

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

## F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES - May 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Pamela Wang. Vice President Shirley David, Treasurer Barbara Isley, Secretary Arne Werchick, and Board members Suzanne Dmytrenko, Ken Guerra, Mardee Richardson, and Lynn Waterhouse were present. Excused: Fred Hornbruch III, Joyce Kimball, and Donna Monti. Head librarians Denise Stromberg and Kealakekua librarian Judy Andrews were also present.

The minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. MSA Mardee Richardson clarified her request for input regarding F.O.L.K. members regarding what individual members do in the way of participation in library events or activities.

Treasurer Barbara Isley reports that as of the end of April our assets total \$35,105.42. She notes, however, that our commitments total \$16,906.81 in the form of outstanding checks, Visa account and other obligations. The checking account declined to \$2800 so she had to sell shares from the F.O.L.K. Ameritrade account to cover the \$6000 scholarship awards and anticipating no income from lanai sales for the next two months. The Ameritrade account now stands at \$25,000. Major donations customarily received by this time of year have not been forthcoming this year, and gentle inquiries will be made to determine if this is a temporary or long-term prospect. Treasurer's report accepted MSA.

Bev Stehley arrives and is presented with a lei in gratitude for many years of Board service and a cake to share with Book Club members.

Barbara also reports the possibility of purchasing metallic bookmarks is hampered by the fact that the printer doesn't have our logo on file to use to imprint. Such bookmarks would probably be too costly for us at this point.

VP Shirley David reports on the scholarships awarded: \$4000 to Kona Library employee Penny Brumbaugh, a scholarship recipient last year as well, who hopes to complete her distance learning masters degree program in Library and Information Sciences this year; and \$2000 to Stephanie Nakamura who currently is working on Oahu at Hawaii Pacific University Library and will start the distance learning program from Rutgers University,

Shirley reports that we donated some books to the Holuaba School project to assist the Pahoa charter school whose campus was devastated by the volcano eruption.

Lynn Waterhouse reports trying to get a geologist to talk about earthquakes later this year and in September an astronomer to discuss planets outside the solar system. She also expects to get the head of HI-SEAS (Hawai'i Space Exploration Analog and Simulation) training project on Mauna Kea this fall. Dr. Susan Jarvi, University of

Hawaii and leading authority on rat lung worm disease, presented a program recently. Some surprising developments she reported include that it has been found that coqui frogs are eating the snails carrying the disease and themselves contracting rat lung worm disease; she stressed the importance of not handling coqui frogs without adequate protection. She also reports that a surprisingly large number of people are showing blood evidence of prior parasite loading on this island. Also 94% of rats trapped on island are found to be infected! Currently only a spinal tap gives a definitive diagnosis of rat lung worm disease; Dr Jarvi is engaged in research to find a less invasive test for the presence of the disease.

Suzanne Dmytrenko reports on programs. On May 11th, we hosted musician Poncho Man. The audience was small but the music was fantastic. In June on Saturday the 29th at 3:30 Jane Shroyer will play her harp. Tuesday, July 9th Lopaka Rootz, an acoustic guitar musician, will perform; he plays Hawaiian music Reggae-style and performs on KAPA on Sundays. Suzanne anticipates having Boyd Bond again for a program in September. President Wang reports that Kealakekua hosted classical guitarist Ian O'Sullivan, for an excellent well-attended program.

Bev Stehley reports the Book Club today will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Next month's selection is *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara. We have purchased the books for the rest of the year which have been sent to Donna Monti who is taking over Book Club duties.

Ken Guerra reports on Ways & Means. Prior to the last book sale, the Yahoo-based F.O.L.K. email account had a meltdown requiring Ken and Joyce Kimball to spend several hours to find and reconstruct the account. They finally recovered enough to restore outgoing email up to a point but no incoming, hampering the usual process of arranging volunteers for the lanai book sale. Nonetheless the May book sale generated \$1127, a very good end of term result, There were sufficient volunteers throughout but only one student and no longer any support from Ulu Wini. Currently it appears that no one at the high school is coordinating student volunteers for F.O.L.K. events.

Ken is reviving the *Flip and Sip* read and chat program for nine Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month starting in June. Volunteers will be needed for setup and clearing; this will be mentioned at the Book Club as well. Suzanne will volunteer for setup and attend the first one.

Mardee Richardson reports membership (April data); her report is attached.

Barbara Isley will pursue the question of Friends of the Library Hawaii (Big Friends) providing Director & Officer Liability coverage for local chapters at a much lower cost than we are presently paying, but Big Friends has not yet finalized any program.

