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Notes on NMS Board Meeting March 13 2007

Present: Eleanor Powell, Teresa Alderdyce, Diane Nelson, Dennis Elwell.
Absent: Marge Elwell (sick), Jean Shibuya, Leilani Reurrecion, Deidre Paris.

Board membership: Jamie asked to be removed from the Board now that she has finished the sign and wants to concentrate on building her house. With the board reduced to seven voting members and poor attendance, there is an urgent need to recruit new Board members and those present were asked to try to recruit people who have time to spare for one or more of our projects. This meeting was inquorate.

Art Show: About 21 artists have signed up to participate. Next action will be the judging on Friday, April 20 5pm at Discovery Harbour. Teresa remembered that Pearl brought boards to display art last year and Dennis promised to check if they would be available. Artists are being asked to bring selected work to Main Street on the Saturday am or Sunday 3-5pm before the show, with a deadline of 9 am on the Monday April 30. Diane volunteered to help transport the art to EHCC leaving at 9 am on April 30. Refreshments at the opening viewing May 4 will be crackers and dips, brought out at intervals, since our refreshments last year were raided early by guests from other events and "professional eaters".

New Sign: The sign is complete and has been much admired. There was publicity in the Ka`u Calendar. Thanks Jamie for an excellent job.

Farmers' Market: The market continues to have good attendance in spite of some rainy weather. Eleanor has been encouraging vendors to bring their own tents and this has helped some new vendors to become regulars. Dennis apologized that he had forgotten to contact Debra Macintosh who proposed a large white elephant sale as a fundraiser. Eleanor questioned where and when this could be located so as not to interfere with the regular market and Teresa asked whether items would be donated or would vendors sell their own stuff for a table fee? It was agreed that we would try to convene a special meeting to address this issue.

Internet café: Customer support has been mixed but we had two weeks with over \$200 gross, roughly what we need to pay our way. Tom Testagrossa had a long session and fixed all the computers so that they can all print. We are down to three regular volunteers- Carl, Jeff/Paul and Biz, with Alan part-time and Patricia opening on some Monday evenings. Minor problems and abuse of the equipment continue regularly and Dennis expressed frustration at the ongoing need for fix-ups.

Membership is about 150 with regular new additions and some losses.

Treasurer's report: Marge will present an annual financial report at the members' meeting/picnic.

Garden: The last tour was rained out; only three people plus Marge showed up on weeding ten day. Diane gave Dennis a list of the more important plants that will appear on the information board, the last item so that the display will now be complete- Missionaries, Earthquake, How the Garden was created, map, list of plant highlights and Mahalo to helpers. Marge has bought a panel with the name of the garden, to go on the back side of the board facing the street. Teresa asked for a notice giving our opening times that passers-by can read.

History Books: Sales have slowed down but are steady and we are close to the last of the 1000 printed. Marge confirmed that she has ordered the next printing as agreed at a previous Board meeting.

Next meeting will be our Annual Members' meeting and picnic to be held at Punalu`u in June..