

2024 SAN BUENAVENTURA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m., Topping Room

Welcome and Introduction

Mary Olson, President, welcomed those present. Mary spoke about the institution of the public library and how technology has, thankfully, not led to the death of the physical book, but, instead, has allowed booklovers to connect. She described the means through which VFOL sells donated books to raise funds for the library. We have one, extremely dedicated volunteer who almost single-handedly manages sales on Amazon. This year, in particular, we have developed a crew to sell books on eBay which involves researching unique items, describing, photographing, packing and shipping; and the particular challenge of 24/7 monitoring to fulfill the expectations of the instantaneity of electronic communications. Foster Library Bookstore is open seven days a week, relying on more than 50 volunteers. The funds raised allowed the Friends to give the library \$6,800 in March for programming, \$8,000 for Summer Reading, \$13,000 for fall programming, and a final end-of-year donation which is generally for collections. In library news, renovations are coming to Foster Library. The work will be done in stages and the plan is not to completely close the library. There is a new school mobile library, a collaborative effort between VCLS and VOCE. Mary introduced the speaker, Elizabeth Moore Krause.

Presentation by Elizabeth Moore Kraus.

Ms. Kraus spoke about her book, 3 Sisters, 3 Weeks, 3 Countries (Still Talking). Her book, a memoir, is about a trip to Ireland, England, and Scotland she took with her two sisters. She described the trip as a magical time and said that we are never too old to create core memories.

Drawing for Door Prizes

Following the presentation, there were refreshments, a book signing, and drawings for the door prizes, two books donated by Ms. Kraus.

The business portion of the Annual Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mary Olson, President; Carolyn Briggs, Vice President and Governing Documents Committee Chair; Ellen Klope, Recording Secretary; Star Soto, Corresponding Secretary; Jennifer Dawes, Membership Chair; Sandy Greenberg, Foster Book Store Manager; Leslie Bellmore, Member-at-Large; Danny Carillo, Member-at-Large; and Alberta Word, Member-at-Large

Members Present: Charlotte Anthony, Mary Braitman, Judy Dugan, David Fickas, Laura Gulovsen, Mary LaBarge, Linda McTigue, Patricia and Sam Miletich, Kathy Morgan, Marietta O'Farrell, Kathy Shaffer, Lynn Weitzel, and Sylvia Wikholm

Others Present: Susan Aquino, Nan Durantini, Elizabeth Moore Kraus, J. Lorenz, and Deirdre Rand

Distribution of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report Summary

Copies were distributed to attendees.

Nominations from the floor and 2025 officer elections

Charlotte Anthony was nominated from the floor for the position of Recording Secretary. With Mary presiding, 2025 Board officer elections were held. Danny Carillo proposed a motion, seconded by Linda McTigue, to accept the following slate which was approved by voice vote.

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| President | Mary Olson |
| Vice President | Carolyn Briggs |
| Treasurer | Valerie Magro |
| Recording Secretary | Charlotte Anthony |
| Corresponding Secretary | Star Soto |

Proposed change to the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library Bylaws for membership vote at Annual Meeting

Lynn Weitzel made a motion, seconded by Laura Gulovsen, to approve the proposed change to the Bylaws. By voice vote, the following change to the Bylaws was accepted. The approved deletion is in ~~strikeout~~ and the approved addition in **bold italic**.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Section 2. Checks.

- b. Checks over ~~\$200~~ ***\$500*** shall require two (2) signatures.

Request for Annual Meeting minutes Review Committee volunteers

Ellen Klope, Star Soto, and Alberta Word will review the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Ellen Klope, Recording Secretary

Star Soto, Corresponding Secretary

Alberta Word, Member-at-Large