

Draft Kauai District 6 Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2025
Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1. Call to order: Bob F, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity. Welcome to the new Panel.

a) Attendance: Anna A, member; Bob F, DCM; Shoshanah B, acting GSR; Doug H, PI chair
Mathea A, Archives Chair; Devin D, GSR Koloa Aloha; Benita, GSR Sunrise Sobriety; Carolyn V,
Website Chair; Kathryn F, Treasurer; Jenn D, member.

Hybrid: available

Total Attendance: 10 members.

Voting Members present: 8 voting members.

***Any new items to add to the Agenda?**

b) Reading of Tradition One and checklist questions read by Doug H.

Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?

2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?

3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?

4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?

5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?

6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?

7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?

8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?

9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?

10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

Lively discussion followed:

Unity is the #1 principle of AA.

Everyone learns by making mistakes.

How to keep the fellowship going and get everyone to participate.

Would like to see the groups get stronger. Intergroup is so important.

Why can't we combine Intergroup and District.

c) Reading of the **Concept I** and questions read by Benita A

Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
 - Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to ensure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

Lively discussion followed:

It's important that we ask ourselves these questions.

It is not mandatory that every group have a GSR, that's a group decision. My personal goal for this Panel is to attend more group conscience meetings and stimulate more interest in District participation.

This island is small. Back home, service was a big deal. It's hard to get people to commit to a service position.

Invite someone to come to District or Intergroup with you.

Attend other meetings and carry the District message. Bring and share our literature, P-16, The Group Pamphlet. Some groups don't have business meetings.

Tradition 5

2. New Business:

Welcome New Panel and vote in the Standing Committee Chairs

Bob F introduced the Standing Committee Chairs:

Archives - Mathea A - has done it 15 years ago. Looking forward to the new Panel.

CEC -

CPC - Amy B

Corrections - Bill G currently going into the prisons

Grapevine -

Mynah Bird -

PI - Doug H

Treatment Setting and Special Needs - Chris K interested and has been communicating with people going into Mahelona

Website - Carolyn V - Intergroup has a website committee : Devin and Jorina are on the Committee. Devin has been an asset already in getting the Website back up and running.

Motion: to accept the chair positions was made by Benita and seconded by Kathryn F.

Vote taken: All were in favor: 8, The passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

3. Secretary's Report: Scott S, Secretary, not present. Shoshanah B, note-taker. The Draft of the November 16, 2024 District 6 minutes were distributed via email to the mail distribution list. Printed copies were available at the meeting. The minutes were reviewed.

Doug H entertained the **Motion** to approve the November 16, 2024 Draft of the District 6

minutes as presented; seconded by Benita A.

Vote taken: All were in favor 8, and the motion passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

4. Treasurer's Report: Kathryn, F, Treasurer. Will be meeting with Bob F after the meeting to transfer the books.

Year End Treasurer's Report presented by out-going Treasurer, Bob F:
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER (YEAR -END) 2024

WE STARTED NOVEMBER WITH A BALANCE OF \$3883.93.
THERE WERE TOTAL 7TH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$844.00 FOR THE 2 MONTHS
AND EXPENSES OF \$775.31.

THE EXPENSES INCLUDED A REIMBURSEMENT TO INTERGROUP FOR WEBSITE EXPENSES, RADIO ADVERTISEMENT THROUGH PI, POST OFFICES EXPENSES, MEETING EXPENSES AND TRAVEL/REGISTRATION EXPENSES FOR DCM TO ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY. ALL WERE LEGITIMATE EXPENSES. DETAILS ARE ITEMIZED ON THE EXCEL REPORTS BY MONTH.

OUR YEAR'S ENDING BALANCE WAS \$3952.62 WHICH INCLUDES OUR PRUDENT RESERVE OF \$1200, LEAVING US WITH A NET OPERATING BALANCE OF \$3752.62.

OUR 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET WAS \$6316.00 AND OUR TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR WERE \$6851.48, OR \$535.48 OVER BUDGET. HOWEVER, OUR BEGINNING BALANCE ON JANUARY 1, 2024 WAS \$5487.85, SO WE DID ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL OF REDUCING OUR NET OPERATING SURPLUS SLIGHTLY.

I HAVE HAD A PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH THE NEW DISTRICT TREASURER, KATHRYN. SHE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AS SIGNATORY FOR OUR DISTRICT CHECKING ACCOUNT. SHE HAS ACCESS TO OUR DISTRICT POST OFFICE BOX IN KAPAA. I WILL CONTINUE TO ACT AS SUPPORT FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT SHE MAY HAVE.

Discussion/Comments: Benita mentioned that the RoundUp committee needs \$\$\$\$. Due February 1st, Intergroup wanted to ask District for financial support. Mathea said that since it's an event, that request needs to go to Intergroup. Discussion followed and a **Motion** was made.

Mathea A entertained a **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented/corrected and seconded by Benita A.

Vote taken: All were in favor 8, and the motion passed unanimously. **Motion** carried.

Issues with the Website was mentioned. Carolyn V reported that the Website links were broken due to a payment issue, and it was paid today.

4. Alt DCM Report: Jeanne L, Alt DCM, not present. No report given.

5. Intergroup Report: Kathryn B, Chair, not present. Mathea reporting.

- At the start of a new panel, Mathea shared the G.S.O. Group Information Change Form for each Home Group to utilize. They can be downloaded from the [AA.org](https://www.aa.org) website. Doug H was

given a stack to distribute as he visits the Home Groups on our island as PI chair and GSR for Hui `Ohana to rally support for service.

