

Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2022

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

a) Attendance: Keola O; Garrett S; Bob F; Connie S; Mathea A; Jim D; Janeen; Monique; James B; Conrad M; Brit L; Shoshanah B

b) Reading of Tradition 9 checklist read by Keola and questions read by Connie S followed by group discussion.

c) Reading of Concept 9 checklist read by Keola and questions read by Mathea A (“the Steps help us prevent committing suicide; the traditions prevent us from doing homicide; and the concepts prevent us from doing war) followed by group discussion.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Shoshanah emailed the August 20, 2022 minutes to the District distribution list and shared the report with the group. **Motion** to accept the minutes made by Mathea A; seconded by Bob F. **Vote taken:** motion carries. No objections or abstentions.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bob F - Bob shared the spreadsheet. Asking about the Delegates' invoice for the Labor Day event. Keola to inquire. No travel expenses so far this year. July report also displayed and discussed. Bob was sending groups confirmation for the donations to District. Problem: the address that District is sending it to is a personal address and the Post Office kicks it back since that person is not registered at that address. Jim D reported that GSO sends recognition for the groups' contributions. For example, his home group could not afford their own mailbox and now uses a personal address. “We have to do the best we can and let it go. It may not be a real resolution.” The Group contributions are listed in the GIS newsletter (as a way of confirmation and acknowledgment). Mathea reported that “It is not in the guidelines that the treasurer has to respond to the group contributions”. Bob says that some groups want a response/confirmation and those groups give Bob their email address.

Keola is now the signatory for our checking account.

Motion to accept the June, July and August minutes as presented was made by Mathea A; seconded by: James B. **Vote taken:** motion carries. No objections or abstentions.

4. **Alt DCM Report:** vacant. No report.

5. **Intergroup Report:** Ann, secretary - not present. Mathea reported on the 9/3/22 meeting: 6 people were present. Ann distributed the secretary's report via email.

- Devon, treasurer, asked to step down and Tom R will be taking over.
- Literature- Bob is doing well with the Literature Committee. Printing of new schedules was discussed. If you want/need new schedules, write to: Bob Bradley, 3461 Moana Road, Lihue 96766. Bob will mail you the schedules as long as we are meeting on Zoom.
- Thursday's Step meeting at 4:30 voted to be at 5pm and the webmaster will be making that change on the website.
- Labor Day event was a howling success.
- Discussed meeting in person. 7 groups reported in and all want to meet face to face. Intergroup is hopeful that the Lihue Lutheran Church may be able to provide a room.
- Voted that 75 copies of the GIS will be printed for distribution. Unsure how they will be distributed.
- Voted that Elections for Intergroup will be held on November 5th. Janeen, GSR for Hui `Ohana Virtual, asking Intergroup to send a representative to the Intergroup (national) meeting. Mathea stated that Intergroup has not yet participated nationally.

6. DCM Report: Keola - attended the Budget Committee meeting. There is a small deficit but not concerned about it.

Keola thanked the Westside for the Labor Day Delegate Report Back event. Per the Delegate, GSC voted to change the name of the Treatment Committee to Treatment and Accessibility. Area 17 will be hosting the October Committee meeting (October 15 - hybrid) and, per Mathea, Keola needs to attend it. This is the committee meeting where the slate of officers for the November Assembly is generated. The November Election meeting will be hybrid (November 19th and 20th).

7. GSR Reports:

Na Wahine Ku Pono - Connie, GSR - 8 mtgs, 1 live (Mondays at the Church at Koloa - As Bill Sees It). Monday virtual just changed to Living Sober. They just purchased a subscription to the Grapevine and some Big Books for their Literature Table. Tuesday is a Big Book mtg

Waimea Canyon - Shoshanah reporting: labor day event saw about 50 people gathering. Our Delegate was well-received with excellent food and fellowship. We are still looking for a new location for our Tuesday and Thursday meetings.

Saturday 3rd tradition - no report

Bonfire Meeting - see Conrad's Princeville-Hanalei report

Mens Stag - no report.

East Side Wahine Meeting (formerly Step Sisters) - Monique, GSR - “new to this”. They are a small group that meets weekly. Nothing new at the business meeting. 6 people attending consistently. Shoshanah asked for the name clarification. Jim mentioned that the group needs to be registered with GSO and to be sure the “name” matches the group number. Monique confirmed that they are registered with GSO. Mathea asked if they changed their name with GSO as well. If not, the procedure is to use the change of name form. .

Hui `Ohana - James B, GSR- also “new at this”. Things are going well. They had a couple of secretaries drop out last week. People stepped up to be in service. Keola asked James to attend to the Hui `Ohana Virtual business mtg on the second Saturday of the month (October 8th) following their 7am Daily Reflection meeting. Hui `Ohana will be hosting a BBQ for their Virtual AA meeting brothers and sisters who will be visiting the island next month. Planned for October 15th at Lydgate.

