

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

## F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by President Pamela Wang. Attending were Ken Guerra, Eleanor Pearson, Suzanne Dmytrenko, Michele Kenney, Arne Werchick, Denise Stromberg, and President Pamela Wang. All present having read the draft minutes by e-mail, reading of the minutes was waived and minutes of the May 17, 2016, Board meeting were approved. MSA

Barbara Isley submitted Profit & Loss Statement by email. Discussion of how lobby sales versus lanai sales have changed over time. Treasurers report adopted. MSA.

Michele Kenney, Kealakekua Branch Manager, reports tomorrow's program is a talk by Keith Haugan on Oban (Buddhist dances). Accounting presented for discretionary funds currently at \$342.65. Michele requests funding for \$150 for Auntie Wendy Face Painting to take place on the last day of the summer reading program July 16 (MSA); \$36.16 for adult crafts (stencil tote bags) (MSA). Upcoming schedule: music program 22<sup>nd</sup> "Simple and Unpretentious;" July 1<sup>st</sup> kids craft making paper flowers; July 9<sup>th</sup> Jacobs ladders; July 11<sup>th</sup> talk story on gourd art at 1p by Mary Amos; face painting July 16<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about submitting program notes to Kona Web (konaweb.com) and West Hawaii Today. Sherry Bracken (FM 107.7) discusses Island Issues on Saturday mornings, also reports local events for Hawaii Public Radio. President Wang gave the reports for Historian, Scholarship and Facebook (\$71 spent in May for Facebook). Two \$2000 scholarships have been awarded to Rob Dalke and Chezlan Cazar.

Suzanne Dmytrenko reports on programs. The June 7<sup>th</sup> talk by Karen Anderson on Hawaii Dengue and Zika Awareness had a small audience but was excellent program. Lowe's and Home Depot being are apparently being very proactive about mosquito prevention. Suzanne notes that the musical events tend to attract larger audience. Future programs include Casandra Couples on July 9<sup>th</sup> to talk re Acupuncture, and a story teller for January or February. Suzanne notes that library staff person Gwen Acasio has created leis for program presenters but has been absorbing materials costs out of pocket. It was agreed she should be reimbursed, to be done upon presentation of an informal note from her about how much she is out of pocket. Leis will be presented to speakers for larger events only. A discussion followed of the need to update our calendaring and publicity and how to make use of existing available resources. An ad hoc committee consisting of President Wang, Suzanne Dmytrenko and Arne Werchick, with librarian Denise Stromberg as staff liaison, has been created to work on ways to upload a complete calendar and enhance program advertising.

President Wang updated on the Community Seed Library: a worm composting Saturday to take place Saturday; a July 30<sup>th</sup> program on edible landscape; and on September 24<sup>th</sup> a CSL birthday party.

Ken Guera reported on the Book Club. Today's subject is Song of the Exile by Kiana Davenport, a fictional account of a Honolulu family 1935 to 1959. Next month Goddess of Small Victories by Yannick Grannec, an internationally best-selling debut novel about the life, marriage, and legacy of Kurt Godel, one of the greatest mathematicians of the last century.

Ken also reported on Ways & Means. He is handling income and deposits in the temporary absence the treasurer. There has not been much activity re book sales other than the lobby. The pit crew did a terrific job purging inventory at end of May, starting to build for the fall. Kudos to the Haulers, husband and wife team which takes everything the library wants to dispose of. Lastly Ken reported that Marie-anne Rouse reminds that F.O.L.K is registered as a non-profit fundraiser with the Shaklee company; the direct fundraiser website is FOLK.MyShaklee.com.

President Wang reports regarding Outreach that letters have been sent to all west Hawaii schools regarding the Friendly Bus.

Jen Losalio came to report that she has been permanently hired as Children's Librarian and to thank the Board for funding her attendance at the June 10-11 program in Honolulu on Literature and Hawaii's Children. She reports that the entire program was excellent and very productive, producing many useful ideas to incorporate in Kona programs. Her detailed report including photos can be found in two parts:

<http://www.jenthelibrarian.com/library-life/the-18th-biennial-conference-on-literature-and-hawaiis-children-part-1>

and

<http://www.jenthelibrarian.com/library-life/the-18th-biennial-conference-on-literature-and-hawaiis-children-part-2>

Eleanor Person reports that membership is well over three hundred people. Last month we gained five new members, with 10 or 11 renewals, and 3 not renewing. She reports that Linda Horton donated \$100 to F.O.L.K., with special praise for the "wonderful" FOLK newsletter.

Denise Stromberg's appointment as permanent branch manager has been confirmed.  
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Denise showed a sample of work done with the recently acquired Cricut machine which cuts templates. She also asked that the FOLK bulletin board be monitored a bit more closely, noting that someone had posted a Marriott job solicitations. She needs more chairs to be used for programs. If FOLK purchases chairs for use in the internet area, she could reclaim those presently there for use at meetings. Olson High-Density Stacking Chairs appear to be the best, will support weight up to 300 pounds and include a full lifetime warranty and are stackable. Four cartons of 4 should cost \$2345.84 which includes tax and shipping, purchased through Kona Coast. Ken Guera suggests purchasing 20 instead of 16 to be prepared for the future and not incur additional shipping and possibly increased price. A motion was made to approve the purchase not to exceed \$3000. MFA. Regarding honoraria for speakers, Denise observed that if a presenter is paid more than \$600 in one year, a W-9 is probably required. This has not been an issue to date but should be kept in mind. Lastly regarding staff, she reports she may have new hire in place at the circulation desk starting soon to fill vacancy existing since November and is also waiting to hear about filling the position created when Jennifer Losario was promoted to Children's Librarian.

President Wang concluded by reminding the Board of the island-wide meeting July 8<sup>th</sup> at Imiloa of the numerous Friends of the Library organizations working on the Big Island ; she and Shirley David will attend, and all are invited. This is the first time all of the local organizations have met on this island.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58. Next meeting is July 19<sup>th</sup>; the undersigned will be absent at that time and was reminded that the address for the mandatory sending of vacation postcards is 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua Kona.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNE WERCHICK  
Secretary