

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by acting chair Suzanne Dmytrenko. Attending were Barbara Isley, Bev Stehley, Mardee Richardson, Lynn Waterhouse, Ken Guerra, and Shirley David. Librarian Denise Stromberg also attended.

Minutes of the April 18, 2017, meeting, previously circulated by e-mail, were approved. MSA

Barbara Isley gave the treasurer report. Assets at the end of March - \$57,884.16. The Ameritrade account stands at \$35,714 and still have \$17,216 in savings account. Barbara will review guidelines concerning amount that might be transferred to Ameritrade account from savings.

Lynn Waterhouse reported on two future programs she is scheduling. Susan Jarvie on Rat Lungworm disease most likely in November, Keoki Stender a prominent marine biologist on Hawaii will speak most likely in October after Ironman (October 14). Suzanne Dmytrenko reported on upcoming programs. Cheyene Womack, Saturday, May 20, 2:00-3:00, classical electric guitar; Tricia Gunberg, Saturday, June 3, 3:30-4:30, wellness workshop and Numberology; Boyd Bond, Tuesday, September 12th, 5:30-6:30, The Great Mahele: Changes in Land Use & Tenure in Hawaii, 1810-1920. On May 9, 5:30-6:30, musical duo Mele'uhane played Hawaiian music which was attended by around 35 people.

Suzanne reported that a procedure has been created to video tape events at the Library with historical significance. The local cable access station Na Leo can video tape programs and will burn CD copies for the Library to archive. CD's will cost \$13 each. They will also air any programs they tape. Permission to tape in the Library must also be granted by the State Librarian. Suzanne would like to have Boyd Bond's talk in September taped and will facilitate.

Bev Stehley reported on the book club. Today "In Paradise," author Peter Matthiessen. "Path Between the Seas" author David McCullough next month. Kona Community Hospital hasn't asked for more books for the program, Books for Babies. The OB department at Kona Community Hospital sent a nice thank you card to F.O.L.K. for the program. Need to order about every two months. Barbara applied for a grant for Books for Babies from Wish You Well, that was turned down. Target only seems to be supporting things related to field trips; they support Friendly Bus. Book club will meet July and August, every month.

Ken Guerra reports Ways and Means. The May book sale generated income of \$1144. We have had five very good months over the \$1000 mark, ahead of last year. The last sale also sold tote bags and t-shirt. There is still a problem with sufficient volunteers for the sales; especially at the end of the day to pack books and put in the pit. Ken will give four \$25 gift cards to the adult volunteers with the most hours worked this spring. Also, six student volunteers with the most hours worked will be given \$25 gift cards. May will be last book sale for the winter term so waiting to see if student response picks up. We have also lost several mainstay adult volunteers and will need to recruit for the fall. Ken will contact the school to have the students pick up their gift cards. Denise suggested the students pick up at the Library front desk with their student ID.

Ken received a quote of \$850 to build a matching book display for the Library lobby. The board voted to approve with one dissenting vote. MSA. Mardee will see if lifetime members would donate to the cost of the book display. If a large contribution, perhaps the donor's name could be placed on the front of the book display.

Mardee Richardson reports on membership. Currently we have 395 names on the F.O.L.K. roster, and of those 283 are in good standing. We have seven new members, and 8 renewals. At the book sale, two totes and one t-shirt were sold.

Shirley David reported no applications were received for the MLS scholarship program. The board agreed to not extend the deadline and suspend awarding scholarships this year.

Denise Stromberg reported all staff positions have been filled! Denise requested F.O.L.K. allow the Library to renew their Cricket image access program at a cost of \$95.88. MSA. The board approved this expense. The Summer Reading Program will have a milestone rewards program. For adults who read 2,000 minutes per week, Denise suggested that they be given a \$6 gift certificate to spend at the book sales. The board approved \$120 for the rewards program. MSA.

New Business: Gwen is retiring at the end of June. The board approved expending \$500 MSA for a gift certificate for a hotel and dinner gift in appreciation of Gwen. Her retirement party is scheduled for June 16th at 10 am.

Bev will apply for the Monty Richards grant for Books for Babies program.

Adjourned 10:45 a.m. Next meeting June 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bev Stehley in the absence of Secretary Arne Werchick in his absence.