



**MINUTES OF THE MORRO BAY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2009
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Call to Order: President Robert called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Introductions: President Robert introduced Friends of the Library (FOL) member Jack McCurdy to FOL Board members. Board members introduced themselves.

Present: Laurie Allen, Nancy Burke, Joan Decker, Ric Deschler, Jude Long, Joan Petersen, Jennifer Redman and Karen Robert. Excused absences: Robert Davis and Susan McElhinney. Guests: Jack McCurdy and Horace Morana.

Old Business:

1. Volunteers Follow-Up Discussion: 1. Volunteer Coordinator Petersen and Member-at-Large (Membership) Redman discussed ways to remind members to renew memberships and to encourage non-member volunteers to join. According to Director Redman, she is sending reminder notices to members before memberships expire and planning to send non-member volunteers letters inviting them to join. 2. The use of FOL book sale volunteers who are also book dealers was discussed. The following motion was passed: *"Any dealers or scouts will not be allowed access to the books prior to the 9 a.m. Book Sale opening for Morro Bay Friends of the Library members. If a dealer or scout would like to volunteer at the sale, they can volunteer after the beginning of the sale, but not at set-up or prior to opening on the day of the sale. The Morro Bay Friends of the Library believe that this makes for a level playing field for all those who buy and sell books as a business, and gives the regular members the same opening time as the dealers and/or scouts. We would not want to lose any longtime book sale attendees because one or more of their colleagues got in before they did. We want all our dealers to feel welcome, and appreciate your understanding and support of our Book Sales."*(moved Redman, second Deschler). This new policy will be included in the Volunteer's Handbook in the Standing Rules section.

2. Board Goals: Vice President Decker advised that she contacted Parks and Recreation Director Joe Woods regarding restoration of the west outside wall mural. It is hoped that the master tile setter will donate his time and talent in exchange for publicity. President Robert presented the Call to Service campaign that will begin April 1. Director Redman shared her membership drive plan that began in March.

New Business:

1. Involvement at the Central Coast Book and Author Festival: It was the consensus of board members that FOL participate in the Festival based on the positive energy, community benefit and funds raised for the Library Foundation Summer Reading Program. A motion was passed approving FOL participation in the Central Coast Book and Author Festival, scheduled Sunday October 4, 2009 in San Luis Obispo (moved Redman, second Allen). Director Allen offered to organize our Friends group participation in this event which was readily appreciated by the Board.

2. Acceptance of the resignation of Betty Forsythe (Member-at-Large Library Advisory Vision): A motion was passed accepting Betty Forsythe's resignation with regrets (moved Allen, second Decker).

Reports

President's Report: 1. President Robert reported that County Supervisor Gibson would conduct office hours in the Morro Bay Library Program Room on the first Thursday of April, May and June 2009 (4:00 - 5:00 p.m.). 2. Library Director Brian Reynolds is looking to Friends volunteers to speak to local community leaders and citizens about the Library budget. Since the Friends are awaiting the lease agreement draft from the city, it was felt that they would wait to determine what their presentations should be until they have a better idea of what the lease looks like. The President's report was accepted for the record (moved Decker, second Deschler).

Minutes: The minutes of the January 23, 2009 meeting were accepted for the record with corrections – the addition of Joan Petersen's name to the list of those present (moved Deschler, second Petersen).

Vice President's Report: Vice President Decker reported on her involvement in planning the Central Coast Book and Author Festival. The Vice President's report was accepted for the record (moved Deschler, second Allen).

Membership Report: Member-at-Large (Membership) Redman reported that current FOL membership is 296. This includes 5 business, 67 family, 121 individual, 95 life and 8 junior memberships. Ms. Redman also reported that a volunteer would be assigned to the Library lobby on the first and third Tuesdays (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) to recruit new FOL members. The first recruitment session on March 17, 2009 produced one new member and a \$200.00 donation. The Membership Report was accepted for the record (moved Petersen, second Deschler). A copy is available on the website.

