

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

F.O.L.K. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The duly noticed 2021 annual meeting of the Friends of Libraries, Kona was called to order by President Pamela Wang on February 9, 2021, at 11:25 a.m. via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings. In attendance were Vice President Shirley David, Treasurer Barbara Isley, Secretary Arne Werchick, and Board members Donna Monti, Ken Guerra, Fred Hornbruch III, Joyce Kimball, John Kitchen and Mardee Richardson. Excused: Suzanne Dmytrenko. F.O.L.K. member Darlene Gawlik attended. Branch librarians are occupied with duties this morning, were not be able to attend.

Vice President Shirley David calls for a quorum. Treasurer Barbara Isley consults the Bylaws and reports an Annual Meeting quorum is ten persons, and eleven were in attendance.

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting have been reviewed by all and are approved.
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Mardee Richardson's reports that average 2020 membership was 372, 290 current at the time. Although we decreased by 81 members, there was an increase in members at premium levels, from 17 in 2019 to 30 in 2020. In February 2020, 22 new joined; eight in January and two in March. Only one new member joined from mid-March until the end of 2020, mainly because of absence of book sales. In connection with recognition of those who join at premium levels, Joyce Kimball and Barbara Isley will design an *In Memoriam* supplemental sticker to go along with the book plates in the premium level books selected.

Barbara Isley reports the summary of finances in the annual Orchid is accurate for the year. Income for 2020 was \$19,951; F.O.L.K. expenses were \$13,257; money spent by F.O.L.K. to defray library expenses totaled \$14,462. Largest item in library assistance was maintenance (gardeners, pest control).

The undersigned Board Secretary moved to extend the terms of F.O.L.K. Officers and Board one more year in view of pandemic constraints. MSA

Shirley David synopsis the status of F.O.L.K. scholarship awards to Masters Degree students in Library and Information Science: in 2020 we selected two winners, \$2000 to Stephanie Nakamura Rutgers who is enrolled in a Rutgers University on-line program \$2000; and \$4000 to Stacy Bisgard, a Library Assistant at

Kealakekua branch, enrolled in an on-line program at San Jose State University. Both are maintaining a 4.0 GPA; Stephanie is due to finish in December, and Stacy has another year. F.O.L.K. received \$4500 in donations earmarked for scholarship fund last year to defray total cost. This year to date we have a \$1000 earmarked donation. One additional person has expressed interest in a scholarship this year and may submit an application.

Joyce Kimball reports having to do multiple send-outs spaced one hour apart in member communications because of new Google e-mail rules about bulk mailing.

Mardee Richardson printed three copies of the annual Orchid, which was distributed entirely electronically this year, in color; one has been posted on the Elks Club bulletin board, the others one each for the library branches.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNE WERCHICK
FOLK Board Secretary