

**FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 9, 2025 - 10 a.m. on Zoom**

**Call to Order: 10:08**

**PRESENT:** Sue Blechl, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Dan Kellams, Renada Aung Khin, Nande Marin, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Ruth Polansky, Jessica Potter Slider, and Joyce Voss

**ABSENT:** Cindy Daly, Marcia Davis, Sherri Sharp, and Cathy Weyers

**GUEST:** Geraldine (Geri) Thacker

**Opening Announcements:**

1. One of the new Board applicants has withdrawn because he discovered that the Board meets during the day when he would be unable to attend.
2. Chris Nettesheim has been elected to the RCSC Board, is their new vice president, and will continue as our liaison.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ruth moved to **approve the December 12, 2024, FOSCL Board meeting minutes.** Jessica **seconded.** The motion **carried.**

**TREASURER:** Jessica does not have the final figures for December or the year-end report. It was decided to wait until next month for any vote.

Total book sales for 2024 were around \$8,000 more than in 2023.

It was noted that our financial support of the branch at Bell and the Fairway Library comes in the form of payment for programs and projects requested by the Sun City libraries. Further details of programs and projects funded for December are listed on the December 2024 Treasurer Report.

**FINANCE:** Nothing new at this time.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Dan related that he, Sue, and Joyce met to review a document he had prepared listing various public relations concerns. A PR calendar is in the works. Greater use of our Logo is a need. There is a case

for separate websites for the bookstore and Friends. A professional designer may be needed for website refreshment. Cindy has been asked to join the PR committee. The committee will meet on January 29 and then monthly.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** Tom Haugsby mentioned that we would vote on accepting Geri Thacker to the Board later in the meeting. An Author program was suggested, perhaps syncing it with one of the authors discussed by the Fairway readers. Charles Kettering Foundation developed discussion programs involving three points of view on large issues. Friends could back this as a community engagement project. Chris said she would bring up this idea to the RCSC board.

Tom reminded us that our Board election is next month. The slate currently includes Sue Blechl, president; Tom Haugsby, vice president; Jessica Potter Slider, treasurer; and Joyce Voss, secretary. Finally, the process of officer succession is a primary goal of Board Development.

**EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** The annual volunteer dinner is scheduled for March 20. Invitations will be sent by email. The library staff is also included in the March dinner.

Ruth reminded us that our personal counts of volunteer hours for 2024 are due.

**HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE:** Seven of the twelve attendees at a recent meeting that explored new outreach ideas for Friends were Share-With-Me volunteers. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 27. Irene, Ruth, and Joyce are meeting in a week to narrow down the suggestions to be discussed at the end of January.

Some time was spent discussing the Memory Care Kits, especially since new ones are being developed.

Two Share-With-Me volunteers have stepped in to help with the work that will flow from our expanding outreach efforts.

Sue reminded the committee to review the National Dementia Survey 2024.

**BOOKSTORE:** Cathy and Sherri were not in attendance due to the need for coverage in the bookstore. The bookstore summit will be on Friday, March 28. It will be a lunch meeting at Palmbrook.

**MCLD REPRESENTATIVE:** Nande reported completing the library's Digital conversion survey. The response was overwhelmingly positive. When asked how the service would be used, many stated it would be for photos, video, and audio tapes. How often might it be used? Most responded once a month or a few times per year. A discussion of Memory Kits was had. Renada told us that the craft programs are very popular. Currently, there are three in-house programs. Patrons participating in the Saturday craft gatherings send their finished projects to appropriate institutions.

**RCSC REPRESENTATIVE:** With the leases signed, Chris was happy to tell us that the plan for the 2029 renewal is in place. It will start in January before the September renewal date of that year. There is a Member Exchange meeting on January 13th. Lots of questions about the budget are expected. Although some savings had to be used this year, ultimately, the budget is fine. The budget will be considered more closely going forward, and the RCSC will be proactive with challenges. According to the lease agreements, the bookstore's recycling is now the responsibility of the county library system. RCSC is helping with recycling until the end of January. There will be regular meetings with Jeremy and appropriate RCSC members on safety issues and other projects of interest to both.

**NEWSLETTER:** Tom E used his time to inquire about the electrical project (increased outlets at the study tables) funded by Friends last year. A few had to be fixed over the summer. The service is getting a ton of usage. We were reminded that the proposed lighting improvement in the Book store was shelved until the leases were signed. RCSC would like to link the Friends website.

**WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER:** Cindy was absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Sue will send out 2024 Highlights and 2025 Goals soon.

2. The needed volunteer slots for the Discover Sun City Friends table were filled. Tom H. will set it up. Joyce and Sue will cover the a.m., and Sue and Ruth will cover the p.m. It is on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
3. Email coordination still needs to be worked out by the PR group.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The board dinner is set for January 22 at Palmbrook. The food will be Italian. Each may bring a guest at no additional cost.
2. Criteria for volunteer recognition need to be developed. Ruth and Sue will work on this.
3. Reorganizing the three email lists will be taken to the PR group.
4. The Friends Board voted unanimously to accept Geri Thacker for a three-year term.

**The next board meeting will be held in person at 10:00 a.m. on February 13, 2025, in the Program Room at the Sun City Library Branch.**

We will have elections. Perhaps some will be interested in going to lunch after the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board