



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS MEETING
November 16, 2007**

Call to Order: President Karen Robert called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Present: Laurie Allen, Merrily Beck, Nancy Burke, Mary Clapp, Pat Clevenger, Lani Colhouer, Robert Davis, Ric Deschler, Betty Forsythe, Susan McElhinney, Nancy McFadden, Mary Norby, Joan Petersen, Barbara Riddell, Karen Robert, Jean White, Leabah Winter, Jude Long

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Presentation of Nominating Committee Recommendations-Leabah Winter presented the following individuals for approval for the Board of Directors for 2008:

President: Karen Robert Vice President: Joan Decker

Secretary: Nancy Burke Treasurer: Ric Deschler

Members-at-Large:

Member-at-large-Programs: Susan McElhinney

Member-at-large-Membership: Betty Forsythe

Member-at-large-Ways & Means (Fundraising): Laurie Allen

A motion was made and passed to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. (Moved Clapp; second McFadden)

2. Bank Signature Authorization-Ric Deschler introduced a resolution, attached, to authorize the following signators for the FOL bank accounts for 2008. Any two of the following officers would sign: President-Karen Robert, Secretary-Nancy Burke, and Treasurer-Ric Deschler. The resolution was adopted. (Moved Riddell, second Davis)

3. Follow Up Discussion to Great Expectations Event-Karen Robert and attendees reported that over 300 people came to the event held November 3, 2007. Barbara Riddell complimented Karen on her efforts. Betty Forsythe said that it was interesting to learn what the SLO Library Foundation is doing. It was also informative to hear what is happening nationally with libraries and how to be relevant. Many counties are unable to maintain libraries, as they should be maintained. Small work groups came up with what they'd like to see for the future of their libraries. All libraries throughout the county will have focus groups to further discussion. Cal Poly architecture students will be making models of future libraries.

Reports

President's Report: 1. The FOL in Santa Margarita is sponsoring an arts and craft fair on November 29th from 2-6 p.m. 2. The last 4th Wednesday Program for the year will be on November 28th from 10:30-12:30 p.m. featuring authors in the Sisters in Crime books. 3. Thanks to Board Members and Officers leaving this year. Karen made a \$100 contribution in their honor to FOL. 4. Two bookmarks are available with important dates of FOL activities; 4th Wednesday's programs and all Wednesday's programs.

Another bookmark will also be available giving important dates from the FOL calendar for 2008. A complete President's report can be found on the website. A motion to accept the report for the record was approved. (Moved Petersen, second Allen)

Minutes: The minutes of the July 20, 2007 Board Meeting were approved. (Moved Forsythe, second Riddell)

Membership Report: We have 5 categories of membership. We implemented Junior memberships in 2006 and currently have 13. We have 17 Business members. We have 139 Individual members and 84 Family memberships. Finally, we have 91 Life members. Goals for 2008 include: 1. Implement a better process to keep membership current. 2. Actively engage businesses by attending or having a table at business forums so that we can attract new members and get old members to renew. Also plans to visit businesses in person to do this. 3. Maintain all categories of membership. The Membership Report was accepted for the record. (Moved Riddell, second Davis)

Treasurer's Report: As of November 9, 2007 Income to Date was \$24,817.53, \$7,217.53 over budget, Expenses to Date \$13,234.73, \$4,365.27 under budget. Our General Fund Assets are \$118,915.93; income earned 2007 was \$3069.32 and Building Expansion Assets are \$108,906.63; income earned 2007 was \$3,970.71. Income from the quarterly book sales was \$10,817.43. Jean White asked what we were going to do with all of the expansion fund assets. Red Davis asked what we would be doing with the general operating fund assets. Karen explained that we would be discussing this next year. There will be a first focus group meeting on February 13th to begin to explore the vision for the library. In addition, the lease between the City and the County will be renegotiated and we do not know if there will be some specific expenses that we might need to help with. We also do not know what building costs will be if remodeling will be done to the library. How does the enclosure of the patio fit into any plans for further remodeling? The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. (Moved Davis, second Allen)

Ric thanked anyone who assisted in any fundraising efforts. He reported that the Finance Committee would be reactivated for the 2008 budget. The Committee consists of Ric Deschler, Karen Robert, Laurie Allen, Red Davis, and Betty Forsythe with Jude Long as a non-voting member. The first meeting will be November 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Center Conference Room. Additional meetings will take place December 4 and December 11. The proposed budget will be submitted to the FOL Board at the January meeting.

