

Draft Minutes for Alcoholic Anonymous
Area 17 | District 6
May 16, 2026

1. Call to order: Declaration of Unity: This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.

Bob calls the meeting to order at 9:30am with the Declaration of Unity and the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance and Quorum

Introductions followed by attendance/quorum.-

Attendance/roll call:

In-person: Bob, DCM; Giorgio PI; Jay Y, CEC; JoRina, Treasurer; Mike GSR; Kathryn, IG; Jim, Member; Mathea, Archives; Anne, GIS; Anna, A girl in this world; Teresa G., Corrections (helping Bill)

Virtual: Diane, GSR; Christina, GSR; Scott, Secretary; Carolyn, Website; Benita, GSR; Devin, GSR; Heather, GSR; Dave. GSR;

17 present

 16 Voting members present

 9 Majority votes required for passage

 11 Votes required for substantial

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, “I’m not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn’t apply to me”?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Read by: Mike

Comments: Anne, Bob, JoRina, Giorgio, Kathryn.

Concept V: Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

- Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal,” to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
- What does our group accept as “substantial unanimity”?
- Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?
- Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

Read by: Mathea

Comments: Jay, Bob

2. Secretary Report: Scott S.

- Vote to approve April Minutes

Motion: Mathea

Seconded: Seconded by Jay

Vote: Passes unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report: JoRina.

Operating at a deficit.

- Vote to approve April Treasurer’s report

Motion: Mathea

Seconded: Seconded by: member

Vote: Passes unanimously

District 6 Treasurer's Report

Group Contributions							
	Dec-25	January	February	March	April	May	Total
	4,705.43						
Northshore Aloha #123155		35.00	35.00	35.00	30.00	35.00	170.00
3rd Tradition Group		60.00					60.00
Primary Purpose		68.00					68.00
Intergroup (KauaiAA.org, Zoom, & Chair App)		5.23	32.89				38.12
PayPal Test			5.00				5.00
BB Nooners			10.00				10.00
Princeville Hanalei Group				217.00			217.00
Koloa Aloha				100.00			100.00
Sunday Serenity				111.00			111.00
Sober Eastside Wahine				14.00			14.00
Anahola Jaywalkers					140.00		140.00
Kapaa Nooners						40.00	40.00
Whiskey & Milk - Koloa						15.00	15.00
Koloa Salvation Army						25.00	25.00
Group Contributions Total		168.23	82.89	477.00	170.00	115.00	1,013.12

District 6 Expenses									
Expense	2026	January	February	March	April	May	Actual	Difference	Chair
PO Box	250.00		242.00				242.00	8.00	
PayPal Fee			0.64	0.98	4.68		6.30	(6.30)	
Office Expense	300.00		52.33				52.33	247.67	
Rent	300.00						-	300.00	
DCM Travel & Registration	1,200.00	252.60		439.61			692.21	507.79	Bob
Alt DCM Travel & Registration	500.00						-	500.00	Vacant
PRAASA Travel	1,000.00	731.53					731.53	268.47	Bob
Treatment/Accessibility	5.00						-	5.00	Vacant
Corrections	250.00						-	250.00	Bill G
Public Information (PI)	500.00		439.47				439.47	60.53	Giorgio
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	5.00						-	5.00	Vacant
Grapevine	5.00						-	5.00	Vacant
Garden Island Newsletter	500.00						-	500.00	Ann A.
GSR Travel	500.00	104.90					104.90	395.10	
Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC)	200.00						-	200.00	Jay
Archives	200.00						-	200.00	Mathea
Workshops	200.00						-	200.00	
Website (GoDaddy)	165.00						-	165.00	Carolyn
Meeting App (Hostgator)	200.00	76.25					76.25	123.75	Carolyn
Zoom	175.00						-	175.00	Carolyn
Delegate Expenses	100.00						-	100.00	
Expense Total	6,555.00	1,165.28	734.44	440.59	4.68	-	2,344.99	4,210.01	
Prudent Reserve	1,200.00							1,200.00	
Operating Balance		2,508.38	1,856.83	1,893.24	2,058.56	2,173.56			
Bank Balance		3,708.38	3,056.83	3,093.24	3,258.56	3,373.56			
Profit or Loss								(1,331.87)	

4. Alt DCM Report: Vacant

5. Intergroup Report: Kathryn B.

Intergroup is seeking groups that do not have an IG Rep to please find one and send them to the IG meetings the first Saturday of each month.

The Newsletter, Hotline, and schedules are distributed, and we communicate the latest activities of groups throughout the island at these meetings.

Southside Salvation Army meetings are being relocated. Changes will be posted on the Chair app and our website when locations are firm. In the meantime, those meetings will be held behind the former meeting place outside in the courtyard. Stay tuned.

Elections for new volunteer positions for both Intergroup and District GSO positions, will take place in November so be thinking about stepping up to fill these positions. If you want to see a change, be the change.

