

;FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 9, 2023- 10 a.m. on Zoom

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Glen Brown, Cindy Daly, Tom Everitt, Irene Nathanson, Brittany Parkhouse, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Jean Totten, Joyce Voss, and Cathy Weyers

ABSENT: Anita Borski, Noelle Graham, Jennie O'Leary

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES: Correction to October 2023 minutes: Irene Nathanson was shown as present at the October meeting, but she was not. Jessica **moved that the October 2023 minutes be approved as corrected**, and Sherri seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

TREASURER: A detailed Treasurer's report was sent to members before our meeting. Highlights include: Total book sales for October 2023 were \$3,263 compared to October 2022 at \$2810. Friends T-shirts have been re-ordered. The budget line Various Community Organizations will be replaced with Outreach/Promotional in the new budget proposal that will be voted on in December.

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: In Jennie's absence, Cindy and Sherri reported that at the recent Senior Expo, they answered questions, passed out many giveaways, and took the names of a few potential volunteers. It was noted that a future discussion is needed to determine future Friends promotional giveaways.

A similar booth set up will be set up for Discover Sun City on January 18, 2024.

FINANCE: Nothing new to report

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: The board is in need of new Board members. A discussion of ways to find them included using Friends dormant Speakers Bureau, having a Friends Open House, and having a Friends representative speak for a few minutes at programs that Friends sponsor at the libraries. Cathy particularly noted the number of book discussion groups at the library that might be tapped.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Ruth mentioned the success of the recent Mingle with Read to Learn presenters. Holiday dinner responses are coming in for the event on December 12th at Palm Brook Golf Club. Pre-Covid, a Board and Advisors plus guests enjoyed a dinner in January. Will this practice resume? It has not been decided. In March the Annual/Volunteer Appreciation dinner is scheduled. Ruth has called the volunteers who signed up at the Senior Expo. There are now volunteers at Fairway. These five have received name tags.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: Irene was delighted with the Read-To-Me Mingle. Many of us complimented her on an outstanding program. Some of the original volunteers have had to drop out of the program for personal reasons. She has informed Ruth that she could now use a few more volunteers.

BOARD ADVISORS:

BOOKSTORE: Cathy expressed her pleasure at attending the Mingle, having a chance to meet these volunteers, and learning more specifically what is needed for their resource box kept in the Book store area. Sales in the last month were excellent. Orange Dot Books project costing a quarter has been quite successful in moving out books that would have lingered in our space. The need for air purifiers was brought forth. Discussion ensued. RCSC will be consulted. The limited recycling service of the bookstore was reviewed. Lastly, the monthly book sales have ended. Now the sales will be more spontaneous, somewhat dependent on what is donated.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVES: The proposal for the Fairway entrance renovation had been forwarded to attendees before the meeting. This change will mean an additional office and an additional staff member. The project has the approval of the Library District and now it is in the hands of RCSC. Friends are hopefully optimistic but await the final plans before making their financial commitment.

Memory Kits are being created and will use bags that note that the program is sponsored by the Friends. Additionally, the program will be listed on the Internet along with Resources for Caregivers; playlists, classic films, and professional organizations. Both branches will carry the kits.

Jean Totten could only stay for part of the meeting. She submitted the following written report: "The first of four Town Hall meetings was last night. A good crowd turned out at Fairway Rec Ctr to observe a presentation on several items including the two proposals brought forward by the Strategic Alternatives Committee regarding the work to be done at Mountain View. Three more meetings are planned: Monday, November 13 Sundial Auditorium from 10 to noon; Tuesday, November 14 at Mountain View Auditorium from 6 to 8 pm and Monday, November 20 at Sundial Auditorium from 1 to 3."

NEWSLETTER: Tom shared some of the reactions that he received about the newsletter. It was decided that the name of the writer of each article would appear with her/his column. It helps to alleviate the "first person-third person" dilemma. All agreed that we should include more graphics in future issues.

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Although Cindy will be out of the country for some months, she is able to work remotely. She asked that we send her pictures and needed corrections for the Website.

NEW BUSINESS: Members are asked to consider for future discussion:

1. What are the requirements for a Board member?
2. Are there technology requirements for a Board member?
3. Interest in the community?

The next board meeting will be on December 14, 2023, at 10 am at the Sun City Branch Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Voss
Secretary, FOSCL Board