

F.O.L.K. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 2015

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library, Kona, held on the Kailua-Kona Public Library Lanai, was called to order by President Wang at 10:05 a.m.

MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were read by President Wang to the assembled members and approved with a small correction of comma removal to presenter's honorarium.

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President Wang introduced the F.O.L.K. Board members, and that they will continue to serve in 2015 with the exception of Alice Goo, Membership Director who is retiring and being replaced by Eleanor Pearson. The position of Secretary is still vacant and volunteers for the position were solicited.

Retiring Board member Alice Goo was introduced and presented with a book in her honor (Before They Pass Away) to be included in the Kailua Kona Library reference collection.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Barbara Isley

Barbara used a flip chart to show the year's Income of \$42,363. Sources of Income included: Fundraising \$24,601, Grants and Donations \$13,150, Investments \$2,215 and Dues \$2,392. The year's Administrative Expenditures were \$10,890. Library assistance for Kailua Kona was \$12,406 and for Kealahou \$9,228 which included major updates of Kealahou's furniture and fixtures. The total assets as of December 31, 2014 were \$53,294.

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ANNUAL ACTIVITIES BINDER -- Marilyn Koschella

Marilyn displayed the binder that she had prepared for the meeting, and it was passed around among the members attending. The contents outline by month all of the year's activities/projects mostly from the monthly F.O.L.K. Newsletters.

BOOK CLUB -- Bev Stehley

Bev reported that the Book Club membership number is up to 100 with approximately 20 attending each month. This month's meeting will immediately follow the annual meeting and will discuss "Pink Elephants and Chocolate Éclairs". Sharon Sumner was thanked for providing cards for Book Club members which show the 2015 Reading List. \$211 was spent on books this past year. Bev is now ordering 2 months in advance so those who need to borrow the book will have time to read it. Book Club members made \$118 in donations in 2014.

PROGRAMS -- Bev Stehley, Lynn Waterhouse,

Bev noted that programs for adults most frequently focus on music, arts and crafts, and public service, and that a calabash is passed so that guests can make a donation to the library if they choose. Last year there were donations of \$199. Programs are generally scheduled January through May and September through December with a hiatus during the summer. Program attendance varied but averaged 35 attendees per program. The Damron Dancers are scheduled to perform February 7th at 3:00PM and tentatively in March; Boyd Bond will present a program on the Hawaiian Royalty move from Waipio to Kailua Kona. She requested suggestions from the membership for future programs.

Lynn reported that the science programs call on local experts and last year included programs on Astronomy, Marine Science, Food Science and Health. A Keck Observatory astronomer will be presenting a program on finding earth like planets on February 10th, 2015 @ 5:30PM. Bev reiterated that volunteers would be welcome to assist with the Book Club and Programs.

BBB – reported by Pamela Wang

Shirley David was absent. Pamela reported that the BBB Programs have been rescheduled to the last Tuesday of the month. The children seem to prefer being read to by the teenage volunteers and future volunteers from that age group should be encouraged.

WAYS AND MEANS -- Ken Guerra

Ken showed by month, with handouts, the revenues from Lobby and Lanai sales over the past eight years. In 2012, sales were exceptionally high, more than \$15,000. The reason for the anomaly is unknown. However, a possible connection is Borders closing their Kona store in that year. Book Sales have been so successful that Silent Auctions are no longer held. There have been many positive comments about the professional handling of the sales. The 2015 Sale Schedule has changed from past years to January-May, no sales in June or July, and resumption in August-December. Ken extended thanks to the dedicated volunteers and especially the "Pit Crew " for their long hours of behind-the-scenes work "in the pit" that makes the sales possible. He invited anyone interested in volunteering to join their number. Vince will soon be retiring and a children's book reviewer is needed.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT -- Ed Hickey

Ed told the members that he has been working toward a circulation desk replacement for the Kealakekua Library that we hope to start implementing this year. He is manning a desk in the young adult section of the Kona Library and is on site each week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. He is available to help users with the library computers, but is equipped to help with other devices and the Overdrive system as well, and is happy to help patrons with their computer questions. An audience member mentioned BARD for the blind as an electronic resource available to library patrons.

SCHOLARSHIP – Pamela Wang

Pamela reported that the winner of the Library Scholarship in 2013, Jennifer Kau'i Losalio, will be temporarily assigned as Acting Branch Manager at Kealakekua. Rayna Fairchild, the 2014 recipient of a \$2000 scholarship is working toward her degree and has furnished a transcript of her courses showing good results. The deadline to apply for the 2015 scholarship is April 30, 2015. The amount available due to a private donation has been increased so that two \$2000 awards may be made.

MEMBERSHIP - Alice Goo, Eleanor Pearson

Alice announced her retirement from the Board and reminisced on her long association with F.O.L.K. and the enjoyment and satisfaction her service has given her. She introduced Eleanor Pearson as her successor, and thanked Ken Guerra for helping to increase our membership which has increased significantly since he assumed responsibility for Ways and Means and his encouragement to join at Book Sales.

PUBLICITY -Joyce Kimball

Joyce reported that library events are publicized for the most part through the newspaper, local

websites, and flyers in the libraries. The local library website, www.folkhawaii.com is updated at least monthly and includes a calendar. West Hawaii Today has been listing most of our events without difficulty this year.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

As the Annual Meeting ended, an attending member, Cheryl King, suggested that others in F.O.L.K. might want to attend a community forum on Thursday the 15th at 6:00PM at the Old Airport. There are plans to further reduce school library hours and librarians.

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Friendly Bus \$1600 from IronMan

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am