

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 14, 2024, 10 a.m. on Zoom

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Glen Brown, Cindy Daly, Tom Everitt, Tom Haugsby, Irene Nathanson, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Joyce Voss, and Janelle Yoder

ABSENT: Cathy Weyers and Jean Totten

Introductions were made to Janelle Yoder, the new supervisor of the Fairway Branch Library. The board had received earlier in the week, by email, a short profile of Janelle.

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

MINUTES: Ruth moved to **approve the minutes of the February 2024 Board Meeting** and Sherri seconded. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER: Joyce moved to **accept the December 31, 2023 Treasurer Report.** Ruth seconded it. **Motion carried.**

Ruth moved to **accept the February 29, 2024, Treasurer Report.** Sherri seconded. **Motion carried.**

Jessica was asked when the Bookstore began Online sales. It was in 2022. Appreciation of the new Library/Bookstore sign was expressed.

Tom H asked about the Insurance coverage for the Friends and the Bookstore. Jessica explained that we carry a special rider on our general community liability policy that covers volunteer accidents in the bookstore. The insurance cost is around \$6,000 a year.

FINANCE: Greg Eisert, a Financial Committee volunteer investment advisor has resigned. We are looking for a replacement.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Vacancy!!

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Vacancy!!

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Plans are moving along for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on March 20. There will be 58 attendees, 8 of them, guests. Awards will be given. Mary Fischer-McGhee will receive the Volunteer of the Year Award for her work with Online Sales and Irene Nathanson will be recognized for Special Service in re-establishing a Read-To-Me Program. Our dinner will also be a goodbye to Glen, who will become the Electronic Resources Manager for the Maricopa County Library System.

Volunteer Hours recorded for 2023