Head Librarian Denise Stromberg requests new signage for the *Flip and Sip* events for a cost of \$39.95; sign boards will be laminated which can be done with our own laminating machine. MSA The Library needs baby changing stations in rest

rooms and the State system will not pay for them. Library patrons have been asking for these facilities. Two would cost \$862.32. Since the Kealahou branch also lacks them, the motion was for an allocation not to exceed \$1750 for four, with Librarian Judy Andrews to confirm they will fit suitably in the rest rooms at that branch. MSA Denise reports that Youth Librarian Kipapa Kahelahela requests funding for another teen team breakout challenge consisting of twenty-four \$10 Jamba Juice gift cards as participation rewards. The contests will involve four teams of six people. Any unused cards would roll over to future teen events should all 24 not be needed at this time. MSA Kipapa also notes that \$500 was previously approved but never funded for repair and replacement of young adult titles; he requests that the authorization be reaffirmed since it has been over a year since approved. MSA Denise also reports that her funding for the fiscal year book purchases has been exhausted and reluctantly requests \$2000 for book purchases. MSA

Librarian Judy Andrews reports that Kealahou branch funding for book purchasing also stops in summer. She would like \$2500 for replacements, new books which for Kealahou which includes children's books (not included in Kona branch request since separately funded). Last summer we approved \$1700; this year it was proposed that F.O.L.K. at this time fund \$2000, equaling the appropriation for Kona. MSA Denise comments that notwithstanding that more people are streaming, e-books, the number of bound books, AV and DVD being used in the libraries continues to increase. Denise and Judy both note that the State prohibits sharing of the budgets between branches. Judy reports that the summer reading program calendar has events every single open day at Kealahou. President Wang reports that Kealahou generated around \$78 in lobby book sales this past month. Ken reports Kona lobby sales of \$1077.84 for April.

Your Secretary notes that the NJABCTCC (Not Just Another Book Club Travel Conversation Circle) will meet June 22<sup>nd</sup> for the last time this season.

The next meeting of the F.O.L.K. Board of Directors is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Future absences noted: VP Shirley David is excused from the June meeting; Barbara Isley is excused for July and August, your humble scrivener for July. Meeting adjourned 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
ARNE WERCHICK  
Secretary

Reports attached:

**Membership Report**  
**F.O.L.K.**  
**April's data for May's Board Meeting**

*April's Book Sale:*

Revenue from Lanai Sale: \$1,224

Revenue from new and renewal memberships @ book sale: \$213.

Merchandise sold @ book sale?

Who Shopped?

Current Members: tally not taken

Teachers: tally not taken

**Membership**

There were 402 members on our roster this month, of those 319 are members in good standing.

**New Members**

7 new members this month with 6 of them joining at the April book sale. Mahalo Eleanor!

0 of the 6 new members would like to volunteer.

**Renewals, Edits, Updates, Issues**

21 renewal reminder postcards were mailed out.

There were 16 renewals this month with 7 renewing at the book sale. Of the 16 renewals, 0 offered to become a new volunteer.

**Report: CSL**4/1/2019 - 4/30/2019  
2 Accounts, 85 Categories

<i>Category</i>	<i>4/1/19 - 4/30/19</i>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,176.94</b>
FUNDRAISING INCOME TAXABLE	\$2,413.08
Kailua Kona Lobby Sales	\$1,077.84
Kealahou Lobby Sales	\$82.28
Lanai Book Sale	\$1,224.96
Merchandise	\$28.00
Interest on Savings	\$0.01
Membership Dues	\$644.54
PROGRAM DONATIONS	\$119.31
Book Club	\$26.00
Community Seed Library	\$73.31
Events	\$20.00
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>-\$2,689.47</b>
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	-\$140.24
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	-\$88.13
Postage	-\$26.25
Printing	-\$61.88
Website	-\$52.11
COST OF SALES	-\$92.43
Printing	-\$92.43
F.O.L.K. EVENTS	-\$100.00
Presenters	-\$100.00
F.O.L.K. PROGRAMS	-\$177.01
Book Club	-\$152.71
Community Seed Library	-\$24.30
Seeds	-\$24.30
LIBRARY ASSISTANCE	-\$2,179.79
Events	-\$200.00
Kailua Kona	-\$200.00
Maintenance	-\$1,577.91
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Programs	-\$401.88
Kailua Kona Children's Library	-\$338.11
Kealahou Crafts Program	-\$63.77
Uncategorized	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$487.47</b>