



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2007  
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President Karen Robert called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. She noted that the majority of the Board members were not in attendance and was concerned about their lack of attendance at a Board meeting. It was determined that because of a lack of Board quorum, we can only take action as an Executive Committee not the Board.

**Present:** Marilyn Baty, Nancy Burke, Mary Clapp, Ric Deschler, Joan Petersen, Barbara Riddell, Karen Robert, Leabah Winter, Mary Blair, Dottie Mendez, Brian Reynolds, Linda Thompson

**Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves. Linda Thompson was introduced. She is a member of the SLO Foundation Board and is chairing the Book Festival Committee. As well, Brian Reynolds head of the SLO City/County Library system was in attendance.

**President's Report:** 1. We were encouraged to register for the "Friends Helping Friends: Library Supporters Sharing Ideas" workshop, 4/20. 2. The Readers' Group has been hosting local authors. Upcoming events: 3/21-Roger Castle and Gary Ream-Images of America-Morro Bay; 5/16-Dr. Hershel Parker-speaking of Herman Melville from his biography; 6/6-Ralph and Cathy Brink-World War II As Seen Through Kids' Eyes. 3. The Discussion Group for Seniors will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month only beginning in April. 4. Jude gave a presentation on the library remodel on February 26<sup>th</sup>, which was organized by Barbara Riddell. Karen thanked Barbara for hosting this, and Jude for making herself available to the public in this way. 5. Supervisor Gibson's Legislative Asst. and Karen wrote an article that will appear in our newsletter about developing a Vision Plan between the community and library staff. Brian Reynolds asked that it be submitted to all Friends groups and Foundation Board members. 6. The April Executive Committee will take place April 27<sup>th</sup> instead of the 20<sup>th</sup> because of the Black/Gold workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The report was accepted for the record. (Moved Riddell, second Petersen) The complete report can be found on our website.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 17, 2006 Annual Membership/Board of Directors Meeting were accepted. (Moved Deschler, second Riddell) Betty Forsythe conveyed a correction to the February Executive Committee Minutes draft; change Library Advisory Committee to Library Advisory/Vision Committee.

**Membership:** According to Betty Forsythe's membership report, as of 2/8/07 we had 316 members, 2 new over last month-1 family and 1 individual. See website for details. The report was accepted for the record. (Motion Petersen, second Deschler)

**Treasurer's Report:** Ric Deschler presented the Treasurer's Report dated 3/16/07. Income to date is \$5,141.12; expenses \$1,887.17. The report was accepted for the record. (Moved Riddell, second Clapp) See website for complete report.

Ric asked that when we charge something at ASAP/Mills that we indicate in the description area what project we are working on. Finally, Ric has to fill out an IRS 990 form and needs to know the average hrs/week we work on Friends business. Ric will be out of town for the May and June meetings but reports will be available on the website.

**Programs:** Barbara Riddell reported that the 7-day Express program has added 20 books and is on target budgetwise. The staff is making the choices of books. Mary Blair stated that patrons like the program. Barbara is working on a program entitled Sisters in Crime. (Moved Deschler, second Petersen.)

**Correspondence:** Joan Petersen reported that there was a thank you note from Jeannine McCullagh regarding our card acknowledging the death of her husband Bob. The report was accepted for file. (Moved Deschler, second Riddell)

**Branch Manager Report:** Mary Blair was sitting in for Jude. She reported that April is Month of the Child. There was going to be a Teddy Bear Story Time and Parade and a singer would be coming. There was also going to be a crafts program. The Friends sponsor the programs. A motion was passed to accept the report for the record. (Motion Deschler, second Riddell)

**Committee Reports:**

**Library Advisory/Vision Committee:** Joan Petersen reported for Betty Forsythe that the last meeting of the Library Advisory Committee took place on February 27<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> Brian Reynolds will be presenting the SLO County Library vision for the Morro Bay library. A written document will be presented to the Executive Committee.

