

Minutes of the July 19, 2011 F.O.L.K. Board Meeting

The meeting was called together by Pamela Wang at 9AM. Three members were absent: Joyce Kimball, Shirley David and Alice Goo.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 21 meeting were read and accepted with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Net worth as of the end of June was \$51,945.32. FOLH advised Barbara Isley that on 7/28 there will be a quarterly meeting of the trustees of the investment fund wherein resides \$20K of F.O.L.K. monies. They will create a portfolio packet for us. Barbara reported she had paid the excise tax for the first half of the year at \$566 and remarked that it is good that we are now charging tax at the book sales, as this is becoming a larger number. Barbara requested permission to purchase a new sign for the Give ALOHA program. The board suggested a sign that can be used for other functions as well, ie a Velcro area and authorized up to \$200. MSA

Programs: Barbara Hussey said programs are the same as listed in the past minutes.

BBB: Ken and Pamela reported on a June mini meeting regarding revival of BBB. It has been resolved to include more teens as Buddy Readers, share more library skills with parents, and approach elementary teachers to suggest they offer their students extra credit for attending a library program. The October BBB may conflict with IronMan Parade. Barbara Isley requested info for the Sept 6th event be forwarded to her to add to the WHT ad for the book sale in September.

Book Sale: The July Book Sale took in \$1717. Ken gave away \$5 gift cards for Jamba Juice and Starbucks, to apparently grateful volunteers. The board agreed to the expenditure of \$100 for gift cards for the Sept sale. The board approved Ken's purchases of 3 tables, one tent and a 100 ft power cord for \$300. Ken reported the new set up outside the front of the library worked well. He has been in contact with Barbara Lamb at Univ of the Nations who promises strong helpers for the Sept sale. It was suggested that Ken expand the reach of his email list to all F.O.L.K. members and perhaps garner a few more volunteers each time. It was also suggested that he send out his message twice more in the days leading up to the sale, showing how the time slots are filling up (or not), using the guilt trip technique. Ken requested help/info on how to merge his volunteer email list on his gmail account to someone else, for the time he will gone this fall. Marie advised she thinks without enough volunteers watching, expensive books, esp Hawaiiana, may be walking out of the sale or having prices removed. We agreed to have Barbara Isley list some titles (selected by Clear) on either ABE Books or AMAZON. Irene said at

some sales, only a copy of the cover is presented in a plastic sleeve. Ken was asked to look into this idea. WE could hang the titles on our wall board and have a binder at the sale. Prospective buyers would have to ask to see the books.

Activities chair Barbara Sosna has returned and will talk with Book Club members about new ways to choose next year's books. One thing's for sure, the presenter has to have read the book before it is selected.

LIBRARIANS' REPORTS and REQUESTS

Kipapa reported that there had been a 50% increase in participation in the Summer Reading Program. He announced that he will be going on vacation in September and no librarian has agreed to stand in for him, so Kealakekua Library will be closed for that month. This information was given only to the board, until final confirmation and release to the general public. He requested \$100 for craft materials for ongoing projects at the library. MSA. Subscription renewal and additions totaling 8 magazines was approved at \$150. MSA A new circ desk chair was requested, not to exceed \$200. MSA. A \$1000 Amazon.com fund was requested to supplement the state budget. MSA

Irene reported they are reducing their reference section to accommodate new computers, and would like to replace some out of date materials such as contractor's manuals, Merck manuals and the Physicians' Desk Manual. She requested \$2000 in an Amazon.com fund for that and other book purchases. MSA. Between meetings a computer desk became available locally for \$156 and was approved via emails since the last meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. Next meeting will be September 20th. No August board meeting. Separate committee meeting for BBB in mid August.

Submitted by Pamela Wang