

**FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

at

**Sun City Branch, Bell Center  
May 9, 2024, 10 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Sue Blechl, Cindy Daly, Tom Haugsby, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Joyce Voss, and Janelle Yoder

**ABSENT:** Marcia Davis, Tom Everitt, Cathy Weyers

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

**MINUTES:** Sherri moved to **approve the minutes of the April 2024 FOSCL Board meeting** Ruth seconded. **Motion carried.**

**TREASURER:** Jessica highlighted items appearing on the Treasurer report, and related that monthly bookstore sales were higher than in April 2023. Expenses are close to those of a year ago. Our surplus fluctuates monthly because some months have more bills than others. Last month's expenditures included \$1418 on the "library lease crisis." Due to the results of the effort, it was money well spent. Joyce moved to **accept the April 30, 2024, Treasurer Report.** Sherri seconded it. **Motion carried.**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Vacancy!!

**FINANCE:** The next meeting of the Finance Committee is May 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place within the Sun City Library. If any from the Board wish to attend, please let Jessica know so that she can prepare materials for you.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** Vacancy!! In the interim Joyce will now receive online applications for board membership.

**EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** Ruth has updated the Volunteer of the Year plaque. She hopes to determine which volunteers are snowbirds. We need to consider a volunteer event for October.

**HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE:** There has been significant improvement at Woodmark concerning staff presence during the Read-To-Me program. Two new readers will begin in June. One will present once a month; the other more often. After some discussion, it was decided to video one of the R-T-M programs for our website. Chris reminded us that certain permissions need to be requested. The planned sharing meeting of the R-T-M volunteers on May 15, 2024, has been canceled because of absences. Irene hopes to reschedule in October.

**BOOKSTORE:** Cathy was out of state.

**MCLD REPRESENTATIVE:** Janelle announced that a manager for the two Sun City branches has been selected. Nande Marin will begin on May 13, 2024. She has previously worked within and without the County System. Cindy asked that she and Tom be sent a picture and a bio of the new manager.

Janelle spoke in detail about the summer reading program. It was so encouraging that one Board member joined up within a day. The Friends provided funds in 2023 for the purchase of 50 Memory kits. Although they were reviewed by the Board at a Zoom meeting some months ago, it was helpful to see the contents in person. At this point, the entire bag is given to the client. There are 10 bags left. Before the Friends fund the program's renewal, a review and changes will be needed.

**RCSC REPRESENTATIVE:** Chris related that the 5-year leases look very promising. They are now being fine-tuned. The RCSC board does not need to make a motion to activate the leases. Once they have been fine-tuned and okayed by the Maricopa County Board, which oversees the County Library System, they will go into effect. This information will be promulgated at the RCSC Exchange meeting next week. Also, at the Exchange a

consideration for purchase of a building at 111<sup>th</sup> and Thunderbird will be brought forth.

**NEWSLETTER:** Tom E is always ready to receive pictures and news for Focus on Friends. Sue encouraged the individuals on the Board to consider writing a piece for Focus on Friends once a year.

**WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER:** Cindy has updated our site with new content, changes in font and color, and created a “Social Events” section. Information on entry to Board only section now is at the top of the page.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Assessment of lighting in the bookstore will occur after leases are signed.
2. Open Houses at each library to show our appreciation for new leases and the public that championed them, may be held in the fall.

**New Business:**

1. Place an ad in the Independent after leases are signed that will contain the date of our celebrations, one at each library.
2. A big author event was discussed, perhaps making it a yearly event.
3. A write-up about how the Friends bookstore came to be should be done.

Having no further business, Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned and Ruth seconded. **Motion passed.**

**June, July & August meetings will be held on Zoom.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. All were invited but just a few members went to lunch at Dominics at Bell and 99<sup>th</sup>.

**The next board meeting will be on June 13, 2024, at 10 am on Zoom,**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Voss  
Secretary, FOSCL Board