

**FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**October 10, 2024,**  
**10 a.m. on Zoom**

**Call to Order: 10:05**

**PRESENT:** Sue Blechl, Cindy Daly, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Renada Aung Khin, Nande Marin, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Joyce Voss, & Cathy Weyers

**ABSENT:** Marcia Davis

**GUEST:** Dan Kellams

**RCSC REPRESENTATIVE:** Because of another meeting, Chris reported first. RCSC has signed 5-year library leases for both libraries and is awaiting the signature of the Maricopa County Library System. A renewal procedure has been written into the leases, making the next renewal easier. Sue responded that she, Jessica, and Cathy had met with Jeremy and stated that the Friends can fulfill our insurance requirement. At this point, nothing further is required of the Friends. It is in the hands of the counties' lawyers.

Chris reminded us that RCSC Board elections are coming up and described the procedure for becoming a candidate. Chris, Anita Borski, and Tom Foster will be running.

RCSC Budget and Long-Range Planning meetings are scheduled for later in October, and Chris encouraged Friends to attend.

**MINUTES:** Sherri moved to **approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 FOSCL Board meeting as corrected.** Jessica seconded. **Motion carried.** (Correction was the starting time of the October meeting. Needed to change 10:30 to 10:00 a.m.)

**TREASURER:** Jessica reported that the books for 2023 are now closed with the filing of our 990. Our expenditures and surplus are at our normal rate. Our two investment firms are using new forms, but nothing has changed in our investment strategy.

Ruth moved to **accept the July 2024, Treasurer Report**. Irene seconded it. **Motion carried.**

**FINANCE:** Nothing new. Jessica explained that our Treasurer's Report concerns our day-to-day operations, while the Finance Report concerns our investments.

Cindy mentioned that Jonmark Richardson, who had attended the May Finance Committee meeting, is interested in assisting the Finance Committee. Sue thanked Cindy but was somewhat concerned that Jonmark was in the investment business. He would be considered once more.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** VACANCY!! Outreach activities will be discussed under Old Business.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** Tom Haugsby, chair of Board Development, Cathy, and Sue met with Dan Kellams, the proposed new Board member. The members will vote on this later in the meeting.

Jan Erickson attended the September meeting as a possible Board member. She has decided not to pursue the position but has become an active Friends volunteer in the bookstore.

**EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** Ruth is still pursuing the "Puzzlepalooza" event. For it to happen in November, she needs at least 10 sign-ups.

A discussion followed about possible places and dates for the Board dinner in January and the Volunteer dinner in March. Ruth will work on this.

**HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE:** Irene reported that all the time slots for the Share with Me program have been filled. She currently has 5 active volunteers. She was asked if she had plans to expand to other facilities and how many volunteers she could handle. There are now 13 volunteers, and Irene feels she could not handle more than 20. To include other facilities, she would need some administrative assistance. Another question asked if there was a list of proposed facilities. The answer was, "Not at this time." Sue mentioned the Memory Kit video that the County made. It will be posted on the Friends website.

**BOOKSTORE:** Cathy extended a “thank-you” to Irene for her quick response to her request for an email blast about the “damaged darlings.” It was mentioned that Mail Chimp allows 2 e-blasts per month. Irene needs email addresses for new people as they join Friends. We were reminded that the Mail Chimp email list is separate from the newsletter one. Cathy is working to have backups for the backroom staff. Becky Johnston is still running our Fairway sales.

**MCLD REPRESENTATIVE:** Nande reported on recent programming for Library sign-up month and the Day of the Dead. A country concert is scheduled for December.

With the latest addition to the staff at Fairway, all but one of the staff there is bilingual.

A Conversion Project had been submitted to the Board earlier in the week. It began with Glen and Kate and involves digital conversion. Discussion followed concerning what other libraries had this equipment, where it would be placed in the library, and that all staff would be trained to assist with it. Irene **moved that the Friends support the purchase of the Conversion Project equipment**, and Tom H. seconded. **The motion carried.**

Sue asked Nande to send us use statistics compiled at the recent end of the County System’s fiscal year.

Library signage is being updated.

Library cat story was recently in the Independent. She was recently adopted.

Renada reported that a new staff member, Esmeralda Aispuro, recently began working at Fairway.

At this point in the meeting, Dan Kellams was asked to leave Zoom so the Board could consider him as a new member.

Tom H. gave some background on Dan. He then **moved that Dan be accepted as a new member**. Ruth **seconded the motion**, which was **approved** unanimously.

**RCSC REPRESENTATIVE:** report at the beginning of these minutes.

**NEWSLETTER:** No report

**WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER:** Cindy stated she would be leaving the country on October 16 and returning on February 15. Ray Shiel, a new Friends volunteer, has been trained as her backup in case she has trouble with Internet connectivity. She recommended that he be put on the Roster. Cindy thanked Tom for his input and reminded everyone not to forget to send her new information for the website.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. SCHOA resident orientation was held earlier in October. Sherri, Sue, Nande, and Renada manned tables at the event with 150 registrants. Fewer community organizations were represented than in the past. This year, the event focused more on SCHOA than the community. It may become a twice-a-year event.
2. Friends will mark National Library Week with a table at each library for several hours on a different day for each branch. Sue will organize.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sue received an email from the “Independent” newspaper encouraging us to do more ads. A full-page ad costs \$770, which Cathy felt was too expensive to promote the bookstore. It was decided that an ad promoting all of the Friends' services would be considered at some point. This idea will be put on the November agenda.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**The next board meeting will be on November 14, 2024, at 10 am on Zoom,**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Voss  
Secretary, FOSCL Board