



**MINUTES OF THE MORRO BAY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 16, 2008**

**Call to Order:** President Karen Robert called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Present:** Laurie Allen, Nancy Burke, Joan Decker, Ric Deschler, Jude Long, Susan McElhinney, Joan Petersen and Karen Robert. Excused absent: Robert Davis and Betty Forsythe. Guests: Robert Alberti and Rick London.

The meeting was dedicated to Helen Hileman, former FOL Board member and San Luis Obispo County Librarian. The Board observed a moment of silence in Helen's memory.

**Old Business:**

**1. Library Lease Resolution 01-08/Morro Bay Library Vision Document:** President Robert presented Resolution 01-08. Resolution 01-08 was approved unanimously by Allen, Burke, Decker, Deschler, Long, McElhinney, Petersen and Robert (moved McElhinney, second Deschler).

President Robert presented the Morro Bay Library Vision Document. The document was approved for adoption and release to the public (moved Deschler, second Decker).

**2. Chamber Mixer:** Member at Large – Programs Susan McElhinney advised that the Morro Bay Chamber Mixer will take place August 21, 2008. A committee, consisting of board members McElhinney, Allen, Decker and Petersen, will plan the event and report back to the board on July 18, 2008.

**3. Volunteer Recognition Event Review:** Member at Large - Programs Susan McElhinney and Branch Manager Jude Long reported that the FOL Volunteer Recognition brunch was a well attended success and thanked library staff and the board for their efforts and cooperation.

**New Business:**

**1. New Friends Account – Library Operations:** Treasurer Ric Deschler requested that a separate account be established to support library operations. This account, if opened two years prior to the first lease payment, will enable the Treasurer to place funds in specific interest earning Certificates of Deposit. A motion was made and passed to establish a separate account (moved Allen, second McElhinney).

**2. Memorial/Gift Pamphlet:** Branch Librarian Jude Long recommended development of a Memorial/Gift Pamphlet to encourage memorial and other commemorative gifts to the Morro Bay Library. The pamphlet will be inserted in the Library Foundation brochure. Board members Robert, Long and Deschler will present a proposal for cost of such a brochure on July 18, 2008. In the interim, the Board gave approval for President Robert to have the graphic designer begin the design development of the brochure.

**3. Friends of the Library Volunteer Process:** Branch Manager Jude Long advised that all library volunteers must complete a library volunteer application in order to be covered for the County's Workman's Compensation Insurance. Board members Decker, Allen and Burke will identify uninsured volunteers and provide them with the required applications.

**4. Small Book Bags:** Member at Large - Ways and Means Laurie Allen reported that the supply of small book bags has been depleted. It was decided that additional small bags will not be ordered. Two new signs containing the new Morro Bay Library logo will be created to advertise the larger book bags for sale by FOL.

**5. After Summit Retreat:** President Robert reported that she and Joan Petersen, along with Branch Manager Jude Long, attended a post-summit retreat, facilitated by County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, on March 15, 2008. Both Rick London, Bob Alberti and Joan Petersen offered feedback to the experience and the hope for better relations to develop between the Friends and the Foundation. A report is available on the website.

### Reports

**President's Report:** 1. President Robert expressed appreciation for the contributions of board members during her presidency. Special thanks were expressed to Lori Allen for coordinating FOL's participation in the Cookie Crock Market Grand Opening and to Joan Petersen Betty Forsythe, Lyn Evey, Nancy Burke, Mary Norby, Joan Decker, Jean Goodrich, Nancy McFadden, Tim Loughman and Angie Crider for making the event a success. A thank you note from Cookie Crock Market Manager Randy Arnett was published in The Tribune April 12, 2008. 2. Friends Mike Durick, Red Davis, Joan and Harvey Petersen and Branch Librarian Jude Long were given a special thank you for their help with the April 9, 2008 Meet and Greet the Candidates Forum. More than 50 people attended the event, which was aired, on Channel 20. AGP Video provided the library with a video of the program. 3. Jude Long and her staff, as well as FOL Board member Susan McElhinney, were thanked for making the April 30, 2008 Volunteer Recognition Brunch a success and for honoring Ms. Roberts as "Volunteer of the Year 2007". 4. Hank Roth was thanked for his participation in the Wednesday May 14, 2008 Current Topics Discussion Group's exploration of "What are your public safety concerns in your neighborhood? What you need to know – and what the city needs to know from you". 5. Bob Davis was complimented on the Among Friends newsletter and for meeting all publication deadlines. 6. The May 28, 2008 Wednesday (10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.) Current Topics Discussion Group will feature a workshop based on Cal Poly Professor, Dr. Ronda Beaman's book "You're Only Young twice: 10 Do-Overs to Reawaken Your Spirit". The June 25, 2008 program will feature June Sullivan, author of "Castle Chronicles – Sketching Around Hearst Castle". 7. Board members were reminded to visit the FOL website, keep current with e-mails and check their library office envelopes. 8. The Friends Presidents' Group will meet Tuesday June 10, 2008 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library in the Third Floor Conference Room. 9. Beginning June 11, 2008, the Current Topics Discussion Group will discuss one book a month. Books selected will encourage positive changes in reader's lives, communities and world. 10. The many individuals who attended Fourth Wednesday Readers' Community Book Discussion programs were thanked for participating and for providing refreshments. Jerry Anderson, Gail Bohannon, Veda Freedman, Joyce Kasperek and Marlene Walmsley were thanked for their contributions to the group. The President's Report was accepted for the record with the addition of President Robert's announcement that she resigned from the nominating committee and Joan Petersen was appointed Chair. The President's Report was accepted for the record (moved Deschler, second Allen). A report is also available on the website.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 14, 2008 meeting were accepted for the record with one correction (moved Deschler, second Allen).