- The Alt Chair position is being recruited. Wonderful attendance and renewal. Eleven (11) people attended. Devin is taking over the schedules. QR code may be added to the schedule, pending group conscience.
 - Super Bowl gathering will be on Sunday, February 9th, at 1pm at the Lihue Neighborhood center. Doors open at 11am. Chili cook-off is planned. Potluck.
 - GIS Newsletter liaison is Ann W. If anyone is dead, report it to Ann W, and she reports it to the GIS Newsletter.
 - Plain Language Big Book is selling like hot cakes. See Benita, Literature Chair for copies.
- Website Committee - has been formed.

Discussion/comments: none

6. DCM Report: Bob F:

- Encouraged us to complete the G.S.O. Group Information Change Form and submit to GSO. We have 51 meetings face to face weekly on the island: 20 in the AM; and 31 in the PM. We plan to visit all these meetings.
- Will be attending the Orientation Assembly on the 25-26th. Please encourage your groups to participate.
- PRAASA is coming up in March in Anchorage.
- In 2026, Hawaii is hosting PRAASA at the Marriott.

Discussion/Comments:

Mathea - For those attending the Orientation Assembly, our new Area 17 secretary is Gina B and is a stickler for getting the group summary in writing submitted before hand.

7. GSR Reports:

- Anahola Jaywalkers – Kathryn F, GSR: Nothing new to report.
- Happy Hour – Jim D not present. No report.
- Hui `Ohana/Hui `Ohana Virtual – Doug G, GSR: We have a new coffee person. We have a lot of meetings and a lot of positions (20 Plus positions) to fill. New Friday night meeting is taking off, and we had 30 people last night. Attendance and money has been good. In the Spirit of rotation, our old treasurer is away, and we are figuring that out. Amorosa's celebration of life will be on February 27th at 4:30pm at Lygate. The grievance we had ended when the griever didn't show for the group conscience meeting.
- Koloa Aloha – Devin D, GSR. Submitted the group change form for our group. We have 2 meetings, Connie is the chair for the virtual meeting (15 attending), Sunday meetings are in person - 20 people consistently. We discussed and it will be carried over, adding where people are from. Added "if you care to" share where you are from to their script.
- Na Wahine Ku Pono – Mathea reporting. GSR backed out. The meeting is a very strong meeting
- Princeville Hanalei - no representation.
- Sunrise Sobriety – Benita, GSR: looking for a literature person. Ramon is bringing books back and forth. Great attendance.
- Waimea Canyon Group - Shoshanah B reporting: Temporary hold on the Wednesday meeting at Salt Pond at 9:30-11:00 am. Tues, Thurs, and Friday meetings continue at 5:30pm the Birthday meeting and potluck on the last Friday of the month.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Archives: Mathea A - in 2008-09, Shoshanah B was Area Archivist and I was the District Chair. Kathryn B helped create the District 6 Group Timeline. Alejandro held monthly service gatherings and Archives was the theme. Ask your group for their history. The suggested forms are the website.

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

Corrections: Bill G

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Amy B

Grapevine: *position vacant*

Mynah Bird: *position vacant*

PI (Public Information): Doug H -The committee members include: Jeannie, Georgio, and Dawn K. We are switching over to using QR codes at the Racks.

Treatment Settings Special Needs: *position vacant*

Website: Web Chairperson, Carolyn V – see above discussions.

9. Old Business:

- PRAASA 2026 - Hawai'i is hosting. Kunane D is the Chair and needs hundreds of people to volunteer. Please let him know directly. At the next assembly, he will have signup sheets available.
- Registration for PRAASA 2025 will be held in Anchorage in March. Registration is open.
- Continue discussion regarding Hosting our District meetings in hybrid format, including costs, what committee it falls under, budget/expenses, etc, in light of Intergroup's decision to no longer have their meetings virtually/hybrid. DCM felt it was a good idea to have Hybrid available. Plan: Shoshanah to keep coming as a virtual meeting host.

11. **GSR/District concerns:** Keeping meeting run efficiently and keep the meeting to 1.5 hours

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- Amorosa's celebration of life will be on February 27th at 4:30pm at Lydgate Beach Park.
- The Orientation Assembly will be hosted by Windward O'ahu, District #4, January 25-26, 2025. Registration is available on Area17aa.org website.
- 61st Annual Hawai'i Convention, October 24-27, 2024 at Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. Registration and more information: <https://www.annualhawaiiconvention.com/> The Hawaii State Convention is having a LOGO contest with free registration as the prize.
- A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Center and BC Place Stadium. Registration is now open. You can also attend hybrid. <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>
- 58th Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, March 7-9, 2025. Registration is now open.
- PRAASA 2026 is in Hawaii. Contact Kunane to volunteer.
- Women's International Convention in San Diego, Manchester Grand Hyatt
- 2025 Kauai Roundup Event at Kumu Camp, Anahola July 5-8, 2025
- Chairs needed for our next Panel : CEC, Treatment and Accessibility; Grapevine; and Mynah Bird.

13. **Meeting Adjourned:** Mathea A. entertained a **Motion** to close the meeting and seconded by Doug H.

Vote taken. Passed Unanimously. No objections or abstentions. Meeting closed at 11:20am.

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 February 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church on German Hill, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted by,
Shoshanah B, note-taker for
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Secretary, District 6
Hawai'i Area 17
Panel 75