



NA`ALEHU MAIN STREET

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

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Minutes Jan 24 2012

Present: Marge Elwell, Tess Wilkinson, Lisa Shock, Bill Shock (non-voting), Eleanor Powell, Sue Barnett, Betty Clark, Dennis Elwell (non-voting)

Absent: Jean Shibuya

Meeting started 5.00pm

Minutes of the last meeting Oct 2011 were read and approved on a proposal by Eleanor, seconded by Tess.

Vice-President Resignation Marge read a letter of resignation from Teresa and asked for a proposal to accept. This was proposed by Eleanor, seconded by Tess and approved.

President's Report Membership is growing, thanks mostly to new vendors at the market. Marge proposed sending the next newsletter as soon as the date of the Annual Meeting is fixed. Beth, our contact with Pacific Quest, is moving to a new job; Marge thanked Lisa for hosting the PQ group in December. Marge thanked Sue for arranging the lectures at the Plant and Seed Exchanges and thanked Eleanor for carrying on during difficult times due to Don's illness.

Treasurer's Report Eleanor distributed a balance sheet showing a balance of \$4995.51. Albert Ledergerber donated \$100 in lieu of tickets for "The Hurricane" and had received a letter of thanks from Marge. Eleanor proposed the purchase of two new tent tops; Bill Read is fixing our frames for free. Dennis reminded the Board that Elwells had paid most NMS bills during the months of repayment of the pavilion loan in order to save the 9 ¼% interest, but had requested in December repayment of the fee for the Lobo del Mar dancers. Sue proposed and Betty seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.

Farmers' Market Eleanor reported that Saturday markets are filling up, vendor count has been as high as 25, and 35 on Wednesdays. Some vendors have asked for removal of the radio ads calling for more vendors but Marge asked to leave the ads in place for now and just add to the waiting list. There was discussion of negotiating an extension of the market to the Methodist church grounds but Eleanor was concerned about supervision and Marge predicted it would cause a large hike in our insurance. We received a proposal for a \$20 a month ad in the Ka`u Calendar for a year. Sue thought Calendar readers know about the market already and it was decided unanimously not to fund the ad.

Na`ohulelua Garden Marge asked for consideration at the next Board meeting in a month of a concrete path from the parking lot to the pavilion so we can qualify for an occupancy permit, also an extension to the pavilion base for extra seating space. The St. Augustine grass in front of the church and the hala air roots are growing well. Dennis said the last 3rd Sunday talks were very successful; Sue has asked Randy to do a repeat talk and bring a set of sustainability CDs he is producing and will offer at the garden at a discount.

Pahala Book Proofs of the new History of Pahala have been received and returned. Marge passed around a copy of the cover with background color selected by Betty. This book is a 100% NMS venture and received a \$2500 grant from Hawaii Council for the Humanities that required a consultant; we selected Franco Salmoiraghi and included several of his photographs in the book. Printing will be 500 copies in view of the lower population of Pahala.

Annual Meeting The Kula Kai owners will return next month so arrangements can be finalized. We expect that they will not charge for the venue but will ask \$60 an hour for a guide to cave tours.

The Hurricane It is intended to give a second performance in Ocean View but a planned Jan 28 date had to be cancelled as one actor was not available. Most likely the performance will be in March. The Board approved an option to request a donation of cash or food for the Food Bank since contributions are low, rather than using the play as a fundraiser.

Election Marge asked for a nomination for a Vice President, especially since we need a set of officers for the annual return. Lisa nominated Sue, Eleanor seconded and this was approved unanimously. Marge asked everyone to propose new Board members.

Next Meeting Tuesday Feb 21, 5pm at the garden

Meeting closed 6.13pm.