

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

## F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES - March 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 by President Pamela Wang. Vice President Shirley David, Secretary Arne Werchick, and Board members Suzanne Dmytrenko, Ken Guerra, Lynn Waterhouse, Fred Hornbruch III, and Bev Stehley were present. Head librarians Denise Stromberg and Kealakekua librarian Judy Andrews were also present. Absent: Treasurer Barbara Isley, Joyce Kimball and Mardee Richardson.

The minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. MSA

The most recent report circulated by email by Treasurer Barbara Isley is attached below.

Shirley David reports that the application period for F.O.L.K. scholarships is now open. It may have been mentioned in West Hawaii Today, but she will try to get it published again. Denise Stromberg will circulate scholarship information to the librarian tech community in the event that someone already employed in the system would like to continue her education. Prior scholarship winners can apply for a new scholarship year. The application period closes at the end of April. Shirley checked with Tim Wiley at Costco to see about the possibility of a new shipment of 50 sets of Books for Babies. She also notes that the numbers of children's books remaining in the pit is very reduced from past months.

Suzanne Dmytrenko reports that the February 9th Cella Bella Cello Quartet, Valentine's Day Music Celebration had about 25 people attending. On Saturday, March 2, Carol Zakahi presented Orchid Origami: Conservation, Compassion and Creativity of Orchids, which was great fun! Collected donations totaled approximately \$34. For the Orchid Origami event, we had 19 participants. Each was given an orchid template made of paper and supplies for creating their own paper orchid. Supplies included for each participant the orchid template, a pot, glass beads, florist wire and florist tape. Cost \$1.00 for each which Suzanne advanced, to be reimbursed by F.O.L.K. MSA She summarizes the calendar of future events, and her report is attached below.

Lynn Waterhouse reports future science events: April 2 a discussion of the Hawaiian crow; April 23 Susan Jarvi from the University of Hawaii, Hilo, regarding the rat lung disease problem; April 30 marine mammals.

Denise notes Kipapa sent a CSL report (attached below).

Mardee Richardson texts that April is National Library Week; she will pick up the 200 printed bookmarks, previously ordered, which include a F.O.L.K. membership

application on the reverse. They will be divided between the branches.

Bev Stehley reports the Book Club will discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. Next month's selection is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston, a change from the schedule listed because of availability of the books. The Books for Babies will do another stuffing party.

She raises the topic of *Inferior* by Angela Saini and a recommendation that the book be included, perhaps as a drawing prize, for the upcoming program for International Women's Day. Denise will verify that the book is in the HSPLS system so can be ordered.

Alex Goo advised Bev she is starting a book club at the Regency and would appreciate any available unsold books from our Book Club afterwards, which was approved.

Ken Guerra reports on Ways & Means. We have received about \$800 in the two weeks since the first of March! In part this is attributed to slightly higher prices this year, plus bigger books get more attention. He is noting more larger bills in the collection box. The better display in the lobby helps. We have also received approximately \$130 from Kealakekua. The March 9 book sale brought in \$1403, the biggest single lanai sale going back to before 2018. Income of \$ 257 for memberships for March; one renewed at \$100, today another \$100 donation. Income from the orchid class was \$56.10. There was also an excellent volunteer turnout for the last book sale, from the high school, Honor Society at opening and Ulu Wini at closing. Ken raises the need for a knowledgeable volunteer to be present in the pit after lanai sales to make sure returning books are properly shelved instead of ending in a jumbled mass.

Clear Englebrecht in the pit is concerned the purging process is getting rid of good books that could be sold at subsequent sales and should not be going to the Hauler immediately; we need to be more judicious about purging books after lanai sales. Denise notes that someone unlocked the back door at the book sale; the door lock is very tricky to deal with, and it took four people and wasted time to get it re-locked. That door must never be unlocked.

Ken also reports an incoherent note left in the lobby donation box containing both the words "shooting" and "students". Denise notes that the public library has many visitors, some of whom may be somewhat mentally confused but have not presented a security problem. After brief discussion, the consensus is that the note is too incoherent to constitute an actual threat which could be acted on by police or security, but we will retain the note in the event it is repeated in the future.

On a personal note, Ken also described he enjoyed the outstanding Kama'aina observatory experience on Mauna Kea last Saturday [<http://kamaainaobservatoryexperience.org/>] and highly recommends it.

President Wang references Mardee's request that Board members review her membership roster and supply any relevant comments regarding members with whom they are acquainted. This could help with membership outreach as well as increasing volunteer involvement.

Fred Hornbruch reports he will be leaving on his around-the-world-trip mid-April,

heading westward, taking only carry-on luggage. We can follow his adventure on his website [<http://www.phileasfoggsventures.com>]. He reminds the Board that he needs photos and biographies from Board members and has only received a few. He is submitting these to Joyce Kimball for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. He is still trying to re-connect with West Hawaii Today reporter Cameron Miculka to see if there is interested in doing an article specifically on F.O.L.K.'s Books for Babies program. Lastly he reports the TechGeek subcommittee of Fred, the undersigned, Joyce Kimball and Judy Andrews working on arranging for new web hosting and improvements in the F.O.L.K. web site continues to meet and research. We hope to propose a recommendation by early summer.

Librarian Judy Andrews reports Kealahou branch had several excellent programs in the last month. She requests not to exceed \$300 for five April programs just for supplies. MSA The Summer Reading Program (SRP) requests \$175 for incentives (books to give away, primarily directed towards elementary and middle school students). MSA She will also need to replenish funds in the discretionary account. President Wang will confer with Treasurer Barbara Isley to see what needs to get done.

