

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 13, 2025 - 10 a.m. in Person

Call to Order: 10:06

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Cindy Daly; Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Dan Kellams, Renada Aung Khin, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Gerri Thacker, Joyce Voss, and Cathy Weyers

ABSENT: Marcia Davis and Nande Marin

GUEST: Pat Czech

Welcomed our guest, Pat Czech

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Finding no corrections to the January 9, 2025 Minutes, Board **approved** them.

TREASURER: Finding no questions or objections to the December 31, **2024 Treasurer's report**, the Board **approved**. Finding no questions or objections to the **January 31, 2025 Treasurer's report**, the Board **approved**.

FINANCE: Next Finance Committee meeting has not been scheduled as yet. Meetings usually occur in May and November.

Because of another meeting, Chris, RCSC liaison reported next.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Chris requested a 150-300 words description about the Friends for the RCSC website's Resource Page. There is a March 7th deadline. This description can be changed later. Mike Dirmyer is the person to contact for that.

Previously Board had mentioned an unclean bathroom near the Bookstore, plus a missing shade for one of store windows. The bathroom concern got a mixed response. Chris will take up the question of a window covering once more. RCSC has continued to help with recycling, Sue expressed appreciation. The new lease requires MCLD to handle recycling. Sue is formulating a letter of inquiry to Jeremy about it. We are told that Frank and Nande are working on the security guard requirement mentioned in the lease. Also, Friends need to know the pathway for requests to the County library.

The first joint MCLD and RCSC quarterly meeting took place on January 22nd. The next will be in March or April.

We were reminded of the RCSC annual meeting on March 11th.

Before she left, Chris received several appreciative comments for her work from those attending.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dan will be writing up a news release about today's meeting for the Independent. Should he send it elsewhere? No one had a suggestion. The Friends logo, planned for a new sign leading into the Bookstore needs to be on hold because MCLD is planning new signage for the Sun City Branch. PR committee is still mulling over the reworking of the website. Cindy explained why we need only one site and not two as previously discussed. Dan will be writing a news release to include a performance/program at the library. Nande will choose which to feature.

Because of scheduling MCLD report was next.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Nande was not able to attend. Renada asked staff member Kate to join us to discuss the Memory Care Kits. Kate related information about the proposed bags and the contents. There will be three themes used. Only one theme per bag. They are: Travel, Pets, and General. A survey will be included in each bag seeking feedback on its uses, successes and failures, plus a resource list for the caregivers. Current target for the completed bags is April. Their distribution is still being worked on. Costs were discussed. Irene moved to **authorize the library staff to create 100 Memory Kits for distribution with the cost not to exceed \$3,000.** No objections were raised. Board **approved** the motion.

Renada reviewed January programs sponsored by the Friends. Examples were Dot Painted Rocks at Sun City Branch with 20 attendees and two dance performances at Fairway with each entertaining more than 40 attendees. Upcoming at Sun City Branch are seven programs, two of which are on gardening. At Fairway one of the four planned has the subtitle Where Arizona Meets Disney.

Announcement of these programs occur at least 3 weeks prior to the date and most require pre-registration. The announcement mentions whether pre-registration is required.

Friends provided more than \$30,000 in room rent, programs, library supplies, improvements and promotion for the two libraries in 2024.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Tom Haugsby mentioned that three board members will need an orientation to tour of the book store. Sue mentioned that Nande should also be included. Cathy mentioned that Wednesday or Thursday morning would be best because that is when Online Sales is operating. Also, because of the space limitation, only two at a time could be comfortably accommodated for a tour. Parties involved will determine day and time.

Tom stated that his committee's **priority** for the year is **officer succession**

He will be interviewing someone soon for perhaps the Finance Committee or as a Board member.

Tom then shared the idea of a BIG program for 2026, One Book, One Community. It would need an author with some recognition. He related his experience with a similar program in Ohio. Board members offered some useful suggestions.

Next, the election of officers for 2025 was held. The full roster presented was: Sue Blechl, president, Tom Haugsby, vice president, Jessica Potter Slider, treasurer, and Joyce Voss, secretary. When asked, no nominations came from the floor. A motion to **accept the slate proposed** was made by Geri and seconded by Ruth. All in favor were asked to say "Thank you." Motion **passed**.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: The annual volunteer dinner is scheduled for March 20th at the Sun City Country Club. Invitations will be sent by email. Plus-ones can attend. Information on this will be included in the invitation. There will be door prizes at each table. Ruth proposed a process for choosing volunteer of the year. Copies had been distributed earlier in the week. After discussing these honors, the Board decided it preferred volunteer recognition in general for all, and each year, as appropriate, perhaps one individual would be especially recognized.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: Irene read us a very thorough report on the work of a very busy committee and its volunteers. Highlights include:

1. A second brainstorming meeting was held January 27th expanding discussion of three areas: Share With Me, Memory Care Kits, and Home Delivery Services. Five of eleven attendees were Presenters. The group will meet again on March 3rd.
2. Both Woodmark and The Gardens enthusiastically welcomed the expansion of the three areas. Both scheduled programs for their Assisted Living residents.
3. Community Relations Director at the Gardens is interested in providing prospective clients with a Memory Care Kit (Friends' Board does not agree with this. Memory Kits should not be seen as a Marketing tool.)
4. Both Woodmark and the Gardens are open to 1 x 1 reading to individual residents. The Gardens proposes an orientation and TB test.
5. Reading 1x1 in private homes is on pause.
6. Jim Reay and Irene visited Palms in Sun City as a potential third facility. No invitation to return has been extended.
7. Home Delivery should be renamed Home Delivery Drop Off because it will not include 1x1 reading.
8. We now need to recruit more volunteers. Irene will recheck some applications, write a notice for Friends in Focus, encourage Board and volunteers to make referrals,

BOOKSTORE: Board meeting ran long, Cathy had to leave before her time to report.

NEWSLETTER: Tom E will be attending the Public Relations meeting on February 17th.

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy had spoken about the website earlier in the meeting. She also agreed to find a place an April board dinner. She will select a date, preferably a week night. It will be a Dutch treat event.

Sue distributed a list of our 2024 Highlights earlier in the week.

Our Goals are:

1. Refine and expand our public relations efforts
2. Plan for board and program leadership succession
3. Maintain positive relations with the RCSC and MCLD
4. Look for ways to improve services to the Homebound.
5. Consider a big program or event for 2025 or 2026

Our next meeting will be held on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2025

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board