

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 8, 2022 – 10 a.m. – on zoom

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Glen Brown, Diane (“D”) Lathrop, Irene Nathanson, Karen McAdam, Katelynn Morrison, Ruth Polansky, Jessica Potter Slider, Joyce Voss, Cathy Weyers,

ABSENT: Tom Everitt, Jennie O’Leary, Sherri Sharp

GUEST: Maria Lafayette

Call to Order: 10:04 a.m.

Maria Lafayette, a possible new board member, shared her background information. She has owned a home in this area for more than a decade and spends the hot weather months in Colorado Springs, CO. A number of business positions and volunteer work at a Friends bookstore are part of her resume. The Board members in turn introduced themselves.

OCTOBER MINUTES:

The motion to approve the October 2022 minutes as sent was made by Ruth and seconded by D. Motion **passed**

TREASURER: Jessica stated that again in November, the monthly budget showed a surplus. This has been true throughout 2022, mainly due to our reduction of services caused by the pandemic. Joyce made **a motion to accept the report as presented** and it was seconded by Cathy. Motion **passed**.

Next, Jessica reviewed a proposed budget for 2023. The recent brainstorming session did not conclude with any immediate high-cost item. Thus, the budget as submitted last month is unchanged. She did remind us that if some high-priced item or service is proposed later in 2023, the Board can vote to release funds to cover it. Cathy moved to **accept the 2023 proposed budget** and it was seconded by Irene. Motion **passed**.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Jennie was ill. She will be overseeing our presence at 2 sessions of Discover Sun City, being held on January 18, 2023. New brochures will be added to the items to be distributed. Volunteers to staff the table will be selected at the January meeting. The hope is that the Sun City Libraries will have a table next to the one manned by the Friends.

FINANCE: Jessica reported that the Investment advisors have been rebalancing their portfolios. The next scheduled Finance Committee meeting is slated for May 2023.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Irene and D interviewed Maria Lafayette for Board membership and determined that she would be an excellent addition to the Board.

Irene picked up the Friends' new brochures and distributed some at the Visitors Center. Patsy, at the center, mentioned that in November new residents chose "reading" as their number one interest. Patsy suggested some of the local clubs with whom Friends may want to talk. On the tree in the Visitor Center ornaments bearing volunteer pictures were displayed. An idea the Friends may use.

Irene and others also commended "D" for the excellent article she wrote for the December 2022 issue of Sun Views.

"D" announced the officer slate for 2023. Joyce will stay on as secretary. Jennie, the presidential candidate, would like to be vice president for a year in order to get more experience. Sue is willing to stay on as president. If all this were to happen a change in bylaws needs to occur. Discussion continued on how to resolve the situation. The committee will work out the wording for a bylaw change and present such at the January meeting.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Ruth announced that our next volunteer event is a dinner at Palmbrook, which is scheduled for the evening of March 15, 2023. Ruth will submit a statement for the December newsletter that she will no longer be sending out any newsletters by snail mail. Those who do not receive it by email will be able to read it in the bookstore.

As approved at the November meeting, Holiday Cards with \$10.00 cash will be written by Ruth and Sue and distributed at the Bell Center.

BOARD ADVISORS:

BOOKSTORE: Cathy has updated the volunteer list. She met with Tom about advertising for the bookstore. In January we will endeavor to find out how customers find information about the bookstore. **Booksalefinder.com** can list Books Around the Corner. For a monthly fee of forty-five dollars, our location will go to the head of the list. The site is very easy to use. Lastly, because sales are high this month, there has been no decision on what will be on sale in January. It will be made near the end of December.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Katelyn noted that Fairway is bringing back some programs and that the return of the snowbird is noticeable.

Glen reported the hiring of a new part-time staff, Vanessa. A discussion was had on the kind of water bottle filler that was wanted for the Bell Branch. It would be situated near the puzzle area. It was suggested that those interested could see the one at the Marinette Pavilion. **Jessica moved, and Joyce seconded, that a decision on the water bottle filler is tabled until the January meeting. Motion passed.**

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Karen expressed her interest in the Visitor Center's November survey question concerning the number one interest of new residents. **"READING."** Currently, RCSC is in the throws of the election of its candidates. Also, there is no budget resolution yet. The proposed \$29.00 increase in property assessment and its lack of publicity seems to be a stumbling block at this time. The assessment currently at \$496.00 would increase to \$525.00.

Jessica inquired about the Posse's presence or the lack of presence at Fairway in the dark evening. The issue is currently in resolution. New personnel within the Posse may be reorganizing duties. The Rec Center golf courses are operating with other kinds of security.

At the November RCSC Board meeting, a donation to the Posse was considered and almost unanimously approved, Karen reported.

WRITER-IN-CHIEF: Tom was absent.

WEB and GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy will continue to update our web page from her new home in Ecuador.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At the recent brainstorming session, a public relations position had been suggested for the Friends Board. Irene and Joyce have volunteered to gather information about what types of responsibilities this person might have.

The proposed Amazon-like lockers project is on hold for a few months until the County librarian and Glen present more detailed information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maria wished to think about joining the Board and said she would give her answer the next day. "D" made a **motion that Maria is accepted as a member of the Board pending her agreement.** Irene seconded the motion and **it passed** unanimously.

2. Goals for 2023 are in the making. Small work groups can be formed around each objective and information brought back to the Board. Homebound services will be investigated by Irene, Joyce, and Ruth. Public Relations will be the initial work of Joyce and Irene. "D" and Irene will suggest bylaw changes that allow a revamping of candidate positions and terms. Other topics still to come are Administrative Review, Bookstore Review, and Job Descriptions.

3. Before Covid a Board member dinner was usually held at the end of January. Should we resume this? A decision will be made about this at our January board meeting.

Adjournment: at 11:53 a.m.

Our **next meeting is on January 12, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Joyce Voss, Secretary