

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

at

**June 13, 2024,
10 a.m. on Zoom**

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Nande Marin, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Joyce Voss, and Cathy Weyers

ABSENT: Cindy Daly and Marcia Davis

GUESTS: Jeremy Reeder and Jay Russio

The meeting began with the introduction of Jeremy Reeder, director of the Maricopa Library System, and a discussion of some challenges in the library leases up for renewal. The challenges presented were:

1. Formalization of an agreement/relationship between Friends and RCSC and between Friends and the County Library System.
2. RCSC requests Friends to pay for janitorial service, pest control, and recycle pickup.
3. Questions concerning changing the entrance at Fairway.

A lengthy discussion followed. Chris Nettesheim, the RCSC representative to the Board, participated in the discussion. She had to leave the meeting early.

No conclusions were reached. A further meeting was considered.

Jay Russio was introduced. He is a new resident and is interested in giving back to his community. He has filled out a volunteer application. Attending today was to see if there is any way he could contribute to the Board's mission.

MINUTES: Ruth moved to **approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024 FOSCL Board meeting** Irene seconded. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER: Jessica highlighted items appearing on the Treasurer report, and related that monthly bookstore sales for the first five months were higher than the same period in 2023. No other projects are on the table and we are in support of a new entrance for Fairway. Joyce moved to **accept the April 30, 2024, Treasurer Report.** Tom H. seconded it. **Motion carried.**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Vacancy!!

FINANCE: The Finance Committee met on May 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place within the Sun City Library. Guests were Joyce Voss, Cindy Daly, and Jonmark Richardson. The portfolios performed as expected, seeing some nice increases. There is a change in how Raymond James's statements are presented, but our goals remain the same. We are conservative investors. Next, Finance Committee Meeting is planned for October 18, 2024.

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

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Ruth mentioned the July open house featuring the Read-To-Me Program. She supports the puzzle event idea passed on to the Board by Sue. More to come.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: Irene reported that the Homebound Committee met and agreed to host an Open House event in the Gathering Room on 7/16 from 1-3 pm. This event is an effort to raise awareness and promote the Read to Me program to ALL our volunteers and to strengthen the internal recruitment of Presenters. A planning meeting is set for June 17th over ZOOM at 10 am to decide the logistics and details for the Open House. For consideration also is a name change for the program and the logistics on how and when to implement it in the public and on our literature.

Irene videotaped a Read to Me Presenter at the Gardens. She will get this video to Cindy Daly to edit and post on our website. Further videos will be taken of other presenters as well! These may be used for training purposes and/or for promotions.

The Read to Me list has been updated: there are currently 9 active Presenters, one who is on hold for medical reasons and one who is pending completion of her assessment.

Irene has worked with the Activity Director at the Gardens and has secured A Read to Me presenter to speak in September to their Assisted Living residents for History Month. The reciprocal relationship between the Gardens and the Friends will benefit the Read to Me program and may garner media press and publicity.

Irene submitted the online ALA survey for the Friends Read to Me program which serves memory care facilities and residents of dementia and Alzheimer's.

BOOKSTORE: Cathy stated that three new volunteers have been trained and scheduled. Anita Borski has retired as a bookstore volunteer. Becky is now handling the Fairway kiosk.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: This was the first meeting for Nande Marin, manager of the Sun City Libraries. She reported that the last of the Memory Kits were given away. Kate and Janelle are looking for ways to improve the memory kits and plan a trip to the Youngtown Library to study its heavily used memory kit collection. A new page and library assistant have been hired for Fairway. A story time at Fairway is being tried this summer. Summer Reading and its programs have begun.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Chris participated in lease discussion at the beginning of the meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Tom E provided the Board and especially newer members, with information on the Sun City Library. Its background and history may help the Board understand our current situation.

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Library leases: a tentative committee was named to meet with RCSC's Chris Nettesheim and Karen McAdam.
2. Board Refresher will hopefully be held in August.

New Business:

Further discussion on issues raised at the beginning of the meeting.

July & August meetings will be held on Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at noon.

The next board meeting will be on July 11, 2024, at 10 am on Zoom,

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Voss
Secretary, FOSCL Board