



NA`ALEHU MAIN STREET

(A Non-Profit 501(C)3 Community Service Organization)

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Notes on NMS Board Meeting December 2004

Present: Marge Elwell, Teresa Alderdyce, Jean & George Shibuya, Dennis Elwell, Thom Reece.

Since only four voting Board members were present, no binding decisions could be made.

President's Report: Marge noted that George was in hospital and wished him a speedy recovery. She welcomed guests Jermy and Larry, both active volunteers at the computer lab, and Tom Reece who maintains the KauHawaii web site.

Farmers Market: Dennis and Marge will not be available December 11 and 18; Jean will collect fees. Patty is asking for a tent on Wednesdays but this will be difficult to arrange. Table fees are not covering the insurance costs. We need more publicity, maybe a banner. Tom offered publicity on his web site. We could put more signs along the road.

Kitchen: We received a \$10,000 grant for the manual, which is in use island-wide. County R&D gave us a grant for doors in the Community Center, but progress is held up since the County reneged on the promise to make drawings based on our sketches.

Church Garden: The driveway and parking area has been completed, gate and water come next. Maybe we can have the public meeting in January.

Playground: No maintenance problems. Tuesday morning enrollment has increased from about 7 to 36 families. Availability 24/7 is a big plus.

Web site/membership: Jermy suggested we have a Rolodex list of members and/or a computer list. Everyone was asked to find a board member who will be membership secretary.

E.Hawaii Culture Center exhibit: Diane said we should aim for an exhibit in late spring.

Computer Lab: Dawson and Rodrick are still accessing unacceptable web sites. Dennis said he would talk to them. There is some demand for Saturday opening.

Christmas schedule: The calendar will be maintained at the computer lab; we will close on the Fridays before Christmas & New Year.

Better publicity: Jermy suggested repainting the sign, yellow & red. Try a featured newspaper article. Tom said we should focus on how to draw traffic to the web site. He offered to trade marketing help for a link to our web site.

July 4: Marge said we are still getting donations to offset against the loss on the event. The deadline passed for an HTA grant for 2005 and so we recommend no NMS fiscal involvement.

Kupuna Interviews: This project to tape interviews is in progress.

Tommy Ishimaru: has land to donate but needs water for low cost housing, golf course and

trade school projects. Wells need over \$1M. Tommy wants water rights which has led to an impasse.

Classes: Larry can offer Front Page, maybe $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks at \$10 per session. Most demand is for basic computing and Internet use. Larry will call around to assess real demand. Marge will advertise in Ka`u Calendar. Classes have to be Monday, Tuesday or Saturday because of noise from the Theater.

Next Meeting: Proposed January 11th at 6pm in the NMS office.