Roundup

The last-minute registrations and plans are all coming together in line of our goal for Unity and more Participation in our Fellowship Islandwide! Not too late to join us. Please go to KauaiRoundup.org for details and to register. We will be taking last minute reservations and day pass payments at the Roundup daily. All groups are encouraged to sponsor a newcomer or a deserving member to participate. It's not too late to gift someone this experience.

Our Events Committee met and planned an event and or workshop each of the remaining months in 2026. Check out our website Kauaiaa.org for more information and to download flyers to take to your groups. Flyers will also appear in your Garden Island Sobriety Newsletter.

6. DCM Report: Bob F.

Concentration is the Roundup right now.

Regarding elections for next panel: Bob- elections will be held in October or November.

Elections to be on agenda for next month. Possibly at Kapa'a nooners typical meeting space is proposed.

7. GSR Reports:

- **Anahola Jaywalkers:** Christina

Group Name: Anahola Jaywalkers
Meeting Location(s): 3900 Kawelo St
GSR Name/contact: Christina M. cjmcgonagle@gmail.com 781.258.1350

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: None at this time
Service Opportunities: Alternate GSR
How may District support group: None at this time
Group conscious District issues: None at this time
Announcements: Group has ample attendance and support

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Contribution:

District:	\$105	Area:	\$45
Intergroup:	\$120	GSO:	\$30

Notes on Finances: Treasurer provides quarterly financial reports

- **Big Book Nooners (Koloa):** Jennifer D., no report, not present
- **Happy Hour:** Jim reports: Started new meeting at salvation army 5pm on Tuesday. Planning on doing founders day event this year.
- **Hui `Ohana/ Hui Ohana Virtual:** Kopa no present, no report. Mathea: virtual has separated from in person meeting and applying for meeting number.
- **Kapa'a nooners:** Heather

Group Name: Kapaa Nooners
Meeting Location(s): First Hawaiian Church
GSR Name/contact: Heather Kerrigan kauaiheather@zohomail.com

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: None
Group:
Service Opportunities: Intergroup Rep alternate an alternate GSR
How may District support group:
Group conscious District issues:

- The group decided to deduct GSR travel expenses from contributions before distributing funds to rent and the four service entities.
- We are working on updating the secretary's script to encourage more Seventh Tradition contributions by explaining:
 - how contributions are used, and
 - why they are important to the group and AA service structure.
- We purchased more books due to meeting attendance increase

Announcements: none

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Group's Prudent Reserve \$200

Contribution:

District:	\$23.50	Area:	\$23.50
Intergroup:	\$23.50	GSO:	\$23.50

Notes on Finances: 7th Tradition for the month of March 2026=\$ 188. Run = \$94.

4. Other

- **Koloa Aloha:** Devin

Not much changed since last meeting. Uptick in attendance. Next business meeting may 29.

Koloa Aloha Group Service Representative Report

Meeting Attendance and Updates – given verbally on April 11th, 2026 at District 6

Format

Koloa Aloha Group meets twice a week in either virtual or in-person gatherings. Daily Reflection literature with a volunteer picked out ahead of time to start the sharing.

Meeting Schedule

- Sundays at 8:15 AM (In-person at Western Pavilion, Poipu Beach)
- Fridays at 8:00 AM (Virtual via Zoom)
 - o Business meeting (Virtual via Zoom), last Friday of month

Monthly Update

Attendance for the month of March has been solid, with an average of 15 online on Friday and 20 in-person on Sunday. Next business meeting will be May 29th at 9:05 AM.

- **Princeville-Hanalei:** Dave M.

GSR Monthly Report

Report Month/Year: 4/26

1. Group Information

Group Name: Princeton/Hanalei Group

Meeting Location(s): "

GSR Name/contact: David McEntee (808) 635-0338

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: }
Service Opportunities: } New Young Peoples Meeting 7:30
How may District support group: }

Group conscious District issues: We created a new Young Peoples Meeting
Announcements: on Wed @ courthouse. Had workshop
went great

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Contribution:

District:	\$	<u>0</u>	Area:	\$	<u>0</u>
Intergroup:	\$	<u>0</u>	GSO:	\$	<u>0</u>

Notes on Finances: are in good health

4. Other

any other information: We are working on creating a Visitor Chip

- Round-up: Kathryn B.

This is our last planning meeting today. Roundup is next weekend. Making a push, reminder to everyone to register please. Coming together.

- **Poipu beach sunrise sobriety:** Benita

GSR REPORT- MAY 2026

Chris attended the Assembly as I was unable to make it.

Much Thank You's to Chris as he did a wonderful job representing our group. Here is what he sent to me. Of course he is welcome to ADD to this report back if he wishes.

Convention committee-

for Topic 2, the committee discussed way to increase interest and participation in Regional Forums. The committee recommends continuing current outreach efforts, along with the following additional suggestions:

1. Make regional forums more engaging, welcoming and accessible to encourage broader participation.
2. Provide financial assistance to support younger AA members in attending.
3. Encourage members to share their experiences at the group level to build awareness and interest.
4. Increase visibility by announcing Regional Forums regularly at meetings.

