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Minutes: Board Meeting, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Plaza meeting room located at 250 San Simeon.

Present:

Board Members: Bill Johnson, Jutta Jacobs, Barbara Rice, Jim Devine. Recording Secretary Judy Burley was not present; the minutes were taken by Barbara Rice.

Advisory Board: None

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Johnson at 3:00 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed that: the Minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were approved.

Bill Johnson reported that the Boardwalk Package has been submitted and possibly may get approval from the Planing Dept. in May, 2003. Bill announced that following Don Meyer's Memorial service at the Joclyn Center, May 2, there will be a barbecue sponsored by the four groups that Don was active with and will need volunteers to clean up.

Mike Levy, who will give the tribute, has suggested that a "Don Meyers Docent of the Year" award be created. A motion was made, seconded and passed that an award committee be established.

Bill talked about staffing on the bluff. Docents are dropping out and also failing to appear on the bluff. There is a need for new docents and we should start recruiting people. Prospective docents can be mentored at this time and take the training course later on when offered. Jim Devine will meet with his former staff in an effort to start mentoring prospective docents.

We should put together a list of docents who are not appearing and phone them regarding their current status.

Jim Devine submitted the Treasurer's Report. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Treasurers Report be accepted. A copy is attached.

In discussing the proposed budget, it was stated that the amounts allocated for docent training, fund raising, payroll gross and payroll tax expenses need to be raised for 2003. Copies of the budgets for 2002 and 2003 are attached.

Bill Johnson has written a letter to Dawn Hayes, the Education Coordinator from MBNMS requesting funding support from that group for our docent program. Prior to writing the letter, Bill met with Michele Roest and Susan McDonald. A copy of the letter is attached.

Bill reported that our first fundraiser was a big success. We took in nearly \$ 9,000.00. Many who attended want tickets for our next event. A letter is being written to each individual or firm that donated items.

Gail Green was successful in his quest for money from Toyota. We received a check for \$ 10,000.00,

The date for a meeting with Shirley Bianchi has been changed to Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Johnson showed us a mock-up of the new FES brochure. It is a colorful, attractive gate-folded document. Lighthouse Litho submitted an estimated price list for printing. A copy is attached. It was moved, seconded and passed that we have 10,000 copies printed for \$ 2,205.00.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Cavalier Meeting room.

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Barbara Rice, Board Director

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Bill Johnson, President