

AIFRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 10, 2022 – 10 a.m. – on zoom

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Glen Brown, Tom Everitt, Diane (“D”) Lathrop, Irene Nathanson, Jennie O’Leary, Karen McAdam, Katelynn Morrison, Ruth Polansky, Jessica Potter Slider, Sherri Sharp, Joyce Voss,

ABSENT: Cathy Weyers

Introduction of Board members to new RSCS Representative Karen McAdam

Call to Order: 10:17 a.m.

OCTOBER MINUTES: D requested that wording of her statement recorded in the October 2022 minutes be changed. “D suggested “that an article on the fundraising aspect of the FOSCL be written to clarify how funds are spent in support of the library and other appropriate places,” be replaced.

New wording reads: “D. suggested writing an article for the Sun Views describing what the Friends of the Library is, and how it supports the libraries in our community.”

The motion to accept the October 2022 minutes as so amended was made by Jessica and seconded by D. Motion **passed**

TREASURER: Jessica stated some of our recent expenses included lighting at Fairway, The Cricut machine, seeds, and six library programs.

Joyce made **a motion to accept the report as presented** and seconded by Jennie. Motion **passed**.

Next, Jessica reviewed a proposed budget for 2023 that will be voted on in December with alterations as needed. Since Covid, we have underspent our annual budget. Jessica is proposing to reduce our budget by \$10,000 for 2023. If a surprise cost arises in 2023, the Board can vote to release funds to recover.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Discover Sun City, at which clubs and organizations set up tables with information, will be held at Sun Dial On January 18, 2023. Jennie is organizing. Handouts and details of set up and volunteers will be discussed at the December meeting. The Sun City Libraries will have a table next to the one manned by the Friends.

FINANCE: Jessica gave a brief history of the development of the Finance Committee from using only volunteers to using both volunteers and paid professional services to manage the Friends portfolio. The Finance Committee will continue to use the conservative approach as needed in the re-arranging of investments.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Irene and D interviewed Sherri Sharp for Board membership and determined that she would be an excellent addition to the Board. Recruitment is still at the forefront of efforts by this Board Development committee and others on the Board are asked to make suggestions. Although Cindy Daly has resigned from the Board, she has volunteered to maintain the Friends Website for the near future until another Webmaster can be chosen. The Volunteer forms on the website can now be auto-filled and are then sent straight to D and Irene.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Although Ruth was in attendance, she had trouble speaking. Sue related her report on the recent luncheon. Forty attended the Volunteer Luncheon on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at Palmbrook. It was held in a small room that had a big window and the tables were formally set. The food was good, with a choice of pasta. Games, prizes, and a special cake rounded out the event. Kudos to Ruth for all her work.

Our next volunteer event is a dinner at Palmbrook, which is scheduled for the evening of March 15, 2023.

BOARD ADVISORS:

BOOKSTORE: Cathy was not in attendance. Sue, D, and Irene shared information. November special is fifty percent off all nonfiction. For December **ALL** purchases with the exception of the blue Friends book bags will be half-price. We learned that the December sale will be included in the Maricopa County Libraries' Blast.

Sales online have been good. A recent deposit from A-Z books equaled \$457. Next month a larger report on Online Sales will be made.

Friends received a \$1000 memorial donation honoring Camilla Kuberka, a dedicated volunteer who recently passed away. Her son presented Sue with the check at the bookstore.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Katelyn mentioned that the Cricut machine, a Friends donation, was used recently in a program at which paper sculptures were created. Asked about Holiday closings, we were told that the Sun City Libraries would be closed on Veteran's Day, 24th, and 25th for Thanksgiving, and in December closures on 24th, 25th, and 26th plus 5:00 p.m. closing on the 31st.

Glen reported the three Maricopa County Libraries in Surprise, Asante, Hollyhock and the North West Regional Libraries will become Surprise City Libraries as of July 1, 2023. Discussion followed as to what impact that might have on Sun City Libraries.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Karen was asked about the Zoom equipment at Lake View Rec Center. In the future Friends may wish to request such for the Bell branch of Sun City. Karen is on the RCSC Technology Committee.

WRITER-IN-CHIEF: Tom had no report.

WEB and GRAPHICS MASTER: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Should we continue our tradition of a holiday gift for our volunteers? Joyce moved and Jennie seconded that **a \$10 cash or gift card be given to Friends active volunteers.** Jessica asked for an explanation of active. It was stated that it was those volunteers currently engaged in some work for the Friends and Ruth has records. A vote was taken and the **motion passed.**

2. Brainstorming ideas for the future of the SCFOL is set for December 1, 2022, from 3 to 5 in a library meeting room at the Sun City branch.

3. Friends' brochure is just about ready for the printer. There are some typos to fix. Cindy has done a good job. Should be ready for the printer early next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sherri Sharp has been recommended for Board membership by Irene and D. Jessica moved that **Sherri Sharp be admitted to the Board** and D seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the **motion passed**.

2. Snow Birds and Board Membership was discussed at length. No restrictions were proposed but good communication and commitment were emphasized along with encouragement for younger members.

3. Before Covid a Board member dinner was usually held at the end of January. Should we resume this? It will be a topic on December 2022 agenda.

Adjournment: at 11:46 a.m.

Our **next meeting is on December 8, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Joyce Voss, Secretary