

Report of the Development Committee
Meeting of the Friends of the South Coastal Library
December 2, 2024
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The Committee last met on November 12 (via Zoom). Following are Committee updates:

2025 Budget Submission

The Committee's 2025 budget request has been reduced to \$500 in an effort to work towards a balanced budget.

Dine & Donate

Based on the success of the DiFebo's event, the Committee agreed to pursue a Dine & Donate event in late winter/early spring (recognizing that Tour efforts ramp up in March). Dianna Boehm volunteered to contact a couple of restaurants to see if there may be interest and availability. This event would not have the Silent Auction component. Venues to be explored: Salted Rim and Yellow Fin Grill.

Event with Chamber of Commerce

Tentatively, FOSCL will host a "Business After Hours" event with the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 27. Sue Keefe is checking with the County for permission. If approved, this networking/social activity would build familiarity of FOSCL with the business community. Full Board participation would be expected to help host this event.

Grants and Other Fundraising

The Committee reviewed potential grants: SoDel Cares and Freeman Foundation FACES. Based on these organizations' priorities and targets, we do not believe FOSCL can be a competitive applicant this year, and therefore will not submit applications.

Connie Dierman will explore a grant possibility with the Quiet Resort Charitable Foundation; they have rolling applications.

The theme for the Chamber's 2025 Fire and Ice event is "A Weekend for the Books." The Library is participating with a story hour. Connie Dierman is exploring opportunities for FOSCL as a grant recipient or presence for advertising. Budget limitations may restrict our participation as a paid sponsor.

The Committee will work with the Comms Committee to ensure an active DoMore24 DE campaign. The dates of the event are March 6-7, 2025 (6 pm – 6 pm).