Treasurer's Report: 1. Treasurer Deschler presented the Financial Report dated March 20, 2009. Income to date is \$5,793.10, expenses \$1,201.43. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for the record (moved Redman, second Decker). A copy of the report is available on the website.

Programs Report: Member-at-Large (Programs) McElhinney was absent but she left a report for the President to read. President Robert reported that the

Volunteers' Appreciation Brunch was rescheduled to Friday April 17, 2009 (9:00 - 10:30 a.m.) and included a series of accomplishments in the planning to date. The Programs Report was accepted for the record (moved Redman, second Decker).

Ways and Means Report: Member-at-Large (Ways and Means) Allen reported that the February 7, 2009 book sale netted \$3,838.60, a new record. Ms. Allen thanked volunteers and Friends of the Library who helped make the event a success and advised that FOL volunteer Torry Scharton has offered to sell donated books at some Saturdays Morro Bay Farmers' Markets. The Ways and Means Report was accepted for the record (moved Petersen, second Deschler).

Correspondence: Secretary Burke reported that correspondence since January 23, 2009 included thank-you notes to Morro Bay residents Ms. Frances Pollick for \$15.00 and Ms. Lizbeth Weeth for \$25.00. The Correspondence Report was accepted for the record (moved Allen, second Deschler).

Branch Manager's Report: 1. Branch Manager Long reported that she will attend the April 14, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting to address Library issues. She requested that FOL members provide support for the Library by attending or writing to the Board about the Library's importance to the community. 2. A new neon "open" sign, purchased with gift money, was placed in the front window. 3. The lobby lighting project and installation of additional laptop computer outlets greatly improved the area. 4. The Library Black Gold computer system will be replaced with the Polaris System in May. 5. County Budget cutbacks may result in loss of staff and hours of operation. Ms Long will explore ways to minimize the loss of staff and utilize volunteers. 6. The Morro Bay Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the Library Foundation. 7. Morro Bay Eagle Scout Joseph Davis will construct a kiosk at the front of the Library building. 8. Statistics compiled January 2009 reflect that countywide library materials loaned are up 31 percent since January 2008. 9. Ivan Ulz, known for the song "Fire Truck", will provide a concert for children and adults March 21, 2009 (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.) in the Library Program Room. 10. San Luis Sports Therapy and Orthopedic Rehabilitation will present a program on Balance and Fall Prevention at the Morro Bay Library on March 27, 2009 (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.). 11. Morro Bay FOL is sponsoring a program with the Community Pool Foundation on April 4, 2009 (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) to discuss Foundation plans. 12. Morro Bay artist Kathy Aulbach and co-author Janice Peters will sign the first three books in their children's' book series at the Library on April 18, 2009 (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). The Branch Managers Report was accepted for the record (moved Allen, second Decker).

Library Foundation Report: 1. Library Foundation Representative Morana acknowledged the Morro Bay FOL for donating \$14,100.00 to the Morro Bay Library. He also acknowledged the many organizations who helped meet the goal of \$10,000 and beyond for the Summer Reading Program. He encouraged board members to share information about the Library Foundation with local community groups. The Library Foundation Report was accepted for the record (moved Decker, second Petersen).

Committee Reports: None

Agenda Builder: President Robert requested that Board members provide items to be included in the May 15, 2009 meeting agenda by noon Friday May 8, 2009.

Announcements: 1. The final deadline for article submissions to the newsletter is 8:00 am Tuesday April 14, 2009. 2. The Volunteer Recognition Event is scheduled Friday April 17, 2009 (9:00 - 10:30 a.m.) in the Library Program Room. 3. The next Book Sale will take place Saturday May 9, 2009 (10:00 am - 2:00 p.m.). FOL members will be admitted at 9:00 a.m. and books will be sold for \$3.00 a bag from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. 4. Documents related to this meeting may be obtained from the website morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/members/index.shtml.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m. (moved Allen, second Petersen).

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burke, Secretary