

Kauai Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2019
Lihue Neighborhood Center

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Kelvin, Intergroup Chair with the Serenity Prayer

14 people signed the attendance sheet; 14 people in attendance

Review Agenda: Mathea asked that the subject of group inventory be added to New Business

Secretary Report: Ann read the minutes from the September 2019 meeting.

Treasurer Report: Aaron, was not present at the meeting; on October 4, 2019, a report was e-mailed to the Intergroup members with two attachments (one from First Hawaiian Bank and the second from Gather Federal Credit Union); see e-mail and attachments.

Kelvin reported that he had reviewed the Intergroup Bylaws regarding his responsibilities as well as the responsibilities of the Treasurer. Additionally, he reported that Aaron had opened a new bank account at Gather Federal Credit Union for Intergroup and transferred money from the Intergroup account at First Hawaiian Bank to the new account at the Credit Union. These changes were made without the agreement of Intergroup (see September minutes for detail regarding this issue). The potential change of bank accounts is on the Agenda, New Business to be discussed at this meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held following Kelvin's opening comments. The highlights of the comments included:

- Support for using a traditional template for Treasury report
- Lack of support for changing accounts without approval of Intergroup
- Account reports were checked for accuracy and at present they are accurate, i.e. funds accounted for per bank statement.
- Aaron, as Treasurer, was a probationary position with less than the recommended sobriety requirement
- Suggestion for having an alternate for all Steering Committee members
- Suggestion for using an accounting firm

Mathea made a motion to remove Aaron as Treasurer; seconded by Bob

Further discussion followed the motion. The highlights of the discussion included:

- Concern that this process is moving too quickly
- Members have tried to discuss the issue with Aaron
- He has refused to use traditional template for monthly report as recommended by Intergroup and previous Treasurer
- A new account was opened and money transferred without Intergroup permission

Mathea amended the motion to remove Aaron as Treasurer, due to insufficient sobriety time; seconded by Bob

Vote: 6 yes, 2 no; motion passed

Intergroup then heard minority opinion. The highlights of the minority opinion included:

- Increased chance of getting money back would increase if Intergroup waited to remove Aaron from the position.
- Giving Aaron every opportunity to provide reports as requested and address the change in accounts would be better for him in his recovery.

No votes were changed; and the motion passed

Chris K. made a motion to keep the results of the vote to members of Intergroup meeting until Aaron notified about the results of the vote; seconded by David.

Vote: 4 yes; vote did not pass and was vacated.

Literature: Bob B. reported that he had to purchase a new lock for the shed; same combination. The literature stock is adequate.

Schedules: Tom reported that he made some updates to the meeting schedule and asked members to review for any errors. Of note, the Little Red Book meeting has been changed to a Big Book study meeting.

Hotline: David reported that there are still openings for volunteer service on the Hotline on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8-4 PM. David is looking for an alternate chair for the Hotline and groups to take the responsibility for time slots on the Hotline

Website: no report available

Events: Chris K. reported that Corey, 631-1353, will be taking on the chairperson position for the Thankathon on November 25, 2019. Chris also reported that the Sunrise Sobriety group on the Southside will be taking on the responsibility for the Gratitude Luncheon on November 9, 2019.

District: Janice, the DCM, reported that the proposed budget was passed for 2020. The Website was added to the budget for the coming year. Twenty-eight signs for public information will be posted on some of the Kauai buses in the near future.

The District Inventory is beginning with the GSRs to conduct group inventories and take the results back to District.

District still has committee chair positions available for Mynah Bird, Archives and Treatment settings

IGR Reports: See attached sheet

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discuss possible change in bank accounts: A new account at Gather Federal Credit Union was opened for Intergroup prior the Intergroup meeting, with group. This topic has already been discussed in the Treasury Report section of the meeting.

Discuss Gratitude Luncheon: Already discussed; See Events section of the minutes

Intergroup Inventory: Kelvin reviewed the inventory questions with the group. Mathea made a motion to have Intergroup conduct an Inventory at the November 2019 meeting; seconded by Bob and passed by the group.

Discussion followed the vote. Chris K. suggested the we include two people from outside Intergroup to monitor the group inventory. Mathea suggested Jim D., who has been a past Area member and assisted in conducting District group inventories. The group voted Yes=8, passed.

Mathea made a motion that the Intergroup Chair facilitates the inventory; seconded by Bob; passed by group.

Mathea made a motion that Tommy serve as Interim Treasurer; seconded by Bob and passed by group.

Bob made a motion to close the meeting; seconded by Ann; passed by the group.

Kelvin closed the meeting was closed at 11:00 AM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann W.

Intergroup Secretary

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2019