

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 by President Pamela Wang. Vice Chair Shirley David, Board members Suzanne Dmytrenko, Ken Guerra, Fred Hornbruch III, Donna Monti, Mardee Richardson, and Lynn Waterhouse were also present. Excused: Treasurer Barbara Isley, Secretary Arne Werchick, and Board members: Joyce Kimball. Branch manager Denise Stromberg and Kealakekua branch manager, Judy Andrews were also present. Suzanne Dmytrenko was appointed to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Arne Werchick.

Shirley David prepared the July 16, 2019 meeting minutes and they were emailed to members before the meeting. MSA

Barbara Isley absent so no July financial statement to members.

Vice Chair Shirley David reported the free books for children at the Kealakekua library were appreciated and being taken by patrons. It would help if they also had some free books for older children. In addition, Shirley will check when the annual Hawaii Island home school meeting is held. It might be helpful if F.O.L.K. were present at their event. Note that home school families can get up to 10 free books at our Saturday Lanai Book Sales.

There was a discussion about donating children's books to other organizations. Some members thought we should focus on donating books to local groups., not to Africa. Denise suggested we contact the Hawaii island Libraries and local Friends groups to see if they are interested. Mardee signed up 8 educators at the August book sale. They might be interested in free books that we don't sell. The board instructed Denise to let Jennifer, the Children's librarian know that she can have free books anytime for her patrons.

Program Chair's report by Suzanne Dmytrenko is attached.

Science Program Chair's Lynn Waterhouse attached.

Fred Hornbruch reminded those board members who haven't done so to send him a short bio and head shot for the newsletter. Mardee proposed we also feature volunteers who contribute to F.O.L.K.

Donna Monti reported that the Books for Babies bag stuffing afternoon will be on Thursday, August 22nd at Bev Stehley's home. She will send out an email with details.

The book club will discuss the The Hell Fire Club by Jake Tapper this August. At the July book club there were 18 participants. Donna will contact Joyce to see if West Hawaii Today can announce the "Friends Book Club" to seek members.

Joyce is close to finalizing moving the F.O.L.K. website from Yahoo to MochaHost. If you have any email addresses on the Yahoo site, make sure you copy and save before the switch on September 26th. The Google F.O.L.K. calendar is ok and won't be affected by this change.

Ken Guerra reported on Ways & Means.

\$25 Gift Card (from the Banned Books program) was redeemed at the August book sale.

Lobby Sales for July 9-30-\$900, August 1-20-\$600.

Kealakekua Lobby Sales, mid-June to mid-July-\$159, July 17-August-17 \$175-a record!

Memberships for July-\$153, August-\$289 at book sale, \$100 in addition after book sale and via mail.

CSL Donations in July-\$22 August-\$69.

Event Donations, July-\$7 August-\$21.

August Book Sale-\$1,641 which is the best for 2018 and 2019!

At the book sale in August, we had over 150 extra boxes of books that we couldn't put out because of lack of room. During the book sale, the Haulers took about 75 of the extra boxes in the pit. We had a good volunteer turnout but not many students. After they've signed up at school perhaps, they will appear. In the meantime, we had five members of the Elks club and one Rotary member help at closing. This helped us complete closing in only 45 minutes.

The library garage door is making grinding noises and may soon fail. If this happens, we won't be able to open the door with the electric motor. This means that we'll have to open it manually by lifting it up and propping it open. This is a safety concern for the volunteers. Also, the pit crew members bring books into the garage on a daily basis and we need access to the books in the garage for our monthly book sales.

Denise will also see if the State Librarian will fix but this is not a priority and could take months if not years! Since we need to have access to the books in the garage asap, a motion to fix the garage door NTE \$1,000 was proposed. **RESOLVED: Allocate NTE \$1,000 to fix the Library Garage Door.** MSA Denise will contact the previous vendor that fixed the door around 3-4 years ago.

The July membership report is attached to the minutes. Mardee asked about "Friends" on the membership roster. These are groups in the past that volunteered or contributed to the Library. Examples include Kona Stories bookstore, ADK sorority. She seeks guidance on how long Friends should remain on the roster. This issue will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Following up on last month's discussion about charging on items sold in the library, Denise found that the libraries on the island usually charge 10%. No action was taken at today's meeting. At last month's board meeting, the following was noted. **Resolved: At library events where presenters have items for sale, F.O.L.K. volunteers will be available to sell presenters' items. F.O.L.K. will receive 10% of total sales of \$20 or above. Presenters from non-profit organizations will not be required to pay the 10%. No fee will be charged if the presenters provide their own sales staff. MS tabled.**

Resolved: At library events where presenters have items for sale, the presenters must supply their own sales staff. F.O.L.K. will not require a share of the sales. MS tabled.

Branch Manager Denise Stromberg requested funds for the children's librarian to have a tablecloth created with the Library Card logo for off-site events and pay for a table at the Sheraton Hotel for HawaiiCon, September 26-29. **RESOLVED: \$335 allocated for the tablecloth and the HawaiiCon event. MSA**

Astro Day is confirmed for Sunday, November 3rd at the Kealakehe High School.

Despite a lengthy discussion, a request for professional development for one of the library staff to attend the annual HSL conference for \$1,675 wasn't deemed acceptable at this time.

Judy Andrews, Kealakekua Librarian announced the bathrooms are open! The EPA had mandated a shut-down of the two state libraries that have cesspools. There is one on Oahu (Waialua) and the other is Kealakekua. Interested parties have agreed to allow them to function until the issue of the cesspool is resolved by the State and Federal authorities.

Kealakekua was providing bottled water at their weekly movie nights. They believe it would be better to contract with a water service. **RESOLVED: Have a monthly water service in the Library NTE \$100 per month. MSA.**

Judy also asked for funding for the rest of the year to pay for popcorn, oil and bags for their movie nights. **RESOLVED: Purchase popcorn, bags and oil NTE \$300 for the rest of 2019.**

The next meeting of the F.O.L.K. Board of Directors is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Suzanne Dmytrenko.
Program Chair

Reports attached:

August F.O.L.K Program Chair Report:

Event Took Place:

Tuesday, August 13, 5:30-6:30 - Kalima - Music for the Soul

About 35 people attended. Wonderful!

Upcoming:

Tuesday, September 17, 5:30-6:30 - Boyd Bond - Hawaii History, Topic Creation of the Kingdom of Hawaii and the State Motto. Na Leo may video tape.

Saturday, October 26, 3:00-4:00 - Woody Plaut Musical Group, American Roots

December 3 5:30-6:30 - Alan Hale - 2nd Annual Christmas Kanikapila

Pending:

Chris Yeaton, Woodsong Slack Key Guitar, Possibly November 5th or 12th TBD.

Spring, 2020 - Molly Murphy, Plant Pono Specialist from the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) has a number of topics to choose that might be interesting:

- Planting Pono (how to protect Hawaii from your garden)
- LFA (what they are, where they are, how to control)
- Rat Lung Worm (life cycle, how to avoid)
- A new invasive insect wreaking havoc on the cocoa farms (The Queensland Beetle)
- During the legislative sessions (wintertime) we could explain what bills to submit testimony for
- Rapid Ohia Death
- Invasive species history

She spoke at the Community Seed Library on July 6th so next Spring might be a good time to have her present...

Suzanne Dmytrenko

Science Program Chair Report - July

Here are the planned science presentations coming up:

September 10, 5:30-6:30 – Astronomy talk on Exoplanets

October 22, 5:30-6:30 – NOAA Scientist Ann Garrett will talk about Spinner Dolphins

January 28, 5:30-6:30 – Scientist Louise Riofrio will discuss her book, *Speed of Light*

February 25, 5:30-6:30 – Speaker will discuss Marine Life in Kona

Membership Report

F.O.L.K.

Membership Activity Report

July's data for August's Meeting

There were 407 members on our roster and of those, 314 are members in good standing (current dues paid).

There were 4 new members in July and 6 renewing members.

0 new members offered to become a volunteer.

Mardee Richardson