

**FRIENDS OF THE MONTECITO LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, October 10, 2024 @ 10:30 am
Montecito Library**

Attendees – Zoe Copus, Kendra Epley, Melissa Franklin, Kelly Hatchett, Louise Kelly, Pat Saley and Jason Siemens

1. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2024 – Motion Kendra and Louise; Approved

2. Library report – Cindie Usenich (provided via email)

- Local Author Talk scheduled for 10/24 3:30 p.m. Author Steven Gilbar to come in and discuss his newest book “Montecito Noir”.
- SB Reads Love Cafe-Nov 7th FOML providing refreshments and roses for participants
- 1,000 books before Kindergarten program
 - Library needs to spend about \$60 for display- FOML has interest in funding this in exchange for a sticker on display?
- Ryan from YMCA (new coordinator) has reached out to me and Kelly regarding partnering, possibly a lending library, programming.
- Origami class for children-still in the planning stages, possible early next year
- Local author talk in Late January-Early Feb Tracy McCubbin is a decluttering expert who just moved here from LA and will come in and talk about downsizing and decluttering in our senior years.

3. Treasurer’s and Finance Report – Kendra Epley

1. US Bank & Beacon Pointe balances Beacon Pointe balance as of 09/30/2024 - \$1,474,946.28; As of close 10/10/2024 – \$1,467,521.37
2. US Bank balance as of 09/30/2024 - \$33,255.06; As of 10/11/2024 - \$32,104.42

3. Total assets as of 09/30/2024 – \$1,508,201.34; As of 10/11/2024 value - \$1,499,625.79.

Travis has completed the draft of our 2023-2024 990. Pat and Kendra will review this week, then get it out to the Board for final comments and vote prior to filing.

New FOML book plates have been ordered.

4. Board miscellaneous:

- a. **Updated study on Carpinteria Municipal Library & Montecito options** - Carp Library Board of Trustees/City Council meeting to present report is October 28, 2024.
- b. **Draft Purpose Statement/Elevator Speech** – Jeff Donahue & Louise Kelly have worked on this & will be sent to Board for comments & inclusion in Annual Report.
- c. **Status of Annual Report to be mailed on Dec. 1st** –
 - Cover letter, purpose statement and appeal by Pat.
 - Donor list – Danielle with help from Pat & Kendra
 - Annual mtg results including Hattie talk - Kelly

- Carp/Montecito study & results – Pat
 - Collaboration on Love Café event on Nov. 7th – Pat – See flyer & discuss distribution
 - Cindie – Book club success, Popular books, SRP participation, etc.
 - Community meeting room, Reppy Reading Room & other imp's – TBD
 - Matt Fiori will do graphics – Pat give him heads up.
 - Printing by Rockwell Printers in Carp. Include all donors, regardless of zip code.
- d. Montecito Community Foundation-** - It looks like they'll fund one replacement book drop, new Reppy Room coffee table & laptop bar & 4 stools.
- e. Outreach to new director at YMCA-** Participating in TRUNK OR TREAT OCT 29. Look into purchasing stand-alone free library.
- f. Montecito Beautification** Nov 2. Kelly will represent FOML.
- g. Thank yous to donors.**
- Revise existing tax letter?
 - Talk to Hope Riley & Travis re logistics on how to get them signed by Board members in a timely manner.
- 8. Future agenda items:**
- a.** Book donations - Coordination with local realtors re book donations.
 - b.** FOML sponsored Free libraries – Cold Spring School?
 - c.** 1 page handout for estate planning – Kendra will bring samples to the meeting.
 - d.** Montecito writers book as gifts to \$500 and up donors
 - e.** Update re Summerland bookstore & FOML outreach there.
- 9. Next meeting date(s)** – Nov. 14 – If necessary, ask Danielle to participate re Annual Report distribution, etc. Decide on 2025 calendar at January meeting.