



NA`ALEHU MAIN STREET

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

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Notes on NMS Board Meeting March 14 2006

Present: Marge Elwell, Dennis Elwell, Carol Massey, Eleanor Powell, Diane Nelson, Teresa Alderdyce, Jean Shibuya and Tom Testagrossa.

Eleanor, seconded by Teresa, approved minutes of the February meeting on a motion.

Tea Dance: Sales have been moderate, about 40 to date, but perhaps 100 people will attend. The poster competition at Na`alehu school resulted in three contestants, and the winning poster was used to make the dance poster, and a motif from the runner-up was used on the tickets. Dennis took pictures of the contestants that we hope will be featured in the Ka`u calendar.

Membership: Eleanor reported that we have nine new members and our total is now around 148.

Financial report: Marge presented a financial summary for the month, showing Market plus Computer lab/books income of \$1151 plus a check for \$200 from the National Park for books sold after the talk there. Expenditure is \$1223 including \$119 repair for the Canon copier which is now available as a free-standing copier in addition to the Brother. There will be a charge of \$330 to set up a security system in view of persistent thefts. Book sales are leveling off but we have plans for talks in Pahala, Na`alehu and Ocean View that should stimulate more sales. It was agreed to donate proceeds from the Na`alehu talk to Eric and Shannon who lost all their property in a fire.

Farmers' Market: Eleanor reported lower table receipts because of the bad weather. Some of our produce vendors will not be coming over a few weeks in March and April, and Marge will try to fill the gap. Ace Hardware are strongly hinting that we should get them a new sign, as would have been funded from the proposal. Dennis will measure and bring a plan for a tall sign, including an announcement of Market times.

Doors project: The County is more favorable to proceeding now that they are doing a deal with C. Brewer. Dennis has not been able to contact Bob Taylor to proceed but Marge got the County R&D to agree to a delay.

Annual Picnic: following our usual pattern we would hold a picnic in June at Waiohinu or Punaluu. There was discussion of deferring until August, and maybe holding it at the garden, but the lack of toilets was seen as a handicap.

Internet café: The Atherton Foundation turned down our proposal for four more computers. Dennis called them and the response was that maybe we were turned down because of a new policy to fund only computers that are provided to the public free. We should try to set up at least two more computers, Dennis will donate one. Tom brought and installed a new router that will speed up Internet access, including wireless, for only \$43.

Daison Temple: Marge has donations of \$2500 and Bob Taylor will repair the roof that has several leaks. The floor is in very good condition and the walls are fixable.

HACBED: Marge and Dennis are attending a series of classes that should help future funding prospects. Marge is focusing on the certified kitchen and Dennis hopes to facilitate a Hawaiian Cultural Center at Punaluu.

Web Site: Thom Reese did not provide a breakdown of his request for \$300 extra funds.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday May 9, @ 6:30 PM following the garden meeting.