

Morro Bay Friends of the Library
9-17-10– Presidents Report – Karen Robert

- ❖ I would like to provide for the record and within our meeting minutes a part of the transcript that was not included in the City Council meeting minutes REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2010 A-3 APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO FOR USE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 625 HARBOR STREET FOR A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Councilmember Winholtz expressed concern with the term of this lease agreement stating in several conditions it notes that in 25 years the library lease will be terminated. She said she would prefer a finite date ahead of time to start renegotiation for the next 25 years. What was not included in the City Council minutes was the City Manager’s response. I have acquired a DVD copy of the meeting for the Morro Bay Friends of the Library archives, as well as for the County administration, and have transcribed the City Manager’s response within my President’s report which I would also like included in our minutes. Andrea Lueker, the City Manager responded with the following statement:
 - ***“The first response is that the term does include a month to month continuation of the lease. Certainly it is the City’s intent and the County’s intent to continue to have a Library here in Morro Bay.”***
 - It will be important that the future leadership of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library and County administration play this meeting tape during future negotiations for the library lease especially since this current lease does not provide for any future provisions within the lease language to preserve what the Friends of the Library provided when they raised the money that built this library and then donated the building to the City of Morro Bay to be a library.
- ❖ With the changes occurring next year to the Program Room, I wanted to let you know what was worked out with staff regarding the future of the Book Discussion Group. The group will continue, but will be held temporarily in two locations beginning in January, until the “remodel” has been completed. It seemed easier to start the change in January, as opposed to March, because I wanted to make it an easier more seamless transition in the New Year. The discussion group: 1st, 2nd & 3rd weeks of the month will be at my home, but all local author programs will be held at the Library. Staff has agreed to still order, and display the series discussion books for participants (since the program is still a Library program and co-sponsored by the Friends). I will obviously be coordinating and facilitating the program, doing all the publicity, bookmarks, flyers, posters and promotion, working with the authors, providing information for the Friends newsletter, etc.



The staff has also agreed to still purchase the refreshments (which will be part of our requested budget through the FOL) and help with set-up for the local author events. As I mentioned, it will continue to be a Morro Bay Library program – contributing to the library's circulation numbers because of the participants' book checkouts, and I will continue to keep statistics of attendance figures for **all** Wednesday's programs. Friends' members will still see it as a benefit for being a member of the Friends. Obviously a win/win while we are in this transition period. I am providing you with a first look of the bookmarks that will be provided at the November meeting, to give you a heads up of some of the ways we will be marketing it to participants.

- ❖ **Reminder:** Our November meeting will be one hour, which means our reports, will need to be focused on what we each have accomplished within our positions this year. The second hour will be the program. Since we have an election (both bylaws and officers), it is hoped because we are getting information out early to the membership, that this will be painless and not take much time, and thus the meeting and election will go smoothly. Also, for the first time in the history of the Friends, since this election will approve officers being elected and terms effective immediately, I will create a formal agenda item which is: **Official Seating of New Officers.**
- ❖ The reminder meeting postcard is ready, and Red, Christine and Susan will be getting it ready for mailing to the **CURRENT PAID** membership only the end of October/early November.