**Vice President's Report:** Vice President Joan Decker reported that 55 people attended the April 30, 2008 FOL Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Attendees included County Library Director Brian Reynolds, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Gibson Cherie Aispuro, Morro Bay Mayor Janet Peters, Councilwoman Betty Winholtz and Councilman Rick Grantham. The Vice President's Report was accepted for the record (moved Decker, second Allen).

**Membership Report:** Although Member at Large - Membership Betty Forsythe was absent from this meeting, she submitted in advance a Second Quarter Membership Report 2008 reflecting a total membership of 343. The Membership Report was accepted for the record (moved Allen, second McElhinney).

**Treasurer's Report:** 1. Treasurer Ric Deschler presented the Treasurer's Report dated May 16, 2008. Income to date is \$12,841.96; expenses \$3,649.73 More detailed information is available on the website. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for the record (moved Decker, second McElhinney).

**Program Report:** 1. Member at Large - Programs Susan McElhinney thanked FOL members and library staff for making the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch a success and advised that expenses for the event totaled \$475.00. Ms. McElhinney discussed the August 21, 2008 Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce Mixer and advised that a committee was formed to plan the event. The Program Report was accepted for the record (moved Allen, second Peterson).

**Ways and Means Report:** 1. Member at Large - Ways and Means Laurie Allen reported that the May 10, 2008 book sale netted more than \$2,700.00. 2. Persons capable of providing "heavy lifting" are needed for future book sales. Ms. Allen will investigate hiring local high school students and seeking volunteer Boy Scouts. 3. FOL was invited to participate in the annual October Morro Bay Harbor Festival but declined to do so. The Ways and Means Report was accepted for the record (moved Deschler, second Petersen).

**Correspondence:** None.

**Branch Manager's Report:** 1. Branch Manager Jude Long reported that Brenna Robertson has joined library staff as a part time employee. 2. Village Cleaners laundered the program room piano cover. 3. Ms Long was appointed Community Service Coordinator for the Morro Bay Rotary Club. The Rotary donates \$20,000.00 annually to community and county non-profit organizations. 4. Reordered library bookplates will display the new library logo. 5. Brian Reynolds presented the Morro Bay Vision document to San Luis Obispo City and County staff. The Branch Manager's Report was accepted for the record (moved Decker, second McElhinney).

**Library Foundation Report:** Library foundation President Rick London and President-Elect Bob Alberti were introduced to the board. Mr. London discussed the importance of cooperation between the Foundation and FOL. Mr. Albeti identified five Library Foundation goals: 1. Advocacy of public libraries, 2. Sustained fund raising efforts, 3. Ongoing support for library programs, 4. Dynamic program and Foundation activities, and, 5. Collaboration with community groups, particularly FOL. Both guests discussed the need for continued support to libraries, increased effectiveness in the community and collaboration between the Library Foundation and FOL. The Library Foundation Report was accepted for the record (moved Decker, second Deschler).

**Committee Reports:**

**Library Advisory Committee:** 1. President Robert reported that the Morro Bay Library Vision Report and an accompanying poster are available on the website. The report provides data reflecting community needs and desired library services. It is based on feedback from the Library Summit, surveys and community meetings. The report and poster will be forwarded with a cover letter to the Morro Bay City Council. 3. The Library Advisory Committee authorized President Robert and Treasurer Deschler to participate in Morro Bay Library lease negotiations with the city of Morro Bay. FOL members are urged to contact City Council members in support of the library.

**Agenda Builder:** July 2008 Agenda Items: Agenda items for the July 18, 2008 meeting must be submitted to President Robert by Friday (noon) July 11, 2008. Items include the August 21, 2008 Chamber Mixer and the Memorial Gift Pamphlet.

**Announcements:** 1. Survey Forms are available in the library. The Friends Presidents' Meeting will take place June 10, 2008.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. (moved Decker, Second Peterson).

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Burke, Secretary  
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