

Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band

MINUTES

Membership Meeting & Aha'aina

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Location: Queen Emma Summer Palace

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Toni Lee called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Lee welcomed everyone, thanked Clarke Bright and the Royal Hawaiian Band for their outstanding performance at the reception, and then recognized special guests Mayor Kirk Caldwell, the Chang Family, Aaron Mahi, and members of the German Benevolent Society. Afterward, she introduced the FRHB board members in attendance and acknowledged Ethel Iwasaki for her excellent work on the newsletters.

III. President's MESSAGE

President Lee said that it had been a very good year for the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band and discussed some of the highlights. These included the installation of a grave marker for Mekia Kealakai, legendary musician and composer who served twice as Royal Hawaiian Band director from 1920 to 1926 and again from 1930 to 1932.

President Lee also announced that a scholarship has been established in Mekia Kealakai's name to support students of Hawaiian ancestry in the study of music on the collegiate level. She thanked David Bandy for his dedicated efforts to bring both the marker and the scholarship from concept to completion.

President Lee also thanked David Bandy for his excellent work on the FRHB website, which has been greatly enhanced with audio/visual materials and links of great interest.

President Lee then announced a special upcoming concert at Washington Place to be held May 9, 2015, beginning at 4 p.m. featuring The Royal Hawaiian Band and special guests.

IV. 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

It was agreed that in the interest of time secretary J.W. Junker would forgo the reading of the minutes from last year's annual meeting as they are available on the FRHB website.

V. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ricardo D. Trimillos announced that the fiscal year for the FRHB is the calendar year, and that sales have been slight during the construction at Kapiolani Park and other disruptions of the band's regular schedule.

He reported that the current operating funds for the FRHB are \$5,410.62 but that we have total holdings of \$89,289.22. This includes a safety reserve Vanguard account of \$83,884.73 with the rest held as encumbered funds.

VI. NOMINATIONG COMMITTEE

Chairman John Hassler of the Nominating Committee called for nominations for openings on the board of directors. Five officers whose terms had expired were re-elected by unanimous vote. They are: Ethle Iwasaki, Ricardo Trimillos, John Hassler, Niklaus Schweizer and Aaron Daguio.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board member Ethel Iwasaki reported that the membership committee would be passing out a survey at the meeting so members can discuss their ideas about the organization's activities, the newsletter and other issues of importance. She also announced that the FRHB has 89 dues paying members, up from last year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board member Wayne Oshima discussed the Moro collection of musical scores, papers, recordings and memorabilia associated with Domenico Moro, director of the Royal Hawaiian Band from 1941 to 1955. The collection was generously donated by the Chang family.

B. President Lee introduced Aaron Mahi, longtime bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band and Nola Nahulu, director of the Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus to discuss the performance of the latest piece the FRHB have commissioned. It is entitled "Nana No Au I Na Mauna" and was composed by Aaron in honor of longtime FRHB President and Royal Hawaiian Band announcer Ed Kaho'olono Michelman. Ed's wife, Kimi Michelman came forward to thank Aaron and the friends for such a thoughtful remembrance of Ed.

Members of Kawaiaha`o Church Choir, the Hawai`i Youth Opera Chorus, the University of Hawai`i Hawaiian Chorus and Kawaiolaonapukanileo assembled to prepare to perform the piece as Toni, Aaron, Nola and Kimi spoke. Their stirring performance followed the adjournment of the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Lee at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
J.W. Junker
Secretary