- **Sunday Serenity:** Mike:

Meeting strong with 25-30 attendance, and seemingly growing. Group got a bank account.

- **Waimea Canyon Group:** Diane.

Need a secretary for Friday night meeting. All good for now mostly. Hosting a labor day event and reach out if would like to participate in putting together the event.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- **Website Committee:** Carolyn V

13,397 hits on the website in the past 30 days. Shout out to Devin and JoRina.

- **Archives:** Mathea A.

THE MEETING GUIDE APP

The Meeting Guide App is FREE! It has information for over 150,000 AA meetings in 180 countries (which is all over the world). It is always presented as a white folding chair on a blue circle.

Josh R., a web developer (and the inventor of the Meeting Guide App), did most of his drinking in New York City. In 2013, he decided a geographic would help get him sober and he moved to San Jose, CA. He got sober, found a sponsor, started going to AA meetings in the Area. Only problem-local Office Website was not user friendly for him and his mobile phone. Josh made a site, with an App with the near meetings.

Neighboring area wanted their meeting on this easy to use new app. It grew and grew and grew to all over the world!

Josh gave the App, without any strings, to AA. A.A.W.S., Inc licensed it in the fall of 2018. The App was released to the rest of us in Summer of 2019. It is updated and reviewed constantly by A.A.

- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** Jay Y

3 years subscription to grapevine for an agency. Have placed literature at a local pharmacy. Getting other displays and literature out in our community.

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):**

- **Corrections:** Bill G.

Looking for location to do training for DOC. It is an all day training to go into the facilities. Will be a pass/fail, requires a background check.

- **Grapevine:** Vacant
- **GIS:** Anne

Working with JoRina regarding expenses, total cost now a little over \$800 and to be split by IG and District. Fliers can be submitted to newsletter and are welcome.

- **Public Information:** Giorgio

Group Name: PUBLIC INFORMATION

Meeting Location(s): LIHUE, KAUAI

GSR Name/contact:

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: Working with Devin on wes side libraries to replenish literature and possibly install new racks

Service Opportunities: Always open for more people to help share the AA message to those who need it

- **Treatment Settings / Special Needs:** Vacant

9. Old Business:

- Spanish speaking meeting - Giorgio
 - Talked to mgt at first hawaiian church to hold meetings there.
- Equipment (owl) upgrade- Devin
 - Up to group to discuss if we're going to purchase or not. IG may be taking it back as far as he knows.
 - Benita **Motion** to purchase with IG (split costs), about \$450ish.
 - Tabled until next meeting. Need costs and motion for the next meeting.

10. New Business:

- Empowering GSR's workshop (details below). Please attend if you can, this will be very helpful workshop and attendance is encouraged.

11. GSR/District concerns:

- Devin: thank everyone online, 7 GSR's attended today virtually (thinks is a record). Discusses a "tech" committee.
- Kathryn: Salvation army in Hanapepe would like to host a meeting on wednesdays, for anyone able to possibly put this together.

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- **HICYPAA Beach Day:** May 17, 2026 at Moloa'a Beach. 11am-5pm. Flyer available on Kauaimetings.com/calendar
- **Kauai Roundup:** May 22-24, 2026. Kahili Mountain Park. 2-4035 Kaunualii Hwy, Koloa, HI. Registration at www.kauairoundup.org.
- **Empowering GSR's Workshop:** May 30, 2026 12pm-1:30pm on Zoom. Hosted by District 3. Zoom information is on our website.
- **Founders Day:** June 10, 2026 4pm-7pm. Nawiliwili Beach Park. Hosted by Happy Hour.
- **Ohana Beach Day:** August 8, 2026. 10am - 3pm. Lydgate Park. Nalu Rd. (same location as Hui Ohana meeting).
- **Labor Day + Delegate Report Back:** September 7, 2026. More info to come.
- **Technology in AA Workshop:** September 11-13, 2026. San Francisco. Hybrid. More info at: <https://naatw.org/2026-naatw-workshop/>
- **Women's Retreat:** September 11-14. More info to come.
- **63rd Annual Hawaii Convention** at Waikiki Beach Marriott. October 29 - Nov. 1. More information and registration at <https://www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com/>
- **HICYPAA 2026 on Kauai:** September 18 - 20th. Hale Koa, Kokee State Park (13 mile marker on Koke'e Road). Pre-register \$60 per person.
- Visit our Area 17's website (area17aa.org) and our District 6 website (<https://kauaiaa.org/>) for the most up to date list of announcements/events.

13. Meeting Adjourned: Motion needed. Close with Responsibility pledge:

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Motion to close: Kathryn

Second: Jay

Passes unanimously

Next District Meeting will be held on June 20, 2026 at 9:30 am at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766