Hui `Ohana Virtual - Janeen, GSR - recently stepped up and voted in as the GSR this month. She asked James to coordinate with her and share their information. Janeen plans to be on-island from Oct 7th - 21st.

Koloa Aloha - Ann, GSR - no report.

Sunrise Sobriety - Garrett S, GSR - was off-island the month of August. Brit and Bob resumed responsibility in his absence. 7 meetings a week. Solid treasury. Topics at business mtg: the wording of the Preamble; rotating service positions and keeping them rotated for a couple of years/turning them over for the next panel. Brit reported that the group voted against changing the preamble to “people” and to keep it at “men and women”.

Princeville/Hanalei - Conrad, GSR - doing well. They voted to gift a grapevine subscription to anyone celebrating a 1 year anniversary, if they want it. Trying to get the group more involved with grapevine and will be re-opening a Grapevine mtg back in Hanalei (it ended during COVID) which will start at 7 or 7:30pm. That will bring them up to 10 meetings/week in Princeville-Hanalei. Their 8 am mtg at the pavilion is now up and open. They are still meeting on the lawn and will move under cover when the rains start. Bob B plans to get some schedules to Conrad while District 6 waits for the next printing. They have 10 step meetings: Church of the Pacific meeting, M,W, TH; 2 mtgs at the Princeville Center; Women’s mtg at 5 pm on Saturday; Hanalei morning mtg on Sunday; Tues and Friday Men at 7 at Uncle Jacks’ place. Plus the Bonfire meeting. There are no zoom mtgs - all meetings are face-to face.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: Mathea A - Check our website. Archives need more contributions. The forms to interview “old timers” are available on the website. During this panel, She paid attention to and researched what is the background of the meeting app (from researching the Grapevine and GSO regarding how it came to be). Here’s the history of the meeting guide app: Josh R was a tech guy and made up a meeting guide. He moved from NYC to San Jose. Story was in an issue of Box 459 in 2019. Josh said that he gave it to GSO for free. There are 3,326 local groups in this guide as of 2019. From Kunane’s report: there are 200K groups now on the meeting guide app. World-wide locations are also included such as: London, Rome, etc . This is a great example of one idea growing. She learned how you CAN find the history when you search Grapevine and GSO archives. They are valuable resources.

CEC (Cooperation with the Elder Community): Connie. Wonderful experience thanks to the chairman, they have made really good literature changes and to bring it up to date. They produced a QR code flier and was received here on the island with open arms by El Doi, OEA, and is now available at the library. After speaking with her sponsor and Kunane, it is not so much that the elderly can’t get up the ramp or know how to work the computer, but it is that they can become lonely, in physical pain, and need support.. She attended a workshop a few days ago at the OEA office and the MSW (medical social worker) talked about the aging process and “learning how to ask for help”. She will send out the info to the committee.

Corrections: position is vacant (Keola reporting) - AA is still not going into the jail. Some approved members have gotten the sponsorship letter written and submitted to KCCC to be able to bring a letter into the jail. Some members feel we are being discriminated against as the Church Groups are not required to have such letters of “recommendations” after taking their course and background checks.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: position is vacant

Grapevine: Janeen reporting. Grapevine is looking for stories. She tries to give a grapevine issue for their member’s birthdays. Let her know if you have a story or need more information. Jim D shared about Kunane’s talk on the 5th, and asked if we still need the Grapevine. Shoshanah shared that there is a call for stories for the Fifth 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. Garrett S has been a strong supporter of the Grapevine at the Sunrise Sobriety meeting and wants to keep the discussion alive to continue to support the Grapevine, at least at District 6 level. He reminded the District Committee that one can have a meeting with it. It has the preamble, steps, traditions, and stories. “It is great to keep with you for sheer sobriety.”

Mynah Bird: position is vacant

PI: Morgan (not present) - no report

Treatment Settings and Special Needs: Conrad - GSO is changing the name to Treatment and Accessibility. On Kaua`i, we don't have a treatment center but the Accessibility part is very important. He wants to work on how we can get something on Kaua`i and on our website that would have a list of the Treatment centers available in the state in order to make it easier for everyone to access it. The energy went to having the numbers and phone numbers for people leaving a treatment center so they could access people in their area when they returned home. Bob F mentioned Aaron Hoff has a 12-step based treatment place for adolescents (Boys?) at Kahili Mountain Park which the Keala Foundation supports. There was an article in the Garden Island newspaper about it. Janeen shares that PI is another place where we share and discuss these options. Conrad shared that the point was raised and that he's done a couple of these talks. We have to be careful on how we approach these people and rehab. We don't want to step in and overreach. Conrad will reach out to Aaron and see if they want AA involved at all. Regarding having the availability in the state, the first question asked is, "what is their insurance carrier?" That is the sticking point as to what treatment center, rehab, they can attend. We do have a good structure for treatment in Hawai`i. However, we just don't have a center here on Kaua`i..

