



**MINUTES OF THE MORRO BAY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 14, 2008**

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

Present: Laurie Allen, Nancy Burke, Robert Davis, Joan Decker, Ric Deschler, Betty Forsythe Jude Long, Susan McElhinney(excused at 12:17 p.m.), Joan Petersen, Karen Robert

New Business:

1. Cookie Crock Open House April 1, 2, 3, 2008: Member at Large - Ways and Means Laurie Allen advised that FOL will have a table inside the Cookie Crock Market during their grand opening April 1, 2 and 3, 2008. FOL memberships, book bags and sale books will be available for purchase from FOL volunteers on these dates. Joan Petersen will coordinate volunteer staff assignments.

2. Library Gift from Robert Lane: Branch Manager Jude Long reported that Robert Lane donated \$10,000 to the Morro Bay Library. This sum was provided as an incentive to other prospective donors. Thank you notes were sent on behalf of the Library.

3. Library and friends Volunteer Recognition Event, April 30, 2008: Member at Large - Programs Susan McElhinney and Branch Manager Jude Long reported that the FOL Volunteer Recognition Event will take place April 30, 2008 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the library program room. Home made quiches, fruit and pastries will be provided by library staff and FOL members. This will be a by invitation only event with an RSVP.

4. Library Lease: Treasurer Ric Deschler discussed suggested/recommended payment options on the library building lease that expires in 2010. The old lease was \$42,500 for 25 years or \$1,700 per year. This sum was paid when the lease was negotiated so the city has received no annual revenue from the County since that first and only payment. A decision will be made on this matter at the May 16, 2008 Board meeting.

Old Business:

Project Funding Request 08-02 – Magazine Covers: A motion was made and passed to allocate funds, not to exceed \$400.00, from the library refurbishing fund to purchase magazine covers (moved Deschler, second Allen).

Reports

President's Report: 1. President Robert circulated a get well card for County Supervisor Bruce Gibson who underwent heart surgery. 2. FOL will host a Current topics Discussion Group Wednesday April 9, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The program will feature a "Meet and Greet" Candidates Forum. Candidates for Morro Bay City Council and Mayor have been invited to attend and share their views. 3. The Current Topics discussion Group will meet May 14, 2008 to discuss "What are your public

concerns in your neighborhood? What you need to know and what the city needs to know from you". Participants will include Morro Bay Crime Prevention Coordinator Hank Roth. This is an important topic and community members, especially seniors, were urged to attend. 5. Ms Robert submitted a letters to the editor of the Tribune on March 4 and March 14, 2008 in response to the suggested closure of smaller library branches as a county revenue saving measure. (For details refer to the President's Report on the website.) 6. The 4th Wednesday Program will feature Barrie Bartulski, author of "The Red Schwinn Bicycle: A Sentimental Journey" on March 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the library program room. On April 23rd local news radio personality David Congalton and his wife Charlotte Alexander, author of "When Your Pet Outlives You – Protecting Animal Companions After You Die", will lead a discussion. 7. FOL Board members are reminded to visit the website and check envelopes in the library office. 8. The Friends Presidents met February 26, 2007 to discuss the relationship between the FOL Foundation; what will happen after the WOM Workshop training – what will be expected of those trained and some of the outcomes to the community meetings happening at each library. 8. On March 7, 2008 President Robert attended the Word of Mouth workshop and will work with staff to improve the library system. 9. The Friends Presidents and Library Foundation Board will meet March 15, 2008 for an "after-summit" retreat. President Roberts and Vice President Decker will attend. A report will be available at the next Board meeting. 9. A complete President's Report may be found on the website. The President's Report was accepted for the record (moved Davis, second Decker).

Minutes: The minutes of the January 18, 2008 meeting were accepted for the record (moved Deschler, second Davis).

Vice President's Report: Vice President Joan Decker advised that FOL is responsible for maintaining the city owned mural on the library building. She will coordinate repair efforts with the Morro Bay Recreation Department. The Recreational Department will provide sorted colored tiles and adhesive material. The Vice President's Report was accepted for the record (moved Davis, second Deschler).

Membership Report: Member at Large - Membership Betty Forsythe reported that FOL has 343 members. This figure includes 84 family, 139 individual, 13 junior, 90 life and 17 business memberships. A first quarter report of current members in good standing will be submitted to the board by March 31, 2008. The report was accepted for the record (moved Allen, second Decker).

Treasurer's Report: 1. Treasurer Ric Deschler presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 14, 2008. Income to date is \$6,612.39; expenses \$1,187.99. More detailed information is available on the website. 2. Mr. Dorfman will not audit the FOL financial records as previously noted. An alternate auditor will be sought. 3. Storage space for book sale materials may be available at the Morro Bay Veterans' Hall. Utilization of this space may require the purchase of screening material. 4. Ric Deschler will coordinate participation in the Morro Bay citywide yard sale April 12 and 13, 2008. Bookcases, books and materials not appropriate for FOL book sales will be available for purchase. The report was accepted for the record (moved Davis, second Decker).

Program Report: None.

Ways and Means Report: 1. Member at Large - Ways and Means Laurie Allen reported that the February 9, 2008 Book Sale netted a record \$3,800.00. 2. Dr. Patricia Gordon of Creative Solutions offered to provide FOL with a training seminar. It was not felt that a training seminar was needed or appropriate at this time. Ms. Allen will sell library sale

books at Morro Bay (Saturday) Farmers' Market events as her schedule permits. The report was accepted for the record (moved Deschler, second Petersen).

Correspondence: Secretary Nancy Burke reported that donation acknowledgements have been mailed to five individuals since January 1, 2008. The report was accepted for the record (moved Davis, second Allen).

Branch Manager Report: 1. Branch Manager Jude Long reported that although many budget challenges lie ahead, it is not believed that staff layoffs will occur. Repairs may be delayed and fewer materials purchased. 2. Ms. Long will represent San Luis Obispo county at a Public Library Association conference in Minneapolis Minnesota March 25 – 29, 2008. 3. Hank Roth is preparing educational materials related to the proposed “roundabout” at Highway One and Morro Bay Blvd. These materials will be available at the library. The report was accepted for the record (moved Allen, second Petersen).

Committee Reports:

Library Advisory Committee: 1. President Robert reported that the library Focus Group will meet Tuesday March 18, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the library program room. Board members were urged to participate in this discussion of community concerns and library goals. 2. Library Survey results will be tabulated after March 18, 2008.

Nominating Committee: President Robert encouraged members who do not wish to serve on the 2009 FOL Board consider helping to find candidates for the 2009 Board. She also asked Board members who were interested in serving on the 2009 Board to let her know at their earliest convenience. President Robert said she would not be serving another term as President, but would willingly serve in the role of Past President, as designated in the by-laws.

Newsletter: Newsletter Editor Robert Davis reported that articles for the April edition will cover events from late April through July and must be submitted by 8:00 a.m. April 8, 2008.

Agenda Builder: May 2008 Agenda Items: Agenda items for the May 16, 2008 meeting must be submitted to President Robert by Friday (noon) May 9, 2008. Items include the Morro Bay Library lease, Library Survey results and Certificate of Deposit renewals.

Announcements: 1. The next book sale will take place May 10, 2008. Books will be \$3.00 a bag from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. 2. April 13 – 19 is National Library Week. 3. April 27 – May 3 is National Volunteer Week.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by consensus at 1:35 p.m. (moved Peters, Second Allen).

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burke, Secretary