

Friends of the South Coastal Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 7:00PM
President's Report (2.0)

General: Hello Everyone and welcome back from our Memorial Day hiatus. I say that in the loosest sense, as SO MUCH has been going on between meetings and behind the scenes. What a committed, activist, dedicated Board we have — and y'all have been busy. You will hear from each other in your reports, but a quick, between meetings overview follows below. We are all FOSCL, so I aim to keep everyone in the loop and up-to-date on happenings, opportunities, etc.

Once again, I'm attaching the 2023 meeting schedule and Board roster with my report; please let me know of any corrections etc. as they are constantly being updated. You will notice that I have put a pin in the October meeting as a Board Orientation. It's for new board members, of course, but for us, too. I still have so much to learn about the FOSCL and our library (something I always notice when sitting next to Kathy G!)

Beach and Bay Cottage Tour (BBCT)/Book Sale Committee: Kathy G and committee report they are deep into the Cottage Tour now and *ask the entire board to **actively support the Tour**. Easy ways include: volunteer; promote the Tour and our website to friends, family, community groups, HoAs, etc.; make a personal donation to financial support the Tour; purchase Tour tickets (even if touring other people's houses is not particularly your thing); purchase Raffle tickets and encourage others to do so; and all-around service as an ambassador and promoter of Tour and raffle ticket sales. Your success is key to funding our work for the coming year.*

Kathy's report will have a nail-biting tale to tell about late-breaking homeowner withdrawals 😬 and other changes and challenges in the project, but once again she is pulling a rabbit out of a hat, which must be exhausting, terrifying, and very possibly under-appreciated. As she always says, "it takes a village" to make the Tour happen, so please join in if you haven't already done so. As a board member, reach out and take a deeper dive into the Tour. I've learned so much about the Tour by participating as a homeowner. It has a zillion moving parts and is quite a marvel.

Indeed, each of our projects is a marvel, about which we may know very little if we aren't working on them directly. I plan to talk to you about using our October

meeting as a Board Orientation where we can share with our new Board members (and each other, of course) how, specifically, we make each project happen. Please think about how you will help them understand what you do for foscl and what's involved with getting it done.

Nominating Committee: You will remember that Kathy J worked with Rachel to automate the board nominee application process through the FOSCL website. Such a great innovation! Rachel has knocked it out of the park with a long and well-qualified list of (8 total!) 2023 Board candidates. She and her Committee (Connie, Kathy G, Kathy J, and me, non-voting/ex officio) have conducted interviews, and will bring a slate of candidates to the June 27 meeting as an action item. The slate will also include the nomination of officers completing terms. It's something of a weird year in that no one is scheduled to go off the board, so the 2023 nominees will increase our numbers and strengthen our ranks.

Book Sale Committee: Teaming up with SCL staffer Pat Young, Liz, Steve and Lisa have mapped out an "inventory reduction plan" via monthly summer book sales. Thanks to everyone who chipped in to help with these. They are a well-loved community service and a visibility/marketing favorite for foscl. The collection of donated books will be temporarily suspended until the Tour is over, and Pat and Sue are looking for places we may be able to stow a book cart or two to make room for incoming Tour materials in the FOSCL office. ❤️📚

The ad hoc Committee on Communications/Publicity: Much gratitude to those who stepped up to join the ad hoc committee exploring future strategies for promoting FOSCL's purpose, programs, activities and accomplishments across all communication mechanisms. Special thanks to Darin for agreeing to chair this group, and to those who agreed to serve (Kathy G, Kathy J, Helen, Rachel) which will shape our vision for FoSCL external communications going forward. Darin swiftly kicked things off, and we're excited to hear about developments as they unfold.

Finance Committee: Tony has agreed to continue as treasurer for one more year (thank you!), so we are counting on gaining some new board members with an interest in working with him to transition over to that role at the end of that year (Sept 2024.)

It has taken hours of work and a baffling high wire act of coordination between Tony, Kathy J and Pam to get all of our financial management tools/on-line sales tools/and financial and tech brains operating on the same page. Have you told the two of them lately how much you love them??

And on a final financial note, I wonder if this meeting may bring good news to share about the grant proposal initiated by KathyG and piloted by Tony for a COVID relief grant??? Have you told the two of *them* lately that you love them?

Systems/Website/Electronic Communications: Quick reminder that we agreed to distribute committee reports by the Sunday before a board meeting, Sunday June 25th in this case. As you prepare your reports, I for one would welcome your reflections on pluses and deltas of your events/activities/programs as you begin to ponder adjustments/changes/improvements. (The Tour Committee and volunteers call it, "Name one celebration and one challenge.") When she has a breather from the Tour website, Kathy J offered to get the reports up on the members-only section of the website so board members have timely and easy access to the materials from anywhere. Please respect her deadline. Thank you, Kathy!

School Partnership Committee: Lisa and Connie will report on successfully pulling off the final event of the 2022-23 school year with an author presentation at the Early Learning Center. The committee is coordinating with Lawrence to map out plans for the 2023-24 school year. Please keep your ear to the rail for any local children's book authors and let them know; local authors don't need overnight lodging and travel expense reimbursement, so they make our School Partnerships dollars stretch further.

What to expect at the April meeting: A demonstration by KathyJ of the online FoSCL office meeting room scheduler; additions/corrections to the April 25, 2023 minutes; a motion from the Nominations Committee to invite new Board members; a motion to make the October 2023 Board Meeting a Board Orientation meeting.

Please send me any errors/omissions so I might have the opportunity to redeem myself should there be any gaffs. And, of course, if you have business items to come before the board, let me know as soon as you can.

A Final Word: *It won't be long before we will be bringing aboard the FoSCL Board Class of 2026, yet I feel like we hardly know each other in some ways. We get to know the Board members with whom we share projects, but may be missing out on the rest. So in that spirit, I would like to invite you to my home for a "Sneak Peek" of 2023 Beach and Bay Cottage Tour House #7. This is not for duty but for fun! It will very likely involve wine, a savory, a sweet, and much fellowship, and we can celebrate what we have achieved together so far (which is pretty darned impressive.) Spouses welcome. Sunday afternoon, July 9th, 4pm - 6ish. Details to follow.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Calkins

2023 Meeting Schedule

(✓ January - no Board meeting)

(✓ February - no Board meeting)

✓ Tuesday, March 28, 2023

✓ Tuesday, April 25, 2023

(✓ May - No Board Meeting)

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 (Nominations Meeting)

(July - No Meeting)

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 (Annual Meeting open to the public)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 (*tent: Board Orientation Meeting*)

(November - No Meeting)

Monday, December 4, 2023 (Annual Budget Meeting)