

Vice President's Report  
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After studying the suggestion from the out-going branch manager, Jude Long, that the Morro Bay Friends consider sharing in the gardening expenses for the grounds surrounding the library, I determined that it might be possible for the Friends to consider a grant of \$250 to be renewed annually, and only during this era of statewide fiscal distress. My concern that such an undertaking could set an undesirable precedent was mirrored by Margaret Esther, the Assistant Director of San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries, and this project has been shelved.

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With the monies (\$16,000) acquired through the Access Campaign, the Foundation has been able to make available for the first time, grants not to exceed \$5000 to librarians and Friends of the Libraries organizations. We are veery excited about this program.

The Central Coast Book and Author Festival had the benefit of beautiful weather and a very good turn out, but unfortunately the Character Breakfast was canceled due to lack of participation. The Foundation has always looked at this event as a crowd pleaser and friend-raiser, however making a profit of \$2,000 is discouraging especially considering the amount of effort that goes into bringing this party together. We are working on improving our fundraising efforts.

Here is a thought for the future: How does this Friends organization perceive the Foundation? What can the Foundation do to improve relations with all the Friends groups? What can the Foundation do for Morro Bay?