

FOL - Vice President's Report

On Monday, 15 March, I spoke with Park Ranger, Darrell Daniels, from SLO County Parks General Services Agency. He explained that the planters weigh about 1000 pounds each. His agency does not possess the kind of heavy equipment to easily move the planters, but he hopes to level them using "low tech" methods that should improve their appearance.

In addition, he mentioned that the county needs to purchase some plants and soil supplements to enhance the landscaping on the west side and possibly the front of the library. This cost would be charged to the library, and he wondered if the Friends might be willing to help out with these expenses by setting up a wholesale account with the Forest Nursery located on Clark Valley Road in Los Osos.

Daniels believes that most likely he will be choosing additional Manzanita shrubs and does not foresee a huge expenditure.

I assume that, as with the mosaic project, the Board will wish to have a formal request in hand, with a written estimate of the costs. Does the Board wish to have Mr. Daniels make a presentation at the May meeting?

Wednesday, 17 March, Joan Petersen and I attended the RSVP volunteer event at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in SLO. This is the first time this group has organized this kind of event, and while they did advertise, an army of potential volunteers did not appear. Moreover most of those who came, lived mainly in SLO, and commuting to volunteer in Morro Bay was perceived by most to be too far to go. That being said, we did give out materials to five or six interested individuals.

The attractive premises certainly provided a pleasant setting, and this was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with the many services in need of volunteers. It is to be hoped that as the RSVP organization learns its way around putting together an event like this, they will be able to draw interested individuals from a wider spectrum of the Central Coast.