

**FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**December 12, 2024, 10 a.m. on Zoom**

**Call to Order: 10:06**

**PRESENT:** Sue Blechl, Cindy Daly, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Dan Kellams, Renada Aung Khin, Nande Marin, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Ruth Polansky, Jessica Potter Slider, and Joyce Voss

**ABSENT:** Marcia Davis, Sherri Sharp, and Cathy Weyers

**GUEST:** Geraldine (Geri) Thacker

**Opening Announcements:**

1. The County Board of Supervisors signed our library leases.
2. To prepare for the next lease, the Friends Board and RCSC will want to meet regularly; the schedule is still to be determined.

**Introduction of Guest:** Members attending introduced themselves and told Geri about their involvement with the Friends. Geri, in turn, related her experience with boards and such and her involvement with city government.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024 MINUTES:** Ruth moved to **approve the November 14, 2024, FOSCL Board meeting minutes.** Tom H. **seconded.** **The motion carried.**

**TREASURER:** Jessica began with our 2025 budget. Members had been sent copies of this and the November report before the meeting. The bottom line or total expenditure is the same as in 2024, with a few shifts in the fund categories. She reminded us that more shifting could be done if necessary and voted upon. Jessica moved to **accept the FOSCL 2025 Budget,** and Joyce seconded. **The motion passed.**

November's report listed our program support of the libraries and showed how our Online sales have increased, now 8% of our yearly total sales. Ruth moved to **accept the November 2024 Treasurer Report,** and Tom H **seconded. Motion passed.**

**FINANCE:** Nothing new at this time.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** From now on, this category will be called PUBLIC RELATIONS. Dan has agreed to chair it, which pleased everyone.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** Tom Haugsby asks us to consider a Board retreat for strategic thinking and planning, possibly in early April. Among the items to consider are the Friends logo, book donation proposal, etc. This idea will be discussed at a future meeting. Sue reminded everyone that board recruitment is the job of every member.

**EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** Ruth reminded us that our Holiday buffet dinner is next Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Sun City Country Club, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The current number attending is 49. Musical entertainment is planned. Ruth also reminded us that our personal counts of volunteer hours for 2024 are due after January 1. Ruth compiles the time volunteers work in the bookstore. Individuals need to report any additional hours.

**HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE:** Irene reported that all booked program times have been executed despite illnesses among the Share with Me volunteers.

Five presenters and three Homebound committee members will meet in January to brainstorm. Others are welcome. Sue, Tom H., and perhaps Geri agreed to attend, too. The group will meet in the Bell Branch program room at 10 am on January 6th.

**BOOKSTORE:** Cathy and Sherri were not in attendance due to the need for coverage in the bookstore.

**MCLD REPRESENTATIVE:** Nande reported that the library's Digital conversion survey is being conducted among its patrons. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Critters in the Backyard is upcoming at the Sun City branch, and in January, there will be a program on Archeology.

Renada told us about a recent successful holiday flute program. Upcoming Fairway programs include holiday card-making and an African dance troop. Crafts for adults will be an ongoing craft program.

There was some discussion about the Fairway entrance and possible changes that have been mentioned in past months. At this time, the RCSC is not planning to change the entrance. Do the Friends want to pursue this? There will be a guard at each of the libraries soon.

**RCSC REPRESENTATIVE:** Chris discussed a new website that RCSC is building. It will have subject pages and a community area that includes Posse, Pride, Friends, and others. She asked what content the Friends would like to see included. This website project is to be finished by the end of February 2025. Our Public Relations group will address this question.

**NEWSLETTER:** Tom E commended Dan for his Public Relations report. He also mentioned that Friends has a logo that used to appear in the newsletter.

**WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER:** Cindy reported on which sections of the Friends website are used the most and then went down. In order they are: Home, Bookstore, Volunteers, About Us, and Board member pages. Cindy will put the lease information on the front page and think of other ways the site could be more effective.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Public Relations – Dan, Sue, and Joyce will have a planning meeting in early January.
2. Joyce moved that **the Friends' Board meet in person three times a year: in February, April, and October. The remaining monthly meetings would be on Zoom. Ruth seconded. The motion passed.**
3. In January, there will be a Board dinner (including everyone on the Board roster). Sue will consider a smaller room at Palmbrook as a possible site. Each participant may invite a guest. All expenses will be paid.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The holiday volunteer gift will be a card with a note from Sue and a ten-dollar bill.
2. Discover Sun City planning will take place at the January meeting.
3. Reorganizing the three email lists will be taken to the PR group.
4. Annual highlights list and 2025 goals are forthcoming. Sue welcomes input.
5. More details on the March Volunteer Dinner will be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Bookstore summit needs to be planned for 2025

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**The next board meeting will be on January 9, 2025, at 10 am on Zoom,**

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board