

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

## F.O.L.K. BOARD MEETING MINUTES - January 19, 2021

The January 18, 2021, meeting, conducted via Zoom video conference, was called to order at 10:20 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 and Mardee Richardson. Excused: John Kitchen. Branch librarians have a holiday today and are not attending.

The minutes of the meeting of December 15 were approved. MSA

Barbara Isley presented the treasurer's report (additional information attached below). As of end December our net worth was \$31,531 which is a little over \$7000 less than end-2019. Activity for the last month was quite limited; the only expenses were for the gardener and the Dungeons & Dragons program for young adults. We have a \$645 balance from the Elks Club grant which will go to Books for Babies. All of the year end reports have been filed. No excise taxes were required to be paid for the year. The D&D master is accepting half the previously agreed fee (\$100/month for two programs instead of double that). F.O.L.K. is now asking members if possible to pay dues via PayPal instead of mailing checks; although there is a small service charge, it is much easier not having to pick up checks and deposit them. Treasurer report accepted; MSA.

Vice President Shirley David reports regarding scholarships. We are expecting donations towards the scholarship program. Forms for applications are still on-line. Stephanie Nakamura (last year recipient) won't finish studies until December; Shirley proposes we award her \$2000 and the previously approved \$4000 for Stacy Bisgard. She received an inquiry from a University of Hawaii student about a possible scholarship this year. The Board will consider an additional \$1000 award for new applicants this year if the committee vets the applicant and recommends it.

Suzanne Dmytrenko reports disappointment in not being able to progress with programs. Nothing further to report re NaLeo videotaping.

Donna Monti reports the Book Club selection for January is *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko. She received a \$100 donation from Brook Nasby, a Book Club member, because we can't have book sales to raise funds. Books for Babies still has plenty of books on hand; also Costco is advertising the board books, should we need to purchase additional.

Joyce Kimball reports regarding publicity. The Orchid annual newsletter is ready to go tomorrow. She may expand the section about using PayPal to pay

dues. She reports Google now limits to 200 messages per hour so she can't use single batch mailing any longer.

Ken Guerra reports Kaipo Ka'iliawa, who has been culling and warehousing books for us, is having a problem with the Haulers who formerly took our excess inventory. Currently only Kaipo has access to Kona Bay Books and their supply; he gets to cull first and has priority over the Haulers. They are evidently not pleased with just getting left-overs. Ken Guerra, Fred Hornbruch and Kaipo will meet at the U-Haul storage area to assess the inventory.

President Wang reports Kealakekua cash box had almost \$100 yesterday as payment for books sold. Suzanne Dmytrenko wonders what it would cost for us to have a table at Kona Marketplace adjacent to the library and will inquire. Mardee Richardson wonders if we could donate excess children's books to Ulu Vini.

Mardee Richardson's membership reports are attached. She wonders about adding a separate category to enable people to donate \$50 or more and designate the bookplate as a "gift" to another or to commemorate an event. The undersigned writer suggests just adding option of having the bookplate in someone else's name included in the membership information about earning a bookplate.

Shirley David has the 2020 F.O.L.K. history book prepared. Shirley will continue to print out the newsletter for inclusion since it is not stored on-line.

President Wang earlier forgot to mention that children's librarian Jennifer Young requested \$325 to purchase local business gift cards in various denominations to be awarded to the nine young participants in Kailua Kona's Page Turners team for the virtual Newberry Quiz Bowl. (No Amazon gift cards.) The participants will get to participate in choosing the business from which to buy the gift cards. The top three will get a higher dollar amount; the other six will still get a nice sized gift card. Jennifer said we spent that much last year on the Mahalo Party after the Quiz was finished. MSA [e-mail].

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting of the F.O.L.K. Board of Directors will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The Annual Meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the regular Board meeting, commencing at 11:00 and including members who have requested access.

