

F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING APRIL 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:03. Absent were: Suzanne Dmytrenko, Joyce Kimball, Fred Hornbruch and Arne Werchick. Present: Pamela Wang, Shirley David, Ken Guerra, Mardee Richardson, Lynn Waterhouse, Barbara Isley, Bev Stehley. Librarians: Denise Stromberg and Judy Andrews. Guest: Donna Monti

The minutes of the March meeting as previously sent out via email were approved. MSA

Introductions of board to Donna Monti were made. Donna had already met Bev to learn about her position on the board, (activities, book club and Books for Babies, B4B) which she was considering taking over.

Barbara Isley did not present a treasurer's report, as she only arrived home less than 24 hours before. She did however note our checking account was down to \$800. Ameritrade was running \$33,093. A full report will be sent out tomorrow and subsequently attached to these minutes. Pamela added that she had spent \$901 on board books that Costco had special ordered for our B4B program.

Shirley David, VP, reported so far she has received 2 applications for our scholarships. She clarified that F.O.L.K. has agreed to fund \$6,000 this year. We may be receiving an anonymous donation, which may be up to \$2,000. One person could be selected to receive the full \$6K, or even \$8K, or 2 people could be chosen to split it. Robb Dahlke will be asked to be on the committee to evaluate applicants, and one more board member is needed. Shirley is working with a local drive to supply a Pahoa charter school devastated by Lava with donated books that cover K-12. Our labels will go in all donated books.

Lynn reported Dr Jarvi is scheduled to talk about Rat Lung Disease on April 23, and there will be a presentation about Monk Seals on April 30. She is working on High Seas Mauna Loa for October.

Bev will send a revised list of books for Book Club. April is: Their Eyes are Watching God. May is a Gentleman in Moscow. Donna agreed to lead in June. Bev will lead in May. Bev and Donna mentioned delivery of 139 bags of books to the hospital for B4B.

Judy Andrews reported about a donation of 30 themed Discovery Bags from Club Rehab Mauka, These bags have been inventoried and will become a pilot project for the state. Other libraries have expressed interest, as long as it is not too onerous to get back all the pieces in each bag. Bags will be checked out for 3 weeks at a time.

Ken reported on the book sale. In March we did \$1400. In April we did \$1225. Many top end books were sold. Lobby Sale til the third week of March was \$961, and til the third week of April: \$1028. Volunteers for March were very good. Volunteers for set up in April were very good, but basically no one showed up for take down. Club Rehab had indicated 3 people would come, but they didn't. Anthony with Ulu Wini could not get a bus. So Ken, Jeannie Kutsinai and Marie Kober took down the sale. Last sale will be in May, then no sales until August 10th. We have received \$392 from memberships in the last X weeks. Count Week is April 22-27. Volunteers still needed.

Mardee reported on membership. We have gone over 400 members, with 5 renewals and 5 new at the sale. Pamela asked board members to please look at Mardee's membership list, especially names in red. She sent a personal note to 5 people about their lapsed renewals and 4 have already renewed. Mardee would appreciate comments about members so she can know better who people are. Mardee displayed a metal book mark with an orchid that could be used as gift for joining. Barbara will research possibilities. Total membership is 405. Three recent members joined at \$50 or \$100, which is always appreciated and triggers book plates in new books.

Fred is absent for 1 ½ months.

Judy Andrews requested funding for a "quarter binding" class which will be led by former Kealakekua librarian, Keala Richard, who will be visiting Kona. She needs \$300 for supplies for a class of 10. MSA. Judy was asked to see if Keala would check a bag for less than the shipping costs and F.O.L.K. will repay her. Judy requested new chairs for the circ desk techs, available at COSTCO, with no added shipping, up to \$210. MSA

Denise displayed vinyl stickers with the HSPLS colors, the name Kailua Kona Library and BOP flowers. She would like to get 1000 for summer reading incentives, \$305. MSA. She also requested \$500 for Jenn for children's books, as we enter the dead period before the new state budget is available. MSA. Denise showed Logo pencils for B4B, but the board was more intrigued with the idea of a bib for babies that says: "Feed me a story" or "Where's my book?!" Barb will look into this idea.

Mardee brought up restarting the WEDNESDAY Coffee n Books on the Lanai during the summer months: June 5th-July 31st. There are NINE Wednesdays. Can Joyce ask in the next newsletter if there are any members willing to help host this event?? Can Joyce send out an email blast?? Any money collected will be deposited to the cash box at the lobby sale, so this does not need to be run by a board member. This is not meant to be a money making event, rather a way to create community. Denise will speak to her staff about who can be the contact person. A flier needs to be created too. We still need a catchy name. We already have cups, creamer, sugar, etc.

The election of Donna Monti to replace Bev Stehley as Activities Director was unanimous. At the same time, the board was very sad to realize we were having our last board meeting with Bev, who has been on the board in several positions for 10 years! Mahalo nui loa, Bev. A hui hou. Bev did say she will continue to try to attend book club, and as Donna will be absent in May, so Bev will lead the club then.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. Next meeting will be May 21st.

Expected absences: Donna Monti, Fred Hornbruch.

Minutes taken by Be Stehley, typed by Pamela Wang.