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### Notes on NMS Board Meeting January 8 2008

*Present:* Marge Elwell, Eleanor Powell, Jean Shibuya, Dennis Elwell.

Apologies from Teresa Alderdyce, who was available by phone if needed.

*Minutes* of the November meeting were approved on a motion by Jean, seconded by Eleanor.

*Board membership:* Jill Smith was not available, returning from the mainland. Steve Hibden was invited and expressed interest in joining the Board but did not attend.

*Membership* is still growing, we have a few new members joining.

*Mark Twain:* The performances were well attended and very successful. We raised \$980 at the Ocean View performance and \$480 at Hana Hou.

*Farmers Market:* Our sixth Anniversary had 29 vendors and was well attended. The band and scrips were popular but the drawings took too much time. Many market days now have 20 vendors and Eleanor was thanked for all her work. The Ka`u Calendar still shows the wrong times and they seem to find it hard to update. We had a request to raise table fees but agreed to keep it at \$5.

*Internet café:* Attendance has sometimes been poor but we had many customers last week. Two printers failed but we have a low cost replacement for one. Patricia Wong has been coming at irregular hours and Marge asked for and received permission from the Board to change the lock.

*Garden:* Dennis asked the Board for agreement to end the regular tours since he and Diane have spent lots of time waiting for visitors who do not come. We could replace the Saturday tours with a notice asking people to phone if they want an escorted tour. A proposal to this effect was made by Jean, seconded by Eleanor and approved. Weeds are at a low level! Marge said she wrote to Dale Northup to thank him for the donation of several palm seedlings. There has been broad support for another seed and plant exchange in March or April, Dennis agreed to check for clashes so we can pick a date.

*Art Show:* Marge had discussions with the Volcano Art Center and a gallery in Kainaliu but no firm proposal.

*Hana Hou:* Patty Fujimoto has asked for help in arranging a fundraiser for the hospital, a dinner show featuring Don Ho's nephew. Marge asked for at least 6 weeks' notice for publicity.

*15 Year Anniversary:* Marge suggested an event with Kenny Endo, in the summer outdoors at Waiohinu Park. Parks Dept. would charge \$500 but would refund up to \$450 if the park were kept in good condition. We would charge about \$15 for admission.

*Theater:* We have no reply from the owners to a letter requesting a meeting to propose a long term lease. Their attorney wrote to the County to ask if they were interested in a purchase but we just received a copy of a reply from Mayor Kim stating that the County does not have a position. We have made contact with a possible buyer and will show her the theater on Saturday. The Board was shown the Power Point presentation that Marge had given to Andy Levin and Bob Jacobson to ask for funds for repairs.

*Olson Foundation:* Ed Olson supports the Ka`u Calendar and has used NMS to provide a vehicle so he can get a tax writeoff. We just received a check for \$3000 and there was discussion on how much we should send to Julia Neal. Marge said we have usually given her \$2000 and the Board decided that we should do this as in the past.

*Next meeting:* March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at NMS office.