

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES - November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 by President Pamela Wang. Attending were Board members Shirley David, Suzanne Dmytrenko, Barbara Isley, Joyce Kimball, Mardee Richardson, Bev Stehley, and Arne Werchick. Librarians Denise Stromberg and Stacy Jeffrey (LA3) for Kealakekua branch also attended.

The minutes of the October 17, 2017, meeting were approved. MSA

Barbara Isley gives the treasurer report. Assets at the end of October \$58,495; Ameritrade \$37,443. Affiliates guidelines suggest invested amounts be designated for projects. Your Secretary will chair a "Long-term Designation" committee to recommend designation plans to the Board. Barbara Isley, Shirley David, Bev Stehley and Denise Stromberg will complete the committee. October received \$600 from Big Friends (FLH) for Friendly Bus Program; we have spent \$1925 so far through December 1st. Lobby sales in October generated income of \$1140. The November book sale generated \$1124. The bottom left-hand drawer of the filing cabinet outside Denise Stromberg's office has file with F.O.L.K governing documents and a file of tax documents. Treasurer report approved. MSA

Shirley David reports re scholarships. Her proposal to add American Library Association accredited on-line masters degree programs is accepted. MSA There was additional discussion of disposition of culled books with suggestion of additional elementary schools, maybe homeless services.

Barbara Isley will be absent in January; the undersigned will be absent for the annual meeting but present at the January Board meeting; Bev Stehley will be absent for the January board meeting.

Suzanne Dmytrenko reported on the Andrea Pro November 14th workshop on non-violent communication. The December 12th event is Te 'E' a O Te Turama, a Polynesian cultural education and entertainment group. On January 9th is a power point presentation of Hawaiian cultural and ecological history by Aloha Kuamo'o 'Aina (www.kuamoo.org). Suzanne has asked Na Leo local access tv to videotape; subject to their Board approval.

President Wang opens a discussion of F.O.L.K policy regarding program presenters selling items during programs. Motion to accept proposed standing rule change to reflect policy requiring F.O.L.K. receive 30% of proceeds. MSA

Joyce Kimball reports re Yahoo website issues. She will prepare a public service announcement (PSA) for the next book sale. We received a donation of a special Hawaiiana book collection for the next sale which Joyce will feature in promotions. Submissions for inclusion in the annual *Orchid* for the annual meeting are due: December 19th (the next Board meeting) is the deadline.

Bev Stehley reports on Books for Babies. We probably need new supply of board books within the next few months. Mardee Richardson has researched sources and can get board books for \$1, which is about ten cents less than we're paying now. She will order from Reading is Fundamental (RIF). Regarding the book club, today the book is *Doctored* by Sandeep Jauhar; next month is *The Magic Strings of Frankie Pesto* by Mitch Albom. For January we have local author Alexander Rosenstein and his book *Double-Edged Sword*, Alexander Rosenstein. We are awaiting arrival of the books.

President Wang reports on Ways and Means in the temporary absence of Ken Guerra who will try to come to next meeting and hopes to be able to assist with the next book sale. We still need more volunteers for post-lanai-sale take-down even though we are now using half the number of boxes as before.

Mardee Richardson reports on membership. We have 376 on our membership list, 270 in good standing. We received \$270 in contributions and new memberships, much of it through the energetic efforts of Eleanor Pearson at the book sale.

Head Librarian Denise Stromberg has asked Kipapa Kahelahela to attend the December Board meeting to present an annual report for the Community Seed Library and discussion of the budget for CSL for next year. Barbara Isley has asked Diana Duff, who chairs the CSL, for CSL budget input. Next, Denise requests funds for the annual tree for lobby and a wreath, total cost not to exceed \$100. MSA

Stacy Jeffrey reports re the Kealakekua branch. Shelley Brown has officially relocated to Honolulu; Stacy will be attending F.O.L.K Board meetings. Kealakekua had a Clear Engelbert program. Yesterday was the second "pumpkin slime" event. Dr Rene Dufault will present a program on Wed 29th; Stacy needs a volunteer at 5:30 because she will be selling books. Kealakekua hopes to complete the process of employing a new janitor soon. The branch has purchased rugs thanks to a F.O.L.K. grant. She requests funding not to exceed \$300 for a new vacuum cleaner (the old one is expiring after three years of daily use). Costco has Dyson on sale for \$270; janitorial staff thinks Dyson is best for the location. MSA Stacy also would like funding for a holiday tree and wreath not to exceed \$100. MSA For the future the branch is hoping to acquire an additional bookcase for use behind the circulation desk better to display covers of DVDs, and Stacy will investigate costs. She reports the need for a new digital postal scale and was advised that the amount is sufficient small that it can be taken from discretionary funds.

Next Board meeting is December 19th at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
ARNE WERCHICK
Secretary