Respectfully submitted  
ARNE WERCHICK  
Secretary

Reports attached:

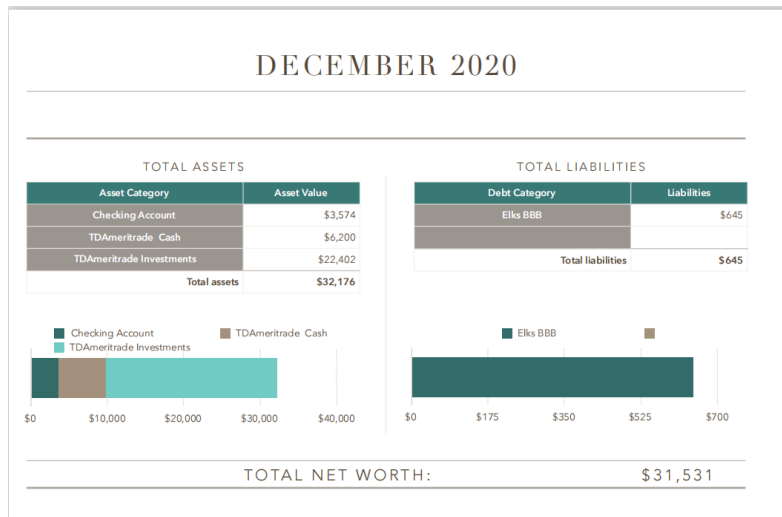
Treasurer's Reports

## Report: Accounts Summary Copy 2

Category

SHARE DRAFT CHECKING

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$942.38</b>
DONATIONS & GRANTS	\$150.00
Individuals	\$150.00
FUNDRAISING INCOME TAXABLE	\$209.32
Ebay Sale	\$108.97
Kealakekua Lobby Sales	\$100.35
Membership Dues	\$578.06
PROGRAM DONATIONS	\$5.00
Book Club	\$5.00
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>-\$336.53</b>
COST OF SALES	-\$10.64
Ebay/PayPal expenses	-\$10.64
LIBRARY ASSISTANCE	-\$325.89
Maintenance	-\$175.89
Kailua Kona	-\$175.89
Programs	-\$150.00
Kailua Kona Young Adults Library	-\$150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$605.85</b>



## Membership Report

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#### Membership

There were 345 members on our roster this month, of those 243 are members in good standing.

#### New Members – 1

#### Renewals, Edits, Updates, Issues

33 renewal reminder postcards were mailed and **15 renewals** were received.

### **In Memoriam**

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Buckovetz, Katherine 2 YR 12/2022 (former lapsed member who was deleted 08/2020)  
78-6980 Kaluna Street APT 106  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740  
808-464-5738  
[kathybuckovetz@gmail.com](mailto:kathybuckovetz@gmail.com)

### **Renewals, Edits, Updates, Issues**

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1. Aarhus, Pat 2 YR 01/2022
2. Bryant, Ronald 1 YR 01/2022  
78-7045 Kaluna Street #302  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
3. Bryant, Wilda 1 YR 01/2022  
78-7045 Kaluna Street #302  
Kailua-Kona, HI 97740
4. Folger, Mary – new mailing address  
75-6026 Alii Drive  
Kona Makai #3107  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
5. Gawlik, Darlene 1 YR 01/2021
6. Goo, Alice 1 YR 12/2021 **Associate Level** – emailed Sally 12/17 to request a book/bookplate
7. Hanson, Phyliss 1 YR 01/2022 **Associate Level** – emailed Sally 12/10 to request a book/bookplate [phylisshansoninkona@yahoo.com](mailto:phylisshansoninkona@yahoo.com)
8. Heise, Susan – new mailing address  
75-6009 Alii Drive APT R-4  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
9. Horimoto, Susan 2 YR 01/2023
10. Keopuhiwa, Dixie 1 YR 01/2022 **Sustaining Level** - emailed Sally 12/17 to request a book/bookplate
11. Lindborg Family, Eric & Cristina 1 YR 12/2021
12. Morris Family, Wayne & Alice 1 YR 01/2022 **Sustaining Level** – emailed Sally 12/09 to request a book/bookplate [alicegmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:alicegmorris@hotmail.com)
13. Lynch, John 01/2022 **Associate Level** – emailed Sally 12/31/2020 to request a book/bookplate  
78-7110 Kaluna Street A-106  
Kailua-Kona, HI 97840
14. Monk, Jim 1 YR 01/2022 **Associate Level** – emailed Sally 12/09 to request a book/bookplate
15. Radosevich, Mateo 1 YR 12/2021