Website: Charlie -not present/ no report.

9. Old Business:

- Delegate Report Back/Labor Day. Keola recalls a raffle of literature next year.
- Service Positions Available: Alternate DCM; Cooperation with the Professional Community committee chair; Mynah Bird Representative
- Discussion continues about having District Meeting go hybrid, Ann is still working on finding a location
- Thankathon is in the planning stages. Bob F. is the Event chairperson. Need to pick up the ball on it. Bob and Keola have conversed. Bob : The hardest part of any project is the first step. Bob wants to have a steering committee meeting. Kalei said that he knows someone who can do 7-8 turkeys in the imu. He wants input from Mathea, create a schedule for it, needs to create a flier and announcement on website. Mathea and Connie has been on set-up committee. Laurie (speaker connections), conrad, Shoshanah, Corey (musicians to play during luncheon). Wants to attract younger people also. Saturday zoom sept 24th at district site at 9am. Keola to host us. One hour max.
- Transferring bank account - done
- Authorizing PO Box to Keola - still not authorized. Bob will be getting Keola a second key. Bob to get more info and update us next month.

- District elections will be held on October 15th. Keola asked who wants to stand for District positions. Jim asked about how to do Elections virtually and suggests that someone “go to school” to help guide us. Mathea remembers an app was used at the Area level by Deborah S. Jim to contact Deborah Scrutan and learn more. Chair@Area17.org . she will probably pass you to Sean Cook, Area webmaster: 808.359.2467. Email: website@area17.org

Keola asked for service commitments:

1. Bob F to continue as Treasurer (came in partway through the current panel). Bob agreed.
 2. Connie to complete this panel and not sure.
 3. Mathea wants to rotate from Archives to Grapevine.
 4. Conrad is willing to continue as Treatment and Accessibility.
 5. Website has not rotate3d in the past. Charlie can continue.
 6. Keola to stand as DCM.
 7. We need an Alternate DCM, Mynah Bird and CPC.
 8. Shoshanah to stay on as Secretary
 9. The Corrections Committee needs a chair. Per Keola,KCCC usually picks the chairperson to keep the line of communication simple. Jim mentioned that we cannot allow KCCC to make our decisions. Keola clarified that AA picks a liaison from our side. James agreed with Jim that we need to have a representative who can be proactive and assertive as well as adaptive in the future. April did a great job this past panel.
- Annual Hawaii Convention October 29-31, 2022. 808.263.6984
 - HICYPAA - October 7-9,2022
 - Going hybrid - possibility of meeting at the Lihue Lutheran Church

10. **New Business:**

- November 19-20: Area 17 Elections Assembly - will be held in person only. Encourage GSR's to attend
- Christmas - Keola hopes to have face-to-face meetings. Was sponsored by the Saturday night group. He will contact them.
- New Years - used to be Koloa. Chris K told Bob F that he wanted to do 2 events during the holidays. XMas and New Years eve at Poipu Beach Park. Fireworks for New Years. Far west pavilion.
- PRASAA is coming to Hawaii 2026 (O`ahu) - start saving and planning. Next PRASAA 2023 -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>

- No men's retreat scheduled right now due to no location. They are looking for an alternate site at a very small home in Koke'e.

11. GSR/District concerns:

12. Announcements/What to take back

- HICYPAA - Oct 7-9 Kauai Hilton Garden Inn. Check the kauaiaa.org website for more details. Scavenger Hunt is coming up in September. T-shirts being sold on-line. Taking pre-orders now.
- District Elections will be held on October 15th on Zoom. District currently has vacancies in the following positions: Alternate DCM; Mynah Bird Rep; Cooperation with the Professional Committee chair. Please share with groups.
- Intergroup Elections will be held on
- Call for stories for the 5th edition of the Big Book - 10/31/22 submission deadline
- Women's Retreat - Nov 4-6 at Camp Naue. Registration link is on our website.
- November Area 17 Elections Assembly - will be held in person only November 19-20 on O`ahu. Because of this, District will meet on the 2nd Saturday of November.
- When new groups are formed and/or there are changes within the Groups' GSR, they register with Areas Registrar: Eric Natta, 808.778.4153. Email: Registrar@Area17.org

13. Meeting Adjourned: at 11:53 AM with the **Responsibility Pledge**

Next District meeting is set for October 15, 2022 at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Barretto aka Shoshanah

District 6 Secretary