

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 13, 2025 - 10 a.m. on Zoom

Call to Order: 10:06

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

ABSENT: Marcia Davis, Tom Everitt and Sherri Sharpe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Finding no corrections to the February 13, 2025 Minutes, Board **approved** them.

TREASURER: Finding no questions or objections to the **February 28, 2025 Treasurer's report**, the Board **approved**.

FINANCE: Next Finance Committee meeting is Friday, May 9, 2025 from nine to noon at the Sun City Library Branch at the Bell Center. Both reps will be present. Everyone is welcome. If coming, please let Jessica know so that she can have the correct number of handouts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dan reported that back-to-back stories appeared in the Independent, both in print and online. PR committee's next meeting is Monday, March 17, 2025. Aims are to get clarity on a couple of outstanding issues and to review and determine possible improvements to **suncitylibraryfriends.org**, our website.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Tom Haugsby and other new members are beginning the orientation process. A prime goal this year is to focus on officer succession. Tom H. would like to get input from both Tom E and Marcia on the topic. Sue reminded us that it is also the work of all of us to recruit. Tom H has a couple of individuals in mind as possible Board candidates. Several Board members are members of the Fairway Readers. Tom felt there may be ways for the Friends to collaborate with that group on a project. This would stress Community involvement.

EVENTS/VOLUNTEERS: Ruth reported that there were 67, including 7 guests, coming for the Volunteer Dinner, on Thursday, March 20, at the Sun City Country Club at 5:30. She divulged no details on the program, only saying the evening will be DELIGHTFUL! Ruth's term on the Board is ending soon, but she has agreed to continue in her role until a replacement can be found. The events portion of her position she is willing to continue after a new appointment is made.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: The Committee agreed to drop Memory Care Kit development and delivery from its priority efforts and refer the program back to the library. Also, home delivery of materials will be put on hold. Our efforts will be on expanding our Share With Me presentations to Assisted-Living sites and perhaps add another location for the programs. Our presentation volunteers now number 17. Most recent volunteers have come from word-of-mouth recommendations. At our meeting on March 31, 2025, we will check into our list of facilities to discern a possible third location. Members of the Board suggested Ventena Winds on 113th in Youngtown, and Immanuel Campus Care at 99th and Sun City Blvd. A name change for the committee was suggested to more accurately reflect what we do. “Outreach” was suggested.

BOOKSTORE MANAGER: A bookstore training is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2025. It will be held at Tivoli Gardens and includes lunch. This date was selected because of MCLD staff training day in which both libraries would be closed. The MCLD decision has since been revoked, but our training will go forward. The store will be closed that day. Discussion of possible summer hours was had. Finally, **Tom H moved** that we would **Close the Bookstore in the afternoons, Monday through Saturday, for the months of July and August, 2025. Geri seconded it. Motion passed.**

Because it has been tried and not been successful, the idea of assistant manager was not pursued. However, a succession plan for the manager is needed.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Nande reviewed the current placement of recycle bins. At this point, there is no new info on what or when the County library will arrange for bookstore recycling. Board will bring this topic forward again at the April meeting.

All materials, except the bags, have been ordered for the Memory kits. Sensory books are to be made on next Saturday by a library craft group. It will not make total number needed but it will be a good start. The kits should be ready to go in May. Bags, themselves are the strength of “pickup” grocery bags. They will have 2 logos, Friends and MCLD, one on either side.

Friends sponsored three programs at the Sun City Branch, largest attendance, 25, was at the Apple program. Upcoming offerings include a poet/rock presentation. When asked about the number of no shows, Nande said it usually ran about 25%.

Renada at Fairway reported that among those programs sponsored by Friends, A Flamenco Dance and History offering had 43 attendees.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Recycling was discussed. Although the present situation seems to be nonconformity to our lease, Chris mentioned that it may just be “business as usual” when dealing with government entities. It just takes more time.

Cathy reminded us that if the recycling is not resolved soon, the bookstore may have to STOP taking donations except for what the library donates. It is important to note that 90% of our donations come from the Public, 10% come from the library. Again, the issue will be taken up in April.

Chris reviewed what had been asked for last month: a shade to cut the heat in summer and the deep cleaning of the bathroom. It turns out shade is not needed for a window, but the door in the hallway leading outside. Chris will correct the request. Some improvement has been seen in the bathroom cleanliness.

Nande was asked about broken toilet seat in public washrooms. It has been replaced. All the washrooms will be updated with a commercial use seat. Security guards were again mentioned. The issue is being worked on. Improved lighting in the bookstore is awaiting input from MCLD.

Chris thanked the Board for the invite to our volunteer dinner and she will be attending.

NEWSLETTER: Tom E was absent

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy spoke about the website's improvements. She encouraged us all to go through the site. She and Sue have worked on a slide show for it. There is a link to "Save our Library" site put up by Marcia. The donation receipt has been updated. She will put up a notice that the bookstore will be closed on March 28th for training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sue mentioned that National Library Week is April 6-12. We will acknowledge that in an Update article, but no other activity is planned for this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Whether we participate in SCHOA's new resident program on April 23rd has not been decided.

Our next meeting will be held In PERSON at 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2025 at the Sun City Branch at the Bell Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board