amazing experience of how we separate politics and AA when a heated, political argument between two members occurred before an AA mtg and then how they were completely friendly during the mtg (like nothing had happened). Ann reported reading AA Comes of Age with a group of 3 people. Reading it aloud helped her with understanding the background information about where traditions came from, including the mistakes made and how we ended up where we are in AA today. They are now reading the new AA Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service page by page.

c) Reading of the Concept 10 checklist read by Mathea A; followed by group discussion. Concept 10 tells us that everyone who has a service position has a vote.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah emailed the September 17, 2022 minutes to the District distribution list, including Area 17 Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Archives Chair. Written copies were presented to the group in attendance.

Motion to accept the September minutes was made by Mathea A ; seconded by Connie S. **Vote taken:** 11 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F - distributed report. Not much activity. No expenses this month. Bob reviewed the excel spreadsheet distributed via email. Balance of beginning balance and deposits, prudent reserve of \$1,200 gives an operating balance = \$2,717.52. The expenses for this year = \$4,549. See spreadsheet for details.

Discussion of the budget for next year and Mathea reminded us that the treasurer makes the budget with the budget committee and presents it to the new panel next year.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mathea; seconded by Garrett S. **Vote taken:** 11 in favor. No objections or abstentions. Passed unanimously. **Motion** carries.

4. **Intergroup Report** - given by Keola

- Intergroup announced that they will no longer be meeting on zoom and will no longer be paying for it. They shared the cost for Zoom with the District. Charlie will check to see what the cost would be. Intergroup will be paying \$25/month to rent the room at the Lihue`e Lutheran Church for their meeting.
- Elections at the next meeting Nov 5 in this room at the Lihue Lutheran church. David will be stepping down as the hotline coordinator. He will continue to answer the hotline calls. Tommy R is likely to continue as Treasurer
- Charlie is stepping down from his position with both District and Intergroup. He suggested that we pay a professional webmaster. Discussion followed. Jim D suggesting considering in-sourcing the position within our membership as it can be done virtually.

DCM suspended GSR and Standing Committee reports for this meeting in or to hold our District Elections today. He asked that any urgent issues be addressed in New Business.

Elections Chair: Jim D

Jim D informed us that we are electing the Executive Committee only today: DMC; Alternate DCM; Secretary; and Treasurer. For all other positions, members who are interested volunteer and bring that directly to the Committee members who select them. GSR's are selected from their home group and can participate as standing committee chairs as well.

Jim D discussed the Third Legacy Procedure as it is in the Area 17 Structure and Guidelines: if anyone gets $\frac{2}{3}$ votes on the 1st vote, the voting is done and the person is elected. Since we have 11 voting members present today, we need 7 votes in favor to elect a candidate.

Procedure:

The job description/duties for each position to be read aloud from the District 6 Structures and Guidelines and AA Service Manuals, as needed.
Chair asks for all those who qualify for the position to please stand. Then the chair asks that those who are not willing to hold the position please sit down.
The candidate(s) who remain standing give their qualifications
Vote is taken by Committee Members.

Note: when reading the job description from the District Structures and Guidelines, the members realized that it needs to be updated. AA Service Manual was also used for the most recent job description and duties.

DCM - requirement of 5 year sobriety to stand for this position. The DCM duties were read by Keola from Service Manual page 31 after the Secretary read from our District Structures and guidelines which were out-dated. Jim reminded the group that the job includes 24 additional meetings in the 2 year panel.

Keola O stood for DCM unopposed. His qualifications included: He has been attending Hui `Ohana since 1998. He held the position of Alternate DCM this panel (72) and became DCM by default when Kalei's health required him to step down as DCM earlier this year. He and Kalei took Hawaiian Language classes together at KCC and Kalei welcomed Keola in. Keola hopes to attend every business meeting on the island. Keola "confessed" that he doesn't like traveling and that he is willing to travel for this position. He appreciates the support from the present members of this panel.

Motion made to elect Keola O DCM for Panel 73 by Mathea A and seconded by Charlie S. **Vote** taken: 10 votes in favor. Keola was elected DCM for Panel 73 for District 6.

Alt DCM - Job description read. Jim D stood for Alternate DCM unopposed. Jim's qualifications include past District and Area Secretary, DCM, and very active in service. Jim is passionate about AA and sees this as an excellent time "to see where we stand as a District, to get serious as to where our members stand, and to be an active part of Intergroup."

Motion made to elect Jim D Alternate DCM by Mathea A and seconded by Keola O. **Vote** taken: 10 votes in favor. Jim D was elected Panel 73 Alternate DCM for District 6.

Secretary - Job description read. Shoshanah B stood for Secretary unopposed. Her qualifications include having assumed the current secretary position in June of this panel and a desire to continue to learn and grow into the position. She has served at the District and Area levels of service. **Motion** made to elect Shoshanah B as Secretary by Mathea and seconded by Garrett. **Vote** taken: 9 votes in favor. Shoshanah B was elected Panel 73 Secretary for District 6.