Barry Dorfman will do an audit of the 2007 books.

Program Report: Barbara Riddell reported that Grace Melton's death rattled her and put a block on the evolution of organized programs for the year. She has all of Grace's FOL materials and needs assistance with them. She pointed out that we need a Historian. The Program Report was accepted for the record. (Moved Deschler, second Petersen)

Correspondence: Joan Petersen reported that there was no correspondence.

Library Report: Branch Manager, Jude Long, thanked Karen Robert and FOL for the past year's activities and support and for the Countywide summit which included Cuesta and Cal Poly. She felt the Summit was truly significant. She thanked us for the programming, i.e. the discussions on issues, books, local authors, advocacy and Preface Program. The library hosted a Black/Gold Workshop-customer service in a self-check world. She apologized for the new computer system and for the slowness in ironing out the problems. They are negotiating with the company. The primary concern now is the poor searching capacity for use at home on the library website. She thanked us for funding the children's programs, the no charge express collection, the \$4,700 for books and AV materials.

They have been able to hire a 40 hour and 10 hour person. The charge for materials secured from outside of the Black/Gold system will probably go up to \$1 from the current \$.50 charge. The end of the City/County lease will be coming up 7/2010, and she will be working on that.

The year 2007 saw the deaths of several persons very important to the library: Judy Horner, Gil McCann, Grace Melton, Bob McCullagh. They will all be missed. The Library Report was accepted for the record. (Moved Allen, second Forsythe)

Committee Reports:

Library Advisory Committee: Betty Forsythe announced that the next meeting of the committee would take place next Tuesday November 20 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center Conference Room. On the committee are Betty, Ric Deschler, Barbara Riddell, Joan Petersen and Harvey Petersen, and Karen Robert. They will be doing brainstorming and building an agenda for next year. They will strive to have a meeting with the city.

Bylaws Committee: The Committee was appointed early last year and consisted of Red and Gail Davis and Karen Robert. The Board of Directors at the July meeting approved the changes in the bylaws. They are shorter and include a set of standing rules, which include the administrative details of the operation of FOL. The new bylaws reduced the number of directors and number of members needed for a quorum at meetings. It realigned board members and their duties. It allows members to vote directly on more issues. The new bylaws can be found on the website in the Volunteer Handbook.

7-Day Express Program: Barbara Riddell said that she would have a full report in January. Mary Norby asked who makes the book selection. Jude responded that she makes the decision on purchases made with FOL funds. She also serves on the County committee for adult selection of book purchases.

Book Sales: Laurie Allen reported that she has the greatest group of volunteers that make the book sales possible and that we get lots of donations. She thanked Joan Petersen for coordinating the volunteers. We did very well last year. In the future, we would like to move to a larger venue and are going to work with the City in this regard. This most likely would not happen until 2009. In 2008 the bucks for books bag is going up to \$3.00 from \$2.00. We are also putting some books for sale on the Internet. The early entrance for members at the book sales is a hit.

Newsletter: Lani Colhouer reported that a graphic artist donated his time and designed the new format for the newsletter for all the 2007 editions.

Agenda Builder: The following items were listed as being agendaized for January: CD renewal, Budget for 2008, Membership Report, 7-day Express Report, Book Sale Venue

Announcements:

We are looking for a newsletter editor, which is also a Board position. We are also looking for a Board member for Library Advisory Committee.

After several attempts to find someone who did not have a copy of Morro Bay Remembered, it finally "randomly" went to Nancy McFadden.

Mary Norby asked whether FOL had ever thought of giving a scholarship related to library services. As far as anyone at the meeting knew, this had not been considered.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leabah Winter
Recording Secretary