

January 2019 F.O.L.K. Board Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2019

Absent: Lynn Waterhouse, Joyce Kimball, Mardee Richardson, Arne Werchick, Barbara Isley.

Present: Pamela Wang, Shirley David, Bev Stehley, Ken Guerra, Fred Hornbruch, Suzanne Dmytrenko. Also in attendance: Denise Stromberg, and the new librarian from Kealahou: Judy Andrews, Please note and add to your list: judith.andrews@librarieshawaii.org. Guest: Jean Frankel, interested in treasurer's position on board.

January Minutes by Bev. Review of December 2018 minutes via email, and accepted with minor changes: regarding the plants in the library, change from planting to potted plants. Note gender references in Programs. MSA

No Treasurer's Report. (submitted via email after the meeting, to be attached to these minutes.)

Jean Frankel gave a brief synopsis of her life and career working at Boeing as a detail oriented secretary.

Vice President Shirley cancelled our Facebook account and checked back today to find that it had indeed come back to life, as she had been forewarned might happen. She has cancelled it again. Shirley will lead the Travel Club discussion on Saturday. Regarding the scholarship money, Shirley would like us to be flexible with distribution; for example, if we only get one acceptable candidate, we could offer the entire amount to that person. Board consensus was yes, but action will be decided when candidates are confirmed.

Programs Suzanne sent out list of upcoming programs. It will be attached to this report. She requests correct GENDER names in December minutes. She reported the Double Hulled Canoe parked in front of the library drew a LOT of attention in early January. She requested pre approved \$39 (check) for Na Leo for DVDs. She asked Fred to help her get Noelani Campbell for a program.

CSL Pamela met with Diana Duff who was submitting small changes to the scheduled 2019 programs. UH Hilo is not doing the Master Gardener program this year. Diana and Kipapa will offer 4 programs that will be longer (1.5 hrs) and in greater depth: Pruning, Beneficial Insects, Soil Fertility and Invasive Species. Speakers may be offered \$50 more, but budget remains the same. Kipapa will contact UH to see whether these can be used towards taking the test or getting credit. See attached schedule.

Activities: Book Club. Bev reported "Checking You Out" will be this month's very short book by local author Peter Chaput who will be in attendance. 5 copies were purchased and he donated 5 as well. Bev was issuing a CHALLENGE to the book club members, to write and submit their own stories. She got this idea from "The Storytellers' Secret: A novel by Carmine Gallo. Next month is Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.

At Large: Fred reported he placed a larger than normal ad for the book sale in WHT and included the new 9AM-Noon schedule using a 2018 rate for non profits. The ad exceeded the approved \$250, at \$342 or \$322, however board approved spending. MSA. Next ad should have our QR code as well as Logo. We also suggested adding; "Bring this ad for \$1 off" to see how many people actually SEE the ad in WHT.

Fred is researching cruise ship schedules and will find a way to make passengers aware of lobby or lanai sales. Fred requests every Board Member submit a picture and short bio to him,. These stories will gradually be added to the monthly newsletter. Please cooperate in a timely fashion. Toot your own horn! Regarding web site research, with 2 out of 3 members absent, more info will be available at next meeting. WIX.

Ways and Means, Ken. Most recent Lanai Sale was Jan 12th. We had NO SIGNS, as the sign shop did not complete them on time. WE had NO STUDENT VOLUNTEERS, except Maftuna. We had No volunteers from ULU WINI. (Shirley will talk to director there.) WE had NO CASH REGISTER, as it completely malfunctioned. Even so, WE grossed \$943 in sales and \$143 in Membership in 3 hours instead of 4 hours. (Fred will see if the old register is salvageable and if not, research which one we should get and confirm it with Barbara. If need be, get it before the next sale.) G.E.T. Sales tax went up to 4.386. Ken said Lobby Sales are bringing in approximately \$1200/month. Eleanor Pearson has gotten 8 gift cards from Safeway (5), Target (2), Walmart(1) and 3 free meals from Denny's to be used to thank top book sale volunteers with over 14 hours. He still needs 15 \$25 gift cards for other pit crew volunteers, \$375. Target was suggested MSA.

Kealakekua Library. Judy introduced herself, no requests this month, many thanks. Pamela brought \$100 from Kealakekua Lobby Sale.

Kailua Kona Library. Denise: Requested \$175 for new T shirts for Institute Day that can also be used during Summer Reading. MSA. REQUEST for a board member to attend Institute Day on Feb 5th. Denise mentioned Astro Day, probably in Sept, will need outside funding.

Plans for Annual Meeting. Ken has already purchased Kirkland Coffee, creamer and sugar. We have cups and plates. Bev said book club will provide refreshments. Or Barbara's husband will use Pamela's bananas to make banana bread too. Use large tablet to write on, to go on easel.

Reminder: Next regular board meeting is one week earlier than usual on FEB 12th. Annual Meeting will be on FEB 19th. Board Members need to be there by 9:40 AM please!

REMINDER: write up your 100-200 word bio for FRED.

Reminder to Arne: circulate updated Standing Rules and file in cabinet. Also find 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes for next month, cc Pamela.

Minutes by Bev, typed by Pamela