

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

Call to Order: 10:00

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Dan Kellams, Ren Aung Khin, Nande Marin, Linda McKnight, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Jennie O’Leary, Ruth Polansky, Geri Thacker, Joyce Voss, and Cathy Weyers

Absent: Marcia Davis and Cindy Daly

Guests: Phyllis Whitehouse and Linda Geades

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2026 minutes were amended to include “Cathy Weyers, Bookstore Manager, as a signatory on the Friends account.” Linda so moved to amend, and Tom E seconded. Amended minutes were **approved**.

President’s Remarks:

- RCSC rental costs charged to Friends for library programs were perceived as excessive. After much discussion and our RCSC Representative’s explanation, the Board better understands how the cost is tabulated. Tom and Geri have a follow-up meeting with Mike Dirmyer about room rental rates and policy.
- Tom H met with Nande and Ren about their wish lists and the cost of the Book drop wraps. These will be discussed later in the meeting.

TREASURER: Board members received the Treasurer’s reports for February 2026 several days before the meeting for review. There being no objections to the figures presented, **the February 2026 reports were accepted.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dan Kellams

- Asked for a review of the plans for National Library Week. The documentary, “Free-For-All,” will be shown at Fairway on April 23, 2026, from 10:00 to Noon. It is open to all, but registration through the library is needed. There was a discussion about publicizing the event. Also, Chris suggested notifying RCSC so that the facility has a fresh face on program day. Tom H encouraged the librarians to invite Debbie Lesko and Jeremy Reader to attend the “Free-For-All” movie on April 23rd.
- Ruth was asked to review the Resident Orientation, at which both the Friends and MCLD had tables. 12 Library Cards were issued at this Orientation. More people came to listen to the speakers than walked through the table area. Even though there were fewer table visitors than in previous years, there were good exchanges with customers that day. Another Orientation is planned for early October.

- The discussion of the cost of wrapping the drop boxes resulted in two opposing views. Tom E moved that the **Friends spend approximately \$ 4,700 to wrap the drop boxes, including the Friends' new logo.** Dan seconded. **Motion passed.**
- The remaining PR tasks are in process.

FINANCE: Finance Committee will meet on April 8, 2026, from 10 to Noon in the Sun City Branch Library Program Room.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Tom H

- Inquired about the Ethics policy. Its development is underway with the PR Committee.
- Vetting new board members should include discussion of her/his experiences with leadership, advocacy, and coordination, plus discovering a candidate's primary interest in the Board.

EVENTS/VOLUNTEERS: Ruth reviewed upcoming events.

- Saturday, March 21, 2026, is the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It will have a black-and-white theme. She asked if someone could pick up a volunteer who requested a ride. Joyce volunteered.
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026, is the Board Dinner at PF Chang's near 83rd and Bell at 6:00 pm.

Community Enrichment Committee: Irene

- All went well in the past month with the Share-With-Me Sites. Woodmark has a reliable new director.
- In 2025, there were 140 presentations with the memory care units at the two Assisted Living sites.
- One-to-one reading has lost its popularity. More volunteers are willing to read than customers want to be read to.
- With the possibility of sunsetting Share-With-Me, Irene suggested that if the scheduling were divided and each facility had its own administrator, the workload would be lighter. Also, reducing the number of programs per month may help. Currently, the programs are only on Wednesdays.
- Irene is currently writing job descriptions for the program.
- It was suggested that a summit meeting be called to discuss future options.

BOOKSTORE MANAGER: Cathy

- RCSC has not communicated about the next step for the bookstore's wall treatment. Chris will contact Mike D.
- Book thefts have not happened recently, but volunteers are vigilant.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Nande and Ren

- Winter Reading has been completed, and almost half of the participants who signed up at Bell were first-time participants. Prizes were well received.
- Upcoming programs were mentioned.
- The MCLD is preparing for a new catalog, a new events catalog, and a new “APP:”
- Melissa Jankowski is a new part-time library assistant

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Chris

- RCSC is seeking a Marketing Manager, a new position for the Board.
- March 31, 2026, is the annual Membership meeting with picnic treats starting at 5, and the meeting at 6. No member motions were requested, but highlights of the RCSC year, SC Foundation accomplishments, Financial Review, 2026 goals, and comments on the 2027 Budget will be presented. Registration for the meeting is requested. It is to determine the amount of food to prepare.
- Chris asked if MCLD had presented a recycling plan. None was.
- A board member asked about a visiting German group in Sun City seeking video and information about this 55-plus community. There are no such communities in Europe. Chris participated in their visit and hopes that we will receive a copy of their documentary to share with our citizens.

NEWSLETTER: Tom E had no report

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy – on vacation

BUSINESS:

- Covered Parking Project committee needs to procure the specs used by RCSC for current covered parking structures. Chris will assist us in getting those. Chris also suggested seeking grant money.
- A Water Bottle Station is on the librarians’ wish list. **Cathy moved, and Tom E seconded that Friends purchase and install a water bottle station at Fairway similar to the one Friends purchased for the Sun City Branch. Motion passed.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026, in Person

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board