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Notes on NMS Board Meeting January 9, 2007

Present: Eleanor Powell, Teresa Alderdyce, Diane Nelson, Dennis Elwell.

Apologies: received from Marge Elwell (sick), Leilani Resurrecion (birthday today!), Jamie Gilmore (busy).

Absent: Jean Shibuya, Deidre Paris.

The meeting was inquorate.

Board membership: Concern was expressed that one vacancy on the Board remains unfilled, also we have again a poor turnout. Everyone was asked to propose new Board members. Teresa will ask Melody about re-joining the Board.

Art Show: Since the show at East Hawaii Culture Center is not far away (May 4-25) and Jamie has indicated that she will not have time to participate in the organization since she is building a house, we need to find volunteers to help with the arrangements. Teresa offered to call Pearl Maxner who is back in Ka`u. Dennis will contact Dick and Judith Ball who are new in the area and have art degrees. Nancy Lake was suggested as a possible co-organizer. Dennis agreed to e-mail Teresa the exact dates and Eleanor will locate the list of artists who participated last time. We will need to organize a judging a few weeks ahead of the show.

Five Year Anniversary: The celebration was postponed for a week because of rain but Eleanor thought it was very successful. Some vendors asked us to do it more often!

New Sign: The uprights are in place and Jamie has decorated them. She has bought the small signs and is close to finishing the large Ace sign that will go across the top. Jamie proposed a row of flowers under the sign and Diane suggested ilima, naio or bonamia.

Farmers' Market: Receipts for the year were around \$4500. Mahalo to Eleanor for her efforts. Eleanor said her main problem is finding space for all the tents, vendors are reluctant to locate outside the main area.

Internet café: Customer support has been mixed but the lab is close to paying its way. We will be losing two good volunteers: Kevin will return to Pennsylvania in February and Gail will start a job so will be available only half-time. Teresa said that Biz has had her

surgery and will be available when she has recovered. Dennis has a possible new volunteer but we have had to close on some afternoons and could use more help. The question was discussed of allowing Rodrick Pilanca to use the computers but this had no support, as it was felt that he does not understand that theft is not acceptable.

Membership is still rising, mostly from Internet users.

Treasurer's report: Marge sent her apologies that she was unable to finish the annual financial report as she had been sick all day.

Garden: Dennis reported that the display board was in place and thanked Scott Stabo and Don Powell for their help. It has not yet been painted because of the bad weather during January. The board will have information on the missionaries, 1868 earthquake, how the garden was won, a layout of the present phase, and mahalo to those who have helped. Dennis and Marge bought some rolls of cover to keep out weeds; it is not clear if Ka`u High athletes will help lay it out. Diane proposed the free mulch from Kona or Hilo as cover; she can borrow a truck with trailer and we will need only to pay for fuel. Again the weeding party planned for that morning had been washed out by rain so we will re-schedule for next Tuesday. The next tours of the garden will be this coming Saturday 10am-2pm. Marge got good publicity inserts for the garden in the Tribune Herald.

Affordable Housing: Leilani reported that she has been successful in getting grants for her Alii Hale organization to provide water to a resident in Ocean View, including a pump and tank. She has as yet no response from OHA regarding the proposal to build an affordable home.

Other Business: Teresa commented that there is no shelter available in Ka`u for victims of flooding or similar disasters. The Board wondered whether funds could be sought to provide limited stays at the Shirakawa motel in cases of homelessness because of some emergency. Perhaps churches can offer emergency shelter.

Next meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday February 13.