

## October 18, 2016 Minutes F.O.L.K. Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 9:07. In attendance: Denise representing Kailua Kona Library, Shirley David, Suzanne Dmytrenko, Barbara Isley, Lynn Waterhouse and Bev Stehley. Pamela was stuck on the bypass road and arrived at 9:30. Ken arrived at 10:30. Pamela will extend an open invitation to Shelly Brown.

Denise brought the book LANVIN that F.O.L.K. is gifting to Kealakekua Library in Michele Kenney's name to thank her for being the acting branch manager and keeping that branch open all these months.

VP Shirley started the meeting. Minutes from September 20<sup>th</sup> were approved as read. Later Pamela added that Eleanor wished to clarify that the 26 new members noted were from TWO months of book sales, August and September. It is also Eleanor who will be looking into getting gift cards at a reduced price. MSA

VP Report: Face Book information was updated. Shirley is setting up the boosts a month in advance. Kona Historical Society contributed to the F.O.L.K. tote that was prepared for the HLA convention next week. (Hawaii Library Assoc). Shirley also added several items.

Treasurer's Report: As of the end of September, our balance was \$49,170.30. MSA Since Barbara will be gone from Nov 6 to Dec 14, any checks needed for upcoming programs should be solicited in advance. Ken will handle deposits while she is gone. Pamela will hold the check book. A new cash register has been purchased. It can figure not only the sales tax, but also the discount!

Programs: Suzanne has not scheduled any new programs since last month. Discussion followed about getting details of programs to Denise to add to the new branch specific part of the new HSPLS website. Lynn reported in January there will be a talk about Coqui Frog Eradication and in May someone from Keck will present about new discoveries.

Activities: Bev reported that books for next year will be voted on in the November meeting. A new book called The Three Year Swim Club, about boys and girls in Maui trying out for the Olympics in the 1930's is one of the books. Jerry Miki was in that club and will speak at the January meeting after the Annual Board Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017. Bev passed around a card for Cheryl King ; Bev will be seeing her at Queen's Hospital in HNL.

Book Sale: The October 15<sup>th</sup> book sale was extremely difficult to set up and take down due to a lack of volunteers. The sale took place one week late, following Iron Man on the 8<sup>th</sup>. It was also following a week long school holiday. WE took in \$833, vs. \$877 in September, but gave out almost no gift cards. The lobby sale in September took in \$983, although it is way down already for October. Kealakekua took in \$24 for September and \$30 for October. Someone said the wrong date was in the newsletter?? The next sale will be November 5<sup>th</sup> as the library is closed the second Saturday. Robb Dahlke deserves an award for his amazing help. Lois and Giovanni will be reimbursed for using their own gift cards to get volunteers on the street.

Books for Babies: Bev has compiled all the things we will be putting into large Ziplocs to give to the parents of newborns at Kona Community Hospital. She will send out an invitation for us to come stuff bags soon. She will follow up on a flyer called How to Read to Children from the Early Literacy Initiative.

Librarian Report: Denise announced that Elizabeth has been promoted and that new hire Alyssa has vacated her position and returned to the mainland. She now has 2 vacancies. The new HSPLS website is up and running at [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org). Each branch will do its own PR for programs and events. Denise will be using the F.O.L.K. logo to our programs and a picture of the branch for other library events. She has given the new form to Suzanne, Lynn, Bev and Natalie. These program people will CC Denise on any program info being sent to Joyce.

Kipapa requested money for the next books for TRIK, Teen Readers in Kona. He was reminded that a \$500 budget was already approved in July. He can simply submit titles to Barbara to order from Amazon. Upcoming dates are Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and Dec.... He will re-evaluate the program after December. He currently has 4 people signed up, but will order 10 books. He suggested he might donate the books to Robb Dahlke at Kealakehe High after the program.

Jenn requested LEGOS for her successful Lego program. The kit costs \$50 and comes in all colors and shapes. MSA. Jenn requested funding to attend the HLA meeting in Hilo on November 12<sup>th</sup>, \$85. MSA

Denise brought up the 2017 CSL Budget again. There were 53 people at the birthday party and plant/seed exchange. About 20 attended the talks in the library. The board agreed to a \$1300 budget: \$1200 for programs at up to \$100 per event, and \$100 for supplies. Seeds will be purchased from the donations made at programs. There will be no second birthday party funded by F.O.L.K. Upcoming programs are Tree Grafting by Ken Love in January, and Fire Ants in March. Hemp, Indigo Dyes and the Moringa Plant are all on the list for 2017. Discussion of the anticipated logo ensued. The board suggested CSL use the F.O.L.K. logo and perhaps substitute a vegetable for the orchid that currently comes out of the open pages of a book. Kipapa agreed to continue to work on this idea. Kipapa made a sign with the F.O.L.K. logo and hung it from the bottom of the seed library cabinet. He has reorganized the information on top of the cabinet. All CSL material will state Funded by Friends of the Libraries, Kona, F.O.L.K. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, CSL will have a program about Tomatoes by Ed Fenzl called Enhanced Growing Methods. Ed Fenzl presented at Kealakekua Library this past weekend about Wild Food. There will be no December program.

Denise requested Christmas funding: She would like to purchase three \$20 gift cards as prizes for the ornament contest. MSA She requested up to \$100 for a Christmas Tree, MSA.

Denise advised that next week, Oct 24-29<sup>th</sup> is COUNT WEEK. She passed around a sign up sheet, and the sheet will be emailed to our members as well.

Pamela brought up other non profits asking to add their dates and events to our Newsletter. The board decided not to accept extraneous postings at this time. Lynn will be gone for the November meeting, as will Barbara.

Minutes submitted by Bev and typed by Pamela.

Next meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55AM.