16. Rubach, Arlene 2 YR 10/2022 – renewed from her home in La Jolla, CA
17. Winterkamp, Antionette 1YR 01/2022

#### **In Memoriam**

1. Vincent Stock – longtime book sorter in the pit – emailed Sally 12/02 to request a book/bookplate
2. Neil Bell – longtime Saturday book sale pit volunteer – emailed Sally on 12/03 to request a book/bookplate

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#### Community Seed Library Report

##### **CSL Quarterly Report to FOLK Board/October - December 2020**

- **We gave away dozens of seed packets:**
  - October: 105
  - November: Seed packet service postponed due to short staffing and schedule changes
  - December: Seed packet service postponed due to short staffing and schedule changes
  - Grand total for period: **105 packets**
- CSL members continue to receive monthly updates of the seed giveaway list
- CSL continues to receive donated seeds from its members and these seeds are processed for offering back to members in subsequent seed giveaway lists
- CSL has **received \$5. in donations** during the reported period
  - October 9: \$5.
- Free seed giveaway will continue until further notice
- **Current remaining donations balance for the purchase of seeds and office supplies: \$366.11.** See attached spreadsheet

Activity Date	Program/Activity	Honoraria	Attendance	Donations	Seed Expense	Supply Expense	Supplies Fund Balance	Misc. Notes
	* in-depth gardening workshop							
<b>Starting Balance</b>							\$ 281.98	Rollover from 2019 donations
1/4/2020	Amy Greenwell Garden w/ Maile Melrose	\$ 100.00	35	\$ 15.00			\$ 296.98	FOLK Calabash donations
1/7/2020	Office supply purchase					\$ 45.38	\$ 251.60	Amazon FOLK visa; seed envelopes and labels
1/15/2020	Seed purchase				\$ 16.50		\$ 235.10	UH Seeds/Linda Albers
1/22/2020	Seed purchase				\$ 40.50		\$ 194.60	Bakercreek seeds
	Seed purchase				\$ 13.89		\$ 180.71	Johnny's seeds
1/30/2020	Donations			\$ 3.00			\$ 183.71	Lobby sales box
	Tropical Plants Identification w/ Diana Duff; IDGW*	\$ 150.00	59	\$ 120.00			\$ 303.71	FOLK Calabash donations
2/5/2020	Donations			0.65			\$ 304.36	Lobby sales box
2/8/2020	Donations			\$ 10.00			\$ 314.36	Lobby sales box
2/26/2020	Seed purchase				\$ 12.25		\$ 302.11	Bakercreek
	Beekeeping and Bees w/ Big Island Beekeepers Association	\$ 100.00	29	\$ 20.00			\$ 322.11	FOLK Calabash donations
3/17/2020	Donations			\$ 14.00			\$ 336.11	Lobby sales box
	All public libraries temporarily closed on March 18, 2020 due to covid-19 pandemic.							
	Staff returned to work on May 13, 2020 to prepare for providing public services. Library access remains restricted to patrons until further notice.							
5/26/2020	Free seed giveaway begins							
5/26/2020	Donation			\$ 10.00			\$ 346.11	
6/1/2020	Donation			\$ 5.00			\$ 351.11	
8/4/2020	Donation			\$ 10.00			\$ 361.11	
10/9/2020	Donation			\$ 5.00			\$ 366.11	