

**FRIENDS OF THE MONTECITO LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, June 13, 2024
Montecito Library**

Attendees - Zoe Copus, Jeff Donahue, Kelly Hatchett, Louise Kelly, Pat Saley and Jason Siemens

- 1. Approval Minutes May 30th Annual Meeting** – Motion by Jeff & second by Louise, approved unanimously.
- 2. Treasurer’s and Finance Report** – Kendra Epley sent this report:
 - a. US Bank & Beacon Pointe balances.
 - Beacon Pointe balance as of 05/31/2024 - \$1,383,227.46; As of close on 06/12/2024 – \$1,393,269.74
 - US Bank balance as of 05/31/2024 – \$32,636.08; As of 06/12/2024 – \$14,516.98 (after making second grant payment to County).
 - b. Paypal and debit card updates - Kendra & Zoe’s husband, Jason Copus, are working on getting access to old PayPal account.
 - c. Donation report
 - d. Montecito Library budget update
- 3. Board miscellaneous:**
 - a. **July 4th parade** – Thanks to Kelly & her family.
 - b. **Debrief of Annual Meeting held on May 30th & discussion of future events** - We decided to have the annual meeting just be an extension of our typical board meeting & put more effort into special events, e.g., holiday open house w/ treats, \$400 show by children’s musician Craig Nelson, etc., sometime this summer. Discuss benefits of co-sponsoring events with the SBPL.
 - c. **Presentation to Carpinteria’s Library Board of Trustees** re Montecito possibly joining Carpinteria’s Zone 5. The Board already authorized up to \$500 for Martin Gomez, former state librarian who did the 2021 study, to update that study. Presentation probably late fall.
 - d. **FOML purpose statement/Strategic Plan** – Continued discussion of this including initial outline or format by Jeff & Louise.
 - e. **Jason Siemens & Montecito Community Foundation** grant possibilities.
 - f. **Continued discussion of membership in FOML** – See bylaws.
 - g. **Continued discussion of thank yous to donors.**

- h. Summerland** - Montecito's "zone" actually includes all of Summerland to Toro Canyon Rd. Discuss ways to focus on them including coordinating with the soon-to-open bookstore. We can also advertise events & programs in Summerland.

8. Future agenda items:

- a.** Fundraising & foundations – Pat will find previous list & distribute for discussion.
- b.** Annual report & appeal letter to be sent out in November 2024 –Pat will oversee content & Melissa will oversee the logistics
Discuss further at July 28th meeting.
- c.** Meeting room improvements
- d.** Book donations - Coordination with local realtors re book donations.
- e.** FOML sponsored Free libraries – Cold Spring School?
 - a.** 1 page handout for estate planning – Kendra will bring samples to the meeting.
 - b.** Montecito writers book as gifts to \$500 and up donors

- 9. Next meeting dates** – August meeting (start outlining Annual Rpt)? Sept. 12th & Oct. 10th.
November or December meeting?