

The Friends of Volcano School of Arts & Sciences
Keakealani Campus
June 13, 2019
4:30PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Directors present: Jeffrey Mermel, Mara Saltzman, Matthew Luera, David Goodman, Aubrey Hawk, Lorna Larsen-Jeyte, Kalima Kinney (ex-officio)

Directors absent: Melissa Fletcher (excused), Ian Cole (excused)

Members/Guests present: Lynn Melena, Ted Pirsig

Call to order: Jeffrey Mermel called the meeting to order 4:35PM.

No statements from public.

Welcome/announcements: Quorum present.

Minutes from May 9, 2019: Lynn Melena told the people storing the mobile kitchen to store it 3-6 months. They have been most agreeable in the past about storing it. **David Goodman motioned to approve minutes as amended; Aubrey Hawk seconded; all in favor (6); none opposed.**

Treasurer's Report: Audit is scheduled for the last week of July. Ted Pirsig will handle FVSAS bookkeeping and check creation with David Goodman overseeing bookkeeping. Ted Pirsig is not a check signer. \$1550 in donations from Directors from two boards were received in 2018-19. Donations are confidential.

Lorna Larsen-Jeyte motioned to accept Treasurer's report; Mara Saltzman seconded; all in favor (6); none opposed.

Everyone should buy tickets to Harvest Festival.

Project Administrator's Report: Fire approval is completed however the county found another issue. A variance is needed to regarding the height of Multi-Purpose Building. The plans call for 24 ft. height while code is 20 ft. This will require a new contract with Zendo Kern.

Funds for Zendo Kern will come from general donations raised to pay for school construction. They will not be paid out of any specific grant or GIA monies.

David Goodman motioned to accept Zendo Kern's new contract dated June 6, 2019. Matthew Luera seconded; all in favor (7) including Ian Cole's proxy vote; none opposed.

The \$450K contract with DAGS was sent back for minor typographical issues, however it has been corrected and mailed back. This needs to be completed before we put jobs out to bid.

2 permits are coming up: NPEDS (pollution permit) and grubbing and grading permit. The grubbing and grading permit has to be done by December 11th, 2019 to receive the first half of the \$50K Atherton grant.

Funds Development: Funds Development: FVSAS and VSAS are partnering with County of Hawaii for HUD CDBG-DR funding administered by the County to fund food sustainability to include kitchen and possibly to convert the MP Building as an emergency shelter. In addition to CDBG-DR, Puna Strong and Hawaii Community Foundation are potential funders either through a County resilience plan, or via direct applications. Guidance from County is to focus on developing a Comprehensive Community Resilience Plan and treating it as a Request for Investment (RFI).

FVSAS and VSAS are hosting a kick-off event to begin development of a resilience plan for Upper Puna and Ka'ū, called Hilina'i referencing the Ōlelo No'eau about Ka'ū and Puna being dependent on one another. Being in Volcano is a kuleana to connect Ka'ū and Puna.

Experience Volcano Festival is scheduled for July 27 & July 28. FVSAS will have a table to disseminate information. VSAS is hosting the Le hau Run on July 27.

Construction Committee: There are meeting notes posted in Teamwork. There is a Teamwork training on Monday at 3:30PM at Lynn Melena's home.

Nomination Committee: No report.

Old Unfinished Business: There was a discussion about conflicts of interest and fair treatment as well as confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements for upcoming bidding. Conflict mitigation will be used to level the playing field. Tamar will assist with this.

Planning for annual meeting was discussed. It might be nice to have a guest speaker or provide an update on the school to the community.

How to grow the members component of FVSAS was discussed. This would be to develop community buy-in and further build school support.

New Business: Publicity about the CIP grant award was included in Kau Calendar. Kalima Kinney went on air with Sherry Bracken from Island Conversations.

Harvest Festival: Aubrey Hawk is asking FVSAS Directors to use the ask letters to ask local businesses for raffle donations. Copies can be provided by email as well.

Next meeting date/time: July 11, 2019 4:30PM at Keakeakalani.

Motion to adjourn: **David Goodman motioned to adjourn at 5:50PM; Lorna Larsen-Jeyte seconded; all in favor (6); none opposed.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Mara Saltzman

FVSAS Secretary

Approved July 11, 2019