

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 12, 2026 - 10 a.m. – In Person

Call to Order: 10:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Cindy Daly, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Dan Kellams, Ren Aung Khin, Linda McKnight, Jennie O’Leary, Ruth Polansky, Geri Thacker, Joyce Voss, and Cathy Weyers

Absent: Marcia Davis, Nande Marin, Irene Nathanson, and Chris Nettesheim

Guest: Dennis Drosky, RCSC General Manager, Rebecca Hill, and Becky Johnston

Moment of Silence: Our beloved Board member and Treasurer Jessica Slider-Potter recently passed away. Individuals recalled memories of Jessica's skills, kindness, and humor. President Sue Blechl then asked for a moment of silence in her honor.

Guests were introduced, and the Board members, in turn, introduced themselves. Our new General Manager, Rebecca Hill, further elaborated on her background and her hopes for RCSC. We were happy to learn that she appreciated libraries and was impressed with the Friends bookstore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2026 minutes were **approved as sent.**

TREASURER: Geri informed us that she will report on our investments monthly for Raymond James and quarterly for the Bank of Oklahoma. She will be modifying the Treasurer’s report. Payments for programs will be made closer to performance time. **The Year-End Treasurer's report ending December 31, 2025, was accepted. The Treasurer’s report for January 2026 was accepted.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dan

1. The Friends table at the March 6th Residents Orientation will be manned by Joyce and Ruth.
2. Viewing of the documentary FREE FOR ALL, about public libraries, may be our National Library Week in April 2026. Sue is working on it.
3. Tom E spoke about the recent Friends presentation to the Sundial Craft Club. The Friends’ Speakers Bureau has been reinstated and is being fine-tuned.

4. The new Friends brochure was given out. Friends' give-away products were discussed.
5. Cathy mentioned that Sun City West Library sponsors Author programs.

FINANCE: Geri noted that after new officers are elected, changes to check signatories must be made with the bank. These are the Officers and designated individuals. Tom E **moved that the new signatories be the 2026 Officers and their chosen designated individuals.** Cindy seconded it. **Motion passed.**

2026 Investor meetings will be in early April and November.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Tom H

Officers up for election at February's meeting are: President - Tom Haugsby, Geri Thacker – Treasurer, and Joyce Voss – Secretary.

Nominations from the floor were requested.

There is no candidate yet for the VP position. Discussion followed, but no changes were made. Tom E. **moved to close nominations for 2026 and accept the original slate: Tom Haugsby for President, Geraldine Thacker for Treasurer, and Joyce Voss for Secretary.** Cindy seconded. **Passed by acclamation.**

These officers and the Bookstore Manager, Cathy Weyers, will be the signatories on Friends accounts.

EVENTS/VOLUNTEERS: Ruth

1. The volunteer luncheon on January 19 was a success.
2. Saturday, March 21, is our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Sun City Country Club. Interesting entertainment is planned and will be a surprise.
3. New Board member plates will be ordered for our in-person meetings.
4. Additional items brought forth: writing Board's history and bookstore shirts, will be added to future agendas.

Community Enrichment Committee: Tom H speaking for himself and Irene.

1. Irene has been invited to participate in a Wellness event at the Gardens. Linda will assist her.
2. Irene's position on the Board ends in October 2026. What should be done if no one takes over her Share-With-Me program? The process of Sunsetting may be the answer.
3. Sunsetting allows for a formal planned ending and provides a dignified exit. If a replacement for Irene is not found by August 2026, then the sunsetting process will begin.

Reappointment: Tom H asked Sue Blechl if she would serve on the Board for one more year with a renewable option at its completion. She was agreeable. **Cathy moved to accept Sue's yes, and Tom E seconded it. Motion passed.**

BOOKSTORE MANAGER: Cathy asked if the Board would **vote on the change in summer hours. It was proposed that, from July 1st to September 21st, the bookstore hours be 9:30 to 12:30, with the bookstore closed in the afternoons.** Linda seconded the proposal. **Motion passed.**

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Renada

1. Reviewed upcoming programs at the libraries
2. Nande is working on a grant to enable the showing of the "Free for All: The Public Library" documentary during National Library Week, April 2026.
3. 150 attended the Winter Festival, and there was much good feedback.
4. All supplies for the Memory Kits have arrived and will be assembled.
5. Ren reported that a recent Foods from Italy program at Fairway garnered 67 attendees!!

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Chris was absent

NEWSLETTER: Tom E

No report

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy

No report

BUSINESS:

- Tom H asked **that Geri be designated as the representative for the Covered Parking Project.** Joyce so moved, and Ruth seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
- Wish list submitted by the librarians will be considered by the Officers first, and then submitted to the Board as a whole.
- Our Board dinner will be Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Portofino West in Surprise, AZ. Ruth will arrange.
- After discussion, it was decided to increase IN-PERSON monthly meetings. Cathy moved **that starting in March 2026, Friends Board meetings will be in person except for June, July, and August when they will be on Zoom.** Cindy seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Lunch followed at George's for anyone who wished to join.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board