Head Librarian Denise Stromberg has five requests: The Wii game controller set remotes are worn out; we need three new controllers at once. Video game day is April 13 and the cost will be \$94.17 + tax, not to exceed \$110. MSA Our F.O.L.K. Newbury Quiz Bowl team is preparing for this year's event; children's librarian Jenn Young requests funding for an appreciation party for team and supporters, a bowling arcade party. Not to exceed \$250. MSA Jenn also requests not to exceed \$300 for children's section programs. MSA Free Comic Book Day is coming up May 4 and will include *Cosplay*, dressing up in comic book character costumes and needs funding for gift cards and honorarium for local comic book illustrator, Wayne Low. Total \$200. MSA Youth librarian Kipapa Kahelahela is concerned he should have a backup for promised funds from Big Friends for the statewide event, he ordered comic books and is concerned he may not receive the promised reimbursement from Big Friends and would like a backup appropriation, not to exceed \$200. MSA Lastly, Denise reports that library staff person Penny Brumbaugh, a prior F.O.L.K. scholarship recipient, has been promoted to the LA4 position, supervisor for circulation unit and student helpers and will continue working at the Kona branch.

Judy Andrews notes that Kealahou won't be doing comic book day because the branch is not open on Saturdays.

Your humble Secretary notes that the NJABCTCC (Not Just Another Book Club Travel Conversation Circle) has grown to its largest number of participants, getting over thirty attendees per monthly discussion circle.

Denise reports a lady visiting Hawaii asked if she could donate a book in honor of family member; Denise notes that a program does exist to work with Denise to create a book plate or suitable memorial, usually only for the cost of the book or a voluntary donation. It must be processed through F.O.L.K., however, because the library cannot utilize state funds for this purpose. We should consider including information in the newsletter that this option is available.

The undersigned reports that NJABCTCC continues to grow.

The next meeting of the F.O.L.K. Board of Directors is April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., and the undersigned secretary will be absent.

Meeting adjourned 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
ARNE WERCHICK  
Secretary

Reports attached:

**ACCOUNT SUMMARY**  
Month ending: February 28, 2019

Checking:	\$ 3,167.89
Savings:	50.07
TD Ameritrade:	32,083.58

**\$ 35,301.54**

Grant Balances:	
Crane	\$ 563.55
Ross	1,111.35
Nelson	\$1,674.90

Unpaid Allocations:	
Uncashed checks:	\$ 690.93
Unpaid Visa:	2,305.17
Not yet purchased:	3,440.07
Discretionary Funds:	1,887.71
Events:	2,600.00
CSL:	822.20
Book Club:	746.29
Scholarships:	6,000.00

**\$12,492.37**

**Membership Report**  
**F.O.L.K.**  
**February's data for March's Board Meeting**

*February's Book Sale:*

Revenue from Lanai Sale: \$1,039.

Revenue from new and renewal memberships @ book sale: \$170.

Merchandise sold @ book sale: \$8.

Who Shopped?

Current Members: 27

Past Due Members: 2

Teachers: 3

**Membership**

There were 394 members on our roster this month, of those 311 are members in good standing.

**New Members**

11 new members this month with 3 of them joining at the February book sale.

5 of the 11 new members would like to volunteer.

**Renewals, Edits, Updates, Issues**

26 renewal reminder postcards were mailed out.

There were 9 renewals this month and of the 9 renewals, 0 offered to become a new volunteer.

**CSL Quarterly Report to FOLK/July-September, 2018**

- **January 5:** Vermicomposting (worm) composting with Leona Kassel and Chris Pascual. Attendance was 60 people, donations totaled \$120.77
- **February 2: Pruning with Diana Duff.** Our CSL Coordinator taught the CSL's first in-depth 90-minute workshop. Content was very specific and useful for amateur pruners. Attendance was 69 people, donations came in at \$114.71.
- **March 2: Caring for Orchids.** Phoenicia Zoller, a local orchid grower and retailer in Oceanview, shared her extensive knowledge and experience with growing orchids. Attendance was 25 people, donations totaled \$56.10.
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**Upcoming programs/events:**

- **April 6:** Soil Fertility with Melanie Bondera.
- The CSL is offering four in-depth workshops this year. The content is more specific and detailed, and the sessions last 30 minutes longer for more audience interaction, demonstrations, and or useful information.

**He mahalo nui loa to FOLK for their steadfast generous support of the Community Seed Library! We couldn't do this for the community without you!**

**Upcoming Events Report**

Tuesday, April 9 5:30-6:30, PISCES – Women's STARS

Program (Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems). STARS program is offering women high school students the opportunity to participate in the STARS (STEM Aerospace Research Scholars) program. This is a week-long summer educational experience designed to expose high school girls to STEM careers and work with successful women in the field.

Saturday, May 18, 3:00-4:00 Poncho Man will perform ukulele.

Saturday, June 29 3:30-4:30, Jane Shroyer, an electronic harp music performance.

Finalizing for August 6, 13 or 27th at 5:30-6:30 Noelani Campbell Talk Story (Will try to get Na Leo to video tape). Topic - As a linguist, she'll discuss the Hawaiian language, both the literal and figurative nature of the language. Presented in the context of the spoken word, hula, and in chant. Helpful for understanding the nuances and hidden meaning (kaona) of 'ōlelo Hawaii.