

MINUTES OF THE 2011 F.O.L.K. ANNUAL MEETING

Held on the Kailua Kona Library Lanai

January 25, 2011

WELCOME: **President Pamela Wang** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

In her opening remarks **President Wang** stated F.O.L.K. can celebrate another fruitful year. She encouraged members to read the ORCHID which has a recap of the year and is available on-line on the F.O.L.K. website. Pamela also encouraged members to share their email addresses with F.O.L.K. as we conduct more business on-line to be eco-friendly.

MINUTES: **Secretary Shirley David** read the minutes and they were approved with the friendly correction from Pamela that the foreign exchange students must volunteer at least 40 hours to community service while they are in the United States.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Treasurer Barbara Isley** reported that at the end of 2010 the treasury had the same amount of money as at the beginning of the year. In December F.O.L.K. received a very generous \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor which allowed the Board to encourage the librarians to think bigger in their 2011 requests. F.O.L.K. income which includes dues, book sales, program grants and donations, and other donations totaled \$43,439. Assistance to libraries in 2010 totaled \$18,322. F.O.L.K. sponsored programs and events totaled \$5,726. Total outflow was \$32,896. Net worth on December 31, 2010 was \$47,146. The treasurer's reported was accepted as published in ORCHID.

Barbara also reported that dues and donations are now available on the F.O.L.K. website via PayPal using either credit cards or PayPal. Barbara solicited volunteers to audit the books. Per the bylaws three members perform the audit review function.

BOARD POSITIONS: **President Pamela Wang** announced that many board members have served F.O.L.K. for several years and are willing to step down for new members to serve including the president. Bev Stehley who has been F.O.L.K. vice president of programs is taking time off the board to take care of sick parents. Bev was recognized for the many programs she put together and for her enthusiasm. Pamela presented Joyce Kimball with a lei as a thank you for keeping the F.O.L.K. website up-to-date. Joyce posted all the F.O.L.K. programs, monthly newsletter, ORCHID, and PayPal on the website. She also sends F.O.L.K. information to Konaweb and the NPR community calendar. Pamela read a Kealahewa Public Library update from acting branch manager Kipapa Kahelahela. Pamela commented that Kipapa has really been nurturing the library with programs, new materials and good customer service.

Pamela introduced the 2011 slate of officers:

President: Pamela Wang

Vice President for Programs: Barbara Hussey

Vice President for Activities: Barbara Sosna

Vice President for Membership: Alice Goo

Vice President for Ways and Means: Ken Guerra

Vice President for Publicity: Joyce Kimball

Historian Vice President: Marilyn Koschella

Treasurer: Barbara Isley

Secretary: Shirley David

Barbara Hussey is a new member who is new to Kona. Pamela encouraged her to attend the January board meeting and at the meeting she agreed to be placed on the slate as vice president of programs. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved by the membership.

WAYS AND MEANS: Vice President Ken Guerra explained that Ways and Means brings in the money. Almost 50% of F.O.L.K. income is generated from book sales. The pit crew churns the sales sorting all the donations in the Kailua Kona Library garage for both the lobby sales and book sales, and sending outdated and books in poor condition to the graveyard. They also price books for lobby sales and manage the lanai sale day volunteers. Ken thanked the pit crew, Marie, Ann, Lois, Vince and Tom for their dedication.

Each month Ken sends notices to members to volunteer from the lanai book sale. One-hundred to one-hundred ten members said they are interested in volunteering for the lobby sales and about 15 people respond to Ken's request.

Ken showed a book sales comparison from 2007-2010. When the lanai sales moved from quarterly to ten times a year the lanai sales doubled. In 2010 book sales brought in \$19,550 and F.O.L.K. assistance to libraries was \$18,395. The lanai booksale is becoming a destination sale. People are coming from around the island to do their shopping on lanai sale day. Ken said the F.O.L.K. board will be rethinking, reconfiguring, expanding the lanai space to better accommodate the shoppers. A member suggested that KTA, Ross etc. could be contacted about supporting F.O.L.K. since they are benefiting from the book sale shoppers on lanai sale day.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Marilyn Koschella was new to the board in 2010. Marilyn invited members to review 2010 F.O.L.K. activities scrapbook. She said her husband is also a behind the scenes volunteer. In 2010 he built shelves for the Kealakekua Public Library.

MEMBERSHIP: Vice President Alice Goo noted there are currently 210 members. New memberships were due largely from the lanai books sales. Members receive a 20% discount on lanai book purchases.

ACTIVITIES: Vice Chair Barbara Sosna acknowledged the many book club members attending the meeting noting that several of the current board members are or have been book club members. She thanked members for their contributions large and small including arranging for the food at the annual meeting. One to two people attending the bookclub each month join F.O.L.K. The book club selections are set for 2011 including a guest author in October. Senator Josh Green will be discussing his new book. Barbara thanked Joyce Kimball for running book club ads in the paper each month. She also said she would stay with the bookclub but was looking for a replacement on the board.

BOOKS ARE BUILDING BLOCKS: Shirley David thanked Bev Stehley for developing a manual for the BBB program. She encouraged volunteers for the program and asked members to tell their neighbors with children about the free read aloud program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pamela Wang said she has served on the board for ten years. She thanked the large number of volunteers who staff the F.O.L.K. programs and activities and especially the Pit Crew for all their work. F.O.L.K. helps to keep the libraries well stocked with books, DVD's, and CD's and they provide program support. F.O.L.K. members are friends with a CAPITAL F.

ADJOURNMENT: President Wang thanked members for coming to annual meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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F.O.L.K. Secretary

Approved: January 23, 2012