

**FRIENDS OF THE MONTECITO LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, September 18, 2025 @ 10:30 am
Montecito Library**

1. **Approval of Minutes** - July 10, 2025 – Will be distributed before the meeting.
2. **Library report** – Brandon Beaudette, newly appointed Library Director, and Montecito Supervisor, Cindie Usenich
3. **Treasurer's and Finance Report** – Kendra Epley
 - a. Account balances.
 - b. Recap of September 5th meeting with Beacon Pointe
 - c. Set up planned giving process
 - d. FY 2024/25 tax return due next month
4. **Election of slate of officers for FY 2025/26** – Also, appoint committee members.
 - a. President – Pat Saley
 - b. VP – Kendra Epley (president-elect)
 - c. Treasurer – Jeff Donahue
 - d. Secretary – Louise Kelly
5. **Propose new committees:**
 - a. **Development** – Responsible for fundraising and resource development by setting goals, developing fundraising plans, engaging the board in raising funds, and fostering donor relations. Key roles include overseeing fundraising strategy, monitoring progress, cultivating potential and existing donors
 - b. **Marketing & PR** – Contribute to MJ & Indy monthly column, Annual Report, website updates, etc. We need board members to help draft columns. Possible topics include:
 - Montecito Book Club (Book Club in a Bag)
 - Experts and the Library – declutter story and financial literacy series. Share your expertise with the Montecito Library and Community
 - Friends of the Library Week (3rd week of Oct.)/FOML history
 - Knit and Needle Program (interview)
 - Impact of volunteers who support the library through tutoring and educational programs, especially during the season of giving
 - Year in Review data of the MJ Library
 - Comic Chaos and book recommendations
 - Library benefits to mental health and loneliness
 - National Library Week (in April)
 - Stay and Play – Storytimes
 - Summer Slide and why summer reading matters
6. **Board miscellaneous:**
 - a. **Grandfather clock repair & related book** – Melissa Franklin
 - b. **"Wish list" for FOML** – Discuss getting community input re goals for library, e.g., Library open 6 or 7 days/week, devote whole building to library, increase programming for patrons back to historic levels, develop strategic and operating plans, stay with Central or continue to explore joining Carp, etc.
 - c. **Possible 2025 events:**
 - 1) Holiday Open House
 - 2) Author reading or talk

- 3) Mahjong and/or canasta classes
- 4) Collaboration with Godmother's in Summerland
- 5) Library on the Go suggested stops in Montecito & Summerland
- 6) Other?
- d. **Bylaws amendments needed** - A more formal conflict of interest policy, address whistleblowers and document retention/destruction. Who should be involved?

7. Next meeting dates

- a. October 9th
- b. November 14th