

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES - December 15, 2020

The December 15, 2020, meeting, conducted via Zoom video conference, was called to order at 10:01 by President Wang. In attendance were Vice President Shirley David, Treasurer Barbara Isley, Secretary Arne Werchick, and Board members Suzanne Dmytrenko, Donna Monti, Ken Guerra, Fred Hornbruch III, Joyce Kimball, John Kitchen, and Mardee Richardson.

The minutes of the meeting of November 17 were approved. MSA

Barbara Isley presented the treasurer's report (additional information attached below). There was little activity last month. Maintenance expense of \$204 was for the exterminator at Kona branch, all else were minor expenses. Net worth at end of November was just short of \$30,000. Report accepted MSA.

VP Shirley David raises the topic of the annual budget by discussing scholarships. Of our two scholarship recipients, one is graduating; Stacy is continuing her studies, and Penny (prior recipient) has left. Shirley suggests for this year we should continue supporting Stacy, at least to the \$4000 level the same as last year. Moved suspend scholarship selection for 2021 and offer Stacy continuation of \$4000 for one year effective June 2021. MSA

The discussion of the budget continues. In 2019 we spent \$1767 for CSL. It was agreed we will suspend any budget for the Community Seed Library at least until it resumes activity, modifying the sentence in the budget that appropriates specifically for CSL. MSA Input will be solicited from librarian Kipapa Kahelahela. Donna Monte discusses the book club procedures; it endeavors to select books available at the library system and by e-book as well; the book club purchases a few copies of each book which are made available in the library. There was discussion of requiring F.O.L.K. membership to access the books F.O.L.K. purchases, but this idea could not be implemented if library staff continues to handle book distribution. Barbara Isley notes we spent \$263 on books in 2019 and received \$177 in donations. Motion to continue the same line item in the budget and continue the system for one additional year. MSA Motion to adopt 2020 appropriations for 2021 except as amended by two resolutions adopted at this meeting (changing sentence regarding CSL from "shall be" to "shall be up to" and suspending the search for scholarship recipients). MSA

The Book Club selection for December 22nd is "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer.

President Wang got about \$100 in donations from Kealakekua. This was the only F.O.L.K. income.

Kipapa Kahelahela has asked for more funds for the teen Dungeons & Dragons program; 3-4 teens participate each session. The Dungeon master Bryce Pearson has not cashed any of the checks offered to him; it is unclear what his intention is regarding the honoraria. We will appropriate up to \$300. MSA

Pamela Wang raised the question of a letters to seniors program; an e-mail from Jenn Young had suggested F.O.L.K. take on the project since the library staff were too busy to manage it. The Board's consensus is that this is not a F.O.L.K. project, perhaps better suited for the library or other parts of the community at a future time.

Jenn Young facilitated the transfer of three boxes of books that had been previously selected for the Kailua Kona lobby sales to the Kealahou library to sell there. She loaded them into President Wang's car, and the Kealahou librarians unloaded.

Mardee Richardson (report attached) advises we have 355 members, 70 for whom we don't have e-mail addresses. We have received two more *in memoriam* donations. Mardee has received three requests to purchase memorial books; Mardee usually e-mails Denise for bookplates. She wonders if we should have a special book plate for *in memoriam*. It was agreed it can probably be handled by an additional label rather than having to buy a whole set of book plates.

Joyce Kimball advises it is time to put the annual Orchid newsletter together. In the next monthly issue of the Orchid she will advise that the annual meeting is to be February 16th or, if that is a library holiday, on the 9th following our Board meeting. Members wishing to attend must request Zoom attendance by replying to Joyce.

John Kitchen asks that at the next Board meeting we discuss an annual fund raising program once circumstances permit. The undersigned mentions that it might be time to try to revive discussion of a Major Donors Program for 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting of the F.O.L.K. Board of Directors will be January 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the library if open or at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The annual meeting will be February 16th in conjunction with the regular Board meeting; if this is a library holiday, both meetings will be held instead on February 9th.

Respectfully submitted
ARNE WERCHICK
Secretary

Reports attached:

Treasurer's Reports

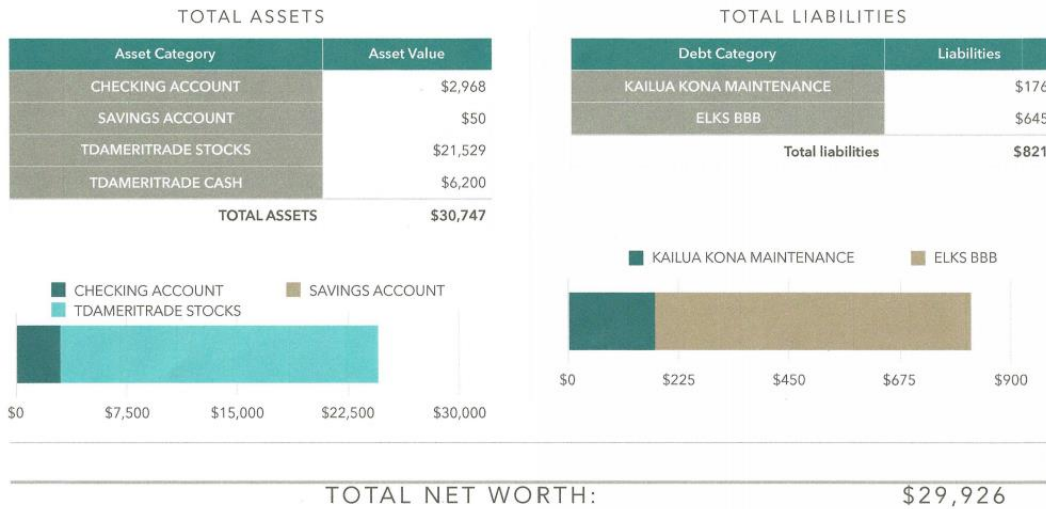
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Category

SHARE DRAFT CHECKING

INCOME	\$111.42
DONATIONS & GRANTS	\$14.81
Amazon Smile	\$14.81
FUNDRAISING INCOME TAXABLE	\$46.61
Ebay Sale	\$46.61
Membership Dues	\$50.00
EXPENSE	-\$292.75
COST OF SALES	-\$39.60
Ebay/PayPal expenses	-\$39.60
F.O.L.K. PROGRAMS	-\$57.63
Book Club	-\$57.63
LIBRARY ASSISTANCE	-\$142.54
Maintenance	-\$204.19
Kailua Kona	-\$204.19
Programs	\$113.95
Kailua Kona Children's Library	\$13.95
Kailua Kona Young Adults Library	\$100.00
Subscriptions	-\$52.30
Kealakekua	-\$52.30
Taxes	-\$52.98
TOTAL	-\$181.33

NET WORTH: OVERVIEW



Membership Report

November's data for December's Board Meeting

Book Sale

COVID19 – No lanai sale held

Membership

There were 350 members on our roster this month, of those 247 are members in good standing.

New Members - none

Renewals, Edits, Updates, Issues

21 renewal reminder postcards were mailed and **4 renewals** were received.

Member Deletions: 5

Community Seed Library Report