Treasurer - job description read. Bob F stood for Treasurer unopposed. His qualifications include currently serving as treasurer District 6 (began part way through this panel) as well as treasurer for Sunrise sobriety when Garrett stepped down. He enjoys what he does whether on the group or district level. Bob has been in business by himself for 50 years which has included budgeting, advertising, and human resources. He is confident that he will have no problems with this job. He anticipates having more expenses moving forward with in-person Area and Committee meetings (inter-island travel expenses) and looking forward to being a part of this new era. **Motion** made to elect Bob F Treasurer by Mathea A and seconded by Garrett S. **Vote** taken: 10 votes in favor. Bob F was elected Treasurer for Panel 73 for District 6.

Keola asks for interested members in becoming a Standing Committee Chair. Charlie mentioned that has a friend, Carolyn, from the North Shore Aloha group, who is interested in taking a service position.

Standing Chair positions:

1. Archives - **open**
2. Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) - **open**
3. **Corrections - Garrett S volunteered**

KCC contact Jeannie Renard - 808.241.3050 extension 235. Reverend: Clayton Sui is another contact person

4. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) - **open**
5. **Grapevine - Mathea volunteered**
6. Mynah Bird - **open**
7. Public Information (PI) - **open**
8. Treatment and Accessibility - **open**
9. Website - **open**

Per Jim D, we need to pass on to GSO who are our new standing committee chairs. Jim says that we need to think outside the box. We cannot freeze and not proceed if we can't get meetings into jail, what else can we do?

Connie reminded us that new GSR's get assigned a standing committee at the Area level. Perhaps they might stand at the District level as well.

9. **Old Business**

- Authorizing DCM for post office - to be continued
- Making District meeting hybrid - considering it. Will explore costs for Zoom and equipment needed.
- HICYPAA - Charlie reported that it was excellent. It was well attended with over 300 people, locally, other islands, and mainland. They raised a lot of money and the surplus will be used for HICYPAA Hilo (hosting HICYPAA next). The hotel liked us and we were invited back.
- Thankathon - will be followed up by Intergroup.
- November 19-20th, 2022: Area 17 Elections Assembly - will be hybrid. Please encourage GSR's to attend.
- PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) is coming to Hawaii 2026 (O`ahu) - start saving and planning for it. PRAASA 2023 will be held in Southern California.
- Call for stories for the 5th edition of the Big Book - The trustee's Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of AA recovery experience from a broad cross-section of our fellowship. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2022. To submit a story, visit aa.org/submit-big-book-English-fifth. Contact 5BBStory@aa.org for more info.
- Women's Retreat - Nov 4-6 at Camp Naue, Ha`ena. Registration link is on our website/ <https://AAKauaiWomensRetreat.eventbrite.com>
- We have vacant committee chair positions

10. **New Business**

- Discussion of Zoom meeting costs in the future. Mathea made a **Motion** that we have a one year commitment and payment for zoom meetings for District 6. Mathea reported that Koloa Aloha pays \$150/year (Laurie L just renewed Zoom for Koloa Aloha online meeting). Jim suggested that we assign a committee with Bob F to come back with a proposal for this committee. Charlie is willing to be on this committee. Keola **tabled** the discussion until next month and it will be on the November Agenda under **Old Business**.

- Use of this room at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church for our monthly District Committee meetings was raised by Ann W with a discussion of the contribution amount. Currently, Intergroup is paying \$25/month for use of the room. Mathea reminded us that for anything that changes how we do our work, a motion and a vote is needed. Ann made a **Motion** that District provide a monthly contribution of \$25 to The Lihu`e Lutheran Church. It was seconded by Charlie S. Discussion followed. Jim D asked about using the neighborhood centers and Ann reported that you can only reserve online now. Shoshanah reported additionally that you cannot reserve on a site regular, on-going basis. **VOTE** taken 10 votes in favor. Passed unanimously.
- Secretary mentioned (per duties in the structure and guidelines) a need to get our current groups information updated, create a phone tree, etc. The Alt DCM will work with the secretary in the next panel.
- Charlie S is stepping down as the website chair (and at Intergroup as well). He mentioned that supposedly other areas and districts have paid Website/webmaster positions. Mathea suggests we get more information from Deborah at Area 17. Mathea roughly estimated that the cost could be \$1,000/month for 10 hours/month. We need to factor in the increased costs for travel of GSR's, DCM, etc as well when considering our budget. Charlie S has an alternate suggestion: that we outsource from AA as a whole to be an operator since the design is already in place and managing the website can be done remotely. Jim D reminded us that, when considering the budget, we haven't had to spend as much money due to the zoom environment.

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

- Intergroup election Nov 5th in person at the Lihu`e Lutheran Church
- Annual Hawaii State AA Convention will be held Oct 29-31st
- Standing chair positions available
- There is a new meeting of the Princeville-Hanalei group: Bad Brains meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00pm at the Hale Halawai Center, Hanalei

12. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Ann W and seconded by James B. **Vote:** passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 1125h.

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 Meeting will be held on November 12th at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Barretto aka Shoshanah

District 6 Secretary