

**Friends of the Sun Cities Libraries, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Zoom by Sue Blechl.

**Present** were: Sue Blechl, Cathy Weyers, Jessica Potter Slider, Joyce Voss, Ruth Polansky, Irene Nathanson, Jennie O’Leary, Diane Wysocki, Marcia Davis, Sheila Rooney (RCSC), Brianna King (MCLD).

**Absent** were: Pam Danneman, Tom Everitt, Roberta Hawksworth.

**Treasurer:** Jessica reviewed our emailed copies of the Treasurers Report. It was moved, seconded and approved that the report be accepted.

Her Comments: Friends gave 125 flash drives to the library and supported an AV presentation. Two Fairway events slated and supported were not held. Funds not expended. Because of dividends coming in December the end of year expenditures will be close to budgeted amount. 2022 proposed budget will be presented at November’s meeting. PNC bank now replaces BBVA bank for our deposits and signatures there will need updating. **Jessica moved that the signatures will be updated at PNC Bank by the four current officers, Sue Blechl, Cathy Weyers, Joyce Voss, and Jessica Potter Slider: Joyce seconded motion. It passed unanimously.** Our Wells Fargo account is established as our back up bank.

**Publicity:** Irene reported that the display table for National Friends Week mentioned at out last meeting was cancelled. The week will be put on our 2022 calendar. Irene asked for input for next Flash. She was told that soft cover books will continue to be one half off, Christmas books, CDs, crafts will be one half off, and that there would be no author of the month. Another possible item was the mention of our many history books and cookbooks.

**Community Outreach:** Jennie reported that SCHOA’s New Resident Orientation scheduled for 10/22 may not occur. She has attempted to contact and waiting for a reply. Also coming up is Discovering Sun City.

**Finance:** Jessica reported that the committee is currently not meeting and that the Investments are doing just fine.

**Event Coordinator:** Nothing to report.

**Board Development:** Nothing to report.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Ruth reported that no new volunteers for the Sun City libraries are being accepted but the former volunteers were welcomed back. Fairway Library

does not use volunteers, but Bell Library does. Brianna King clarified that new volunteers will be taken on once the libraries return to in-person programming. Ruth mentioned the need for an emergency contact to be added to Friends volunteer application. Cathy Weyers suggested that a rolodex of volunteers be put at the book store desk that would include emergency contact information.

### **Board Advisors -**

**Bookstore:** Of the three current advisors overseeing the store, only Cathy Weyers was present. She reported that we received \$400.00 from a vendor who bought boxes of store's older books. One of our patrons gave a one hundred dollar bill as a donation. A bookcase replacement was needed. A new one was being considered, but Cathy found the perfect one at a garage sale for \$15.00. Relaying input from Roberta, Cathy asked that the 7 new volunteers be mentioned in the Friends newsletter. Ruth with forward that info to Tom Everitt to include in newsletter plus their email addresses. Additionally, two more individuals are being interviewed to be volunteers and one volunteer is returning. Happily, it was said that all bookstore volunteers seem to be most willing to wear masks. Finally, a discussion was had about the next Inventory that will take place in early January.

**MCLD Representative:** With great joy Brianna King announced that having a bookstore extension at the Fairway Branch has been approved by the County Board. Discussion ensued as to its placement, cost of shelving unit for paperbacks and softcovers, lighting, and the need for the Friends to maintain.

Cost was considered. **Ruth moved that up to \$1500 for equipment be spent to set up and maintain the Fairway Friends of the Library extension. Seconded by Jessica. Unanimously approved.**

The Extension will become a reality in 2022. Brianna thanked the Friends for the 125 flash drives. They are used for customers who find an important need for them. Jessica explained that Friends had purchased 150 and retained 25 for the Friends. Brianna mentioned that October was Domestic Violence Prevention month and the library was taking donations of new items for Est Place. MCLD will be closed Friday, December 24 and Friday, January 31. No date has been set for in-person programs. She mentioned a lovely opportunity she had to do a presentation at Royal Oaks. Lastly, her staff will be doing a virtual program at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28, called the Great British Bump Off.

**RCSC Representative:** Sheila Rooney began by passing on Kudos about tech work done by Marcia Davis and extended her appreciation for the great work done on the website. Sheila reminded us of the elections coming up and mentioned that she is not running again. There is to be no increase in Sun City assessments. RCSC Board is dealing with a number of expensive projects with water reduction being one of the biggest.

**Writer-in-Chief:** Tom Everitt was absent.

**Web and Graphics Master:** Marcia Davis has been working on a new brochure for the Friends. It is in rough draft form and has been sent to Sue. Sue will forward to Board members for input. It was mentioned that the new Fairway Friends bookstore extension be mentioned in it.

**Unfinished Business:** Sue mentioned that a new Board roster will be forthcoming. Members were asked to think about a way that we can thank Mary Anne McDonald for all her years of service. Some suggestions were floated and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Diane Wysocki was given a new job. Friends wish to pass on some of the many donated children's books to refugee families. Diane has a contact and will pursue the particulars.

Announcements: Ruth will soon have knee replacement surgery. Our **next meeting is November 11, 2021**. It will be conducted at **10:00 a.m. via Zoom**.

**Adjournment:** 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Voss, Secretary