

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA**

### F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by President Pamela Wang. Attending were Board members Suzanne Dmytrenko, Shirley David, B, Mardee Richardson, Barbara Isley, and Lynn Waterhouse. Librarians Denise Stromberg and Shelly Brown also attended.

The minutes of the September 19, 2017, meeting were approved. MSA

Barbara Isley gives the treasurer report. Assets at the end of September are \$57,660.11; the Ameritrade account end of September stands just \$37,240; today 37,157. \$1,072 September book sales; Lobby sales were \$780; \$80 last month at Kealahou. Treasurer report approved. MSA.

Approved up to \$70 for purchase of new cash box for Kealahou branch.

Shirley David reported on possible teen representative on the board as well as teen programs. This past year, we did not receive applicants for the MLIS scholarship. Shirley will expand the criteria for applicants. Currently, they must attend University of Hawaii, Hilo. She will update for board approval the change that they be Big Island residents attending an online accredited university in a library degree program.

Lynn Waterhouse has three programs in the works: In January, 2018, Susan Jarvi to speak about Rat Lung; in April, 2018, Keoki Stender, marine biologist; in May, 2018, speaker from the Keck.

Suzanne Dmytrenko reported on programs. Boyd Bond, historian, spoke on September 12 on Hawaii property ownership history; about 50 attended, NaLeo videoed and DVDs given to two librarians to have added to catalogue. October 24, 4:30-5:30 Kirstin Kahaloa will speak about the Blue Zones Project. November 7 tentative speaker Ben Muti to discuss native Polynesian carvings, their history and stories behind Hawaiian carving. November 14 confirmed speaker Andrea Pro to hold a workshop on Communications: Inspiring Cooperative Relationships at Home and Work.

Today's book club will be run by Roma Johnson while Bev Stehley is absent. October book is, *Bad Assed Librarian from Timbuktu*. Pamela will ask Joyce to investigate if we can be included in the KTA coupon book about the Book Sales.

Book Sales: Two additional carts were purchased. We now have a total of five. Gift card for \$75 meal gift certificate approved for Ken Guerra who is out from surgery. MSA.

Ken Guerra has postponed his foot surgery until December or January. He had gallbladder surgery that took precedence. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Pamela will reach out to possible new board member, Fred Hornbruch.

Mardee Richardson reports on membership. September membership shows 387 on the roster, 269 current members in good standing. Mardee also created a large poster with all the book sale categories. We will post in the lobby a few days before each book sale. Good idea Mardee!

Denise Stromberg is welcomed back! She thanked the Board for the meal gift certificate. Jenn Losalio requested \$320 for children's book marks and posters. Approved by board. MSA. Hip Hop Neil - Mr. Kneel - wants to present four programs in 2018 at \$100 each. The board approved \$400 at \$100 for each program after each is completed. MSA. Also approved, \$350 for SKEP cultural program for teens and their families. MSA. Denise submitted a CSL report that Pamela read which will be archived on the F.O.L.K. website. The Library count week was postponed due to the computers being down in all the public libraries on the Big Island.

Denise worked with Ken Guerra and set the 2018 Book Sale Dates:  
January 20, February 10, March 10, April 21, May 12, June-none, July-none, August 18, September 15, October-none, November 17, December 8.

Shelly Brown reports re the Kealakekua branch. Sadly, Shelly will be leaving the Big Island to join her husband in Honolulu and to take a new position in the State Library. Thanks for all your hard work and we will miss you! Shelly held a Music of the World event with Grace Jones that was well attended. The board approved up to \$300 to purchase new rug mats for the library. MSA.

New Business, Mardee found inexpensive prices for books for the Books for Babies program. She will check with Bev when they need to be ordered.

Next meeting November 21 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Suzanne Dmytrenko