

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 14, 2024, 10 a.m. on Zoom

Call to Order: 10:05

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

ABSENT: Cindy Daly, Marcia Davis

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Because of another appointment, Chris reported first. The final version of the library's leases has been sent back to Jeremy. Sue has sent the requested insurance information. All is ready for the County Board's approval, hopefully in December. Chris stated that it feels like the lease is done and has built-in longevity.

Chris is a member of the Sun City Foundation, which helps economically challenged Sun City members with their assessments. The foundation is also looking for grants that would assist our citizens in other ways, such as helping those struggling to read.

A vote was taken on the Performing Art Center (PAC) location, which was chosen as the northwest corner of the Lakeview Rec Center property.

Currently, RCSC is working on revising its by-laws.

Staffing and insurance costs have risen by \$300,000. Residents may be looking at a \$650 payment next year.

MINUTES: Sherri moved to **approve the corrected minutes of the October 10, 2024, FOSCL Board meeting. Ruth seconded. The motion carried.** (The correction was that Share-With-Me had five potential new participants.

TREASURER: Jessica will discuss our 2025 budget next month and ask us to consider any changes we feel should be made. Her formal report showed that our surplus funds for 2024 are approximately \$4,000 greater than those for 2023. Interestingly, our total book sales as of October 31, 2024, are approximately \$4,400 more than those for 2023. We received a \$1000 donation from Ms. Maybury from Colorado in honor of her father.

Ruth moved to **accept the October 31, 2024, Treasurer Report**. Sherri seconded it. **Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Our investment fees are increasing because our value is increasing. BOK reports have been slow due to changes made by its firm. Jessica gets performance reports, not statements. This situation may continue for a while.

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

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Tom Haugsby, chair of Board Development, and new board member Dan Kellams met with Sue for new member orientation and a discussion of board development.

Tom H. had prepared a summary of his thinking, which the Board members had received before the meeting. Ruth mentioned that better accessibility to the Board application was needed. The discussion was had and will continue at the December meeting.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: The “Puzzle Palooza” event had a small turnout. Twelve had sent RSVPs, but only six showed up. Some discussion of “lack of communication” was had. Our Holiday dinner will be at the Sun City Country Club. For our Board dinner in January, a place with a larger room is being sought.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: Irene reported that there is a new spot for presentations at The Gardens. It is in the dining area and has fewer distractions than the previous location. Irene would like the Homebound Committee to meet after the first of the year to discuss, among other ideas, the possibility of delivering memory care kits. The time for the meeting is to be determined.

BOOKSTORE: The store is doing well. Two new volunteers have been trained, and Sherri is now fully trained in online book sales. An email-Blast will go out on Sunday to announce a big sale on new releases. In

December, weekly sales will be offered on hardcovers and then on softcovers. Sadly, two of our volunteers are seriously ill, and we were asked to keep them in our thoughts.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Nande reported that the Digital conversion project, for which the Friends provided funds, has been delayed because of staff changes in administration. Now that it is settled, approval is expected in the next few weeks. Upcoming at the Sun City branch is an “Aging in Place” program and a temporary assistive device table. Currently, the libraries are fully staffed.

Renada reported that upcoming Fairway programs include making traditional but non-flower leis, Card making, and a Holiday concert. Most Fairway programs are held in the Rec Center’s Arizona Room. Staff always mention that the Friends provide the funds for its rental.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: report at the beginning of these minutes.

NEWSLETTER: No report

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Public Relations – Dan, Sue, and Joyce will set up a meeting.
2. The Friends’ Board is considering 3 in-person meetings a year, possibly in February, April, and October. The remaining monthly meetings would be on Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer gift was discussed. No conclusion was reached.
2. Guests will be invited to the 2025 Board dinner.
3. 2024 Review and 2025 Goals discussed at the December meeting.
4. Possibly a special goal-setting meeting in January.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

The next board meeting will be on December 12, 2024, at 10 am on Zoom,

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board