**Farmers' Market Committee Report:** Dottie Mendez reported that the Saturday Farmers' Market book sales will begin on April 21st.

**Newsletter Editor: Deadline for Articles if 3/27/07**

**Guest Presentation**

**1. Central Coast Book Festival-** Linda Thompson made a presentation regarding the Central Coast Book Festival that will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by the SLO Library Foundation. Among its roles the Foundation acts as a fiscal agent for libraries. It raises money for summer reading programs through the Festival and other Foundation activities. It tries not to compete with FOL groups in fundraising efforts. In participating in the Festival FOL will not have to give any funds to the Foundation if we send someone to participate on a committee, or send someone to volunteer at the Festival or find a local sponsor. If we don't elect one of those options, we would have to donate 15% of any sales we have to the Foundation. Festival Committees meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. The Festival is open from 10am-4pm. Local authors will be participating. Linda also reported that the Foundation wanted representatives from FOLs groups to serve on the Board of Directors. It meets at 4:30pm every other month at the SLO library.

Barbara Riddell and Marilyn Baty remarked that in past experience participation in the Festival was a lot of work for little gain. We were always put in out of the way spots. Ric suggested that perhaps if we were involved in the Festival preparation, past problems could be ironed out.

Applications for participation in the Festival are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. No decision was made as to whether our Friends group would participate in the event.

**Old Business:**

**1. CD's maturity and renewal-** We have 3 CD's, which will be maturing in April: a. Mid-State Bank= \$58,939.90 3-year on 4/6/07-General Fund; b. Heritage Oaks Bank= \$25,083.08 1-year on 4/20/07 – General Fund; c. Washington Mutual = \$8,270.76 1-year on 4/27/07 on 4/27/07 – Building Fund.

A motion was made and passed to rollover the CD's at Mid-State Bank and Heritage Oaks Bank, interest rates approximately 4.4% and 4.89% respectively. (Moved Deschler, second Riddell) A motion was made and passed to close the \$8,000 CD at Washington Mutual when it matures on April 27, 2007. The initial \$8,000 plus interest will be used to open a new 1-year CD at Heritage Oaks Bank, interest rate approximately 4.89%. (Moved Deschler, second Petersen)

A motion was made and passed to suspend the agenda and move to item 3 next.

**3. Progress Report for Legacy Project-** An overview of the book is being prepared for submission to the publisher, Arcadia Publishing. Grace Melton is to prepare an outline by next week. Barbara Riddell will present this to the Executive Committee next month. The scrapbook part of the book is being completed and copies will be presented to the Morro Bay Historical Society, City, Library, etc. The video project is also ongoing. They are also looking at the original fundraising cookbook; 17 of the contributors to it are still around.

**2. Presentation of Reports Based on Priorities Established from Ideas/Issues Discussed at the January 19, 2007 Retreat, January 26, 2007 & February 16, 2007 Executive Committee Meetings**

In July Susan McElhinney will present workshop - Library Advocacy 101. In June there will be a program on what we can learn about Dr. Seuss. We also have contacted 5 local authors about scheduling them for programs. We are looking at scheduling educational/foreign films. Coordinators for these activities are wanted. It was noted that AGP Video has some material on Mental Health issues.

**New Business:**

**1.Recommended Bylaws Changes:** Because of a lack of Board quorum, a motion was made and passed to move consideration of the bylaws changes to the July Board meeting. (Moved Deschler, second Petersen)

**2. Agenda Builder for Next Meeting:** The following items were noted for the upcoming April 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting and/or future meetings: Bill Newman's resignation, Foundation Board membership, business ads in newsletter, Book Festival. Additional items should be given to Karen by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements:** Supervisor Gibson is planning a public library summit in early November to discuss the opportunities and challenges to libraries.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. (Moved Deschler, second Clapp)

Respectfully submitted,

Leabah Winter  
Recording Secretary