

**FRIENDS OF THE MONTECITO LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF FOML MEMBERSHIP
DRAFT MINUTES May 30, 2024**

Board Attendees – Zoe Copus, Jeff Donahue, Melissa Franklin, Kelly Hatchett, Louise Kelly, Pat Saley and Jason Siemens

Guests – Hattie Beresford, Hudson Copus, Che Hatchett, Cindie Usevich, Kelly Shiffman and Heidi Rose

1. **Welcome and call meeting to order** – Board President Pat Saley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a slate of directors to the Board and to approve revisions to the bylaws as outlined in the bylaws. She thanked the attendees & also thanked our partners in this meeting, Montecito Journal, Michelle Isom who provided the food and speaker Hattie Beresford.
2. **Approval of Board of Directors slate** – We have not had an Annual Meeting since 2020 because of the limitations of the pandemic. So, all eight directors are up for re-election for one-, two- or three-year terms. As required by the bylaws, we conducted an email and web-based vote and received more than the minimum number of votes. As a formality, Hattie made the motion to elect the slate of directors, seconded by Heidi Rose. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of revised bylaws** – The FOML bylaws had not been updated in over ten years. We consulted an attorney and revised the bylaws including: a) Updating requirements for noticing of meetings; b) Clarifying annual meeting of membership; c) Providing more flexibility in range of the number of directors and clarifying the number of directors needed for a quorum; d) Change FY to match City and County budgets and updating small expenditures allowed w/o vote of Board. The email and web-based vote meet the minimum required but, as a formality, Jason made the motion which was seconded by Louise and the vote passed unanimously.
4. **Hattie Beresford's presentation on Francis Townsend Underhill** – Local historian Hattie Beresford gave a presentation on Francis Underhill who was born in 1863 and lived in Santa Barbara much of his life. He was independently wealthy and had many interests that he cultivated, including ranching, architecture and landscape architecture, soldiering with Teddy Roosevelt during the Spanish-American War.

The meeting concluded with the Board and guests enjoying refreshments.

Next Annual Meeting will be spring, 2025.