

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by President Pamela Wang. Vice Chair Shirley David, Board members Barbara Isley, Suzanne Dmytrenko, Fred Hornbruch III, Mardee Richardson, and Lynn Waterhouse were also present. Excused: Ken Guerra, Donna Monti, Arne Werchick, and 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 gathering F.O.L.K. historical information for January 2020 annual meeting. This month's Book Club is *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro, November book, *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn.

Barbara Isley report: \$32,343.82 in assets, \$8,600 current liabilities, TD Ameritrade account balance, \$26,875. Booksale in September, \$1,394, Kona Lobby sales for September, \$1,249, Kealakekua Lobby sales for the month, \$158. **Treasury report approved, MSA.** In September, \$1,375 spent for the Friendly Bus that picks up second grade students to come to the Kailua Kona library to get their library card. In his absence, board requested that Arne, as Secretary will write and mail out letter to all elementary schools in West Hawaii inviting their second-grade classes to come to the library. Pamela will give him a sample letter that she's used in the past. Arne doesn't have to do anything about scheduling the visits.

Program Chair's report by Suzanne Dmytrenko is attached. Received tip from Pamela about having Malama Mushrooms. Suzanne contacted Benjamin Lillibridge who responded he'd be happy to speak at the Library. Suzanne will coordinate with Kipapa and Diana Duff about dates.

Science Program Chair's Lynn Waterhouse attached.

Fred Hornbruch will feature Ken Guerra in the November newsletter. Pamela suggested Fred do a feature on the Pit Crew in a future monthly newsletter to help with getting new volunteers. Also, there are a few board members who still need to provide their photo and bio to Fred. Fred will consult with Ken about posting a request on Craigslist soliciting volunteers for the Pit.

The September membership report is attached to the minutes. Mardee is now tracking "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.

Two issues that have been discussed at previous meetings were finalized:

1. Concerning sales by presenters at library events: **Resolved: At library events where presenters have items for sale, a F.O.L.K. member will be available to collect**

funds from the sale of presenters' items. When we reach the threshold of \$20 in sales, F.O.L.K. will charge 10% on the total amount of sales collected. MSA

2. Concerning CSL and funding: **Resolved: F.O.L.K. will continue to allocate \$1,200 per year for programs and also allow roll-over of any donation money from year to year. Donations should cover supplies and seeds, etc. MSA**

Branch Manager Denise Stromberg reminded board that next week is Count Week. Anybody who can volunteer please see Denise. Denise went to the old County courthouse to get free furniture. She got a bookcase that is now in the lobby across from the restrooms to display books for sale. In addition, Denise worked with an electrician to change the ceiling lights in the lobby which brightens the hallway!

Request for \$350 or less for early bird registration in January, 2020 for HawaiiCon which happens September 24-27, 2020. Since this is four-days, F.O.L.K. board members would be needed to staff the table. Both Suzanne and Fred volunteered. **Resolved: F.O.L.K. approved \$350 or less for 2020 HawaiiCon Early Bird registration. MSA**

If you get a chance, view the DVD, *The Public*. This is about the homeless people and how libraries are responding. One thing that the Kailua Kona library does is to have a legal aid come to the library once a month to help the homeless get ID's which opens many doors for them.

Judy Andrews, Kealakekua Librarian working on cesspool specifications. She is waiting for approval to hire a new student helper. She also got a table from the court house to replace their current table for their desktop computers. They had two programs during Hispanic month that were very well received! For Halloween they will have *Spooky Stories*.

The F.O.L.K. regular board meeting in 2020 will be on January 7, 2020 at 9:00. The F.O.L.K. Annual meeting will be held on January 14, 2020 at 10:00. Board members will gather at 9:30 on the 14th to set up for the annual meeting. (Fred will do the coffee and hot water. Barbara and Donna will provide some pastries.)

The next meeting of the F.O.L.K. Board of Directors is scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Barbara Isley will chair in Pamela's absence.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Suzanne Dmytrenko.
Program Chair

Reports attached:
September F.O.L.K Program Chair Report:
Event Took Place:

Tuesday, September 17, 5:30-6:30 - Boyd Bond - Hawaii History, Topic Creation of the Kingdom of Hawaii and the State Motto. Na Leo video taped. DVD's given to two libraries at October board meeting. Third copy mailed to Boyd Bond.

Upcoming:

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

Chris Yeaton, Woodsong Slack Key Guitar, Possibly November 5th 5:30-6:30pm.

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

October 29, 5:30-6:30 – Astronomy talk on the Search for Other Worlds

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

September data for October 15, 2019 Meeting

There were 405 members on our roster and of those, 310 are members in good standing (current dues paid).

There were 4 new members in September and 7 renewing members.

There were 3 deletions (members with lapsed memberships of one year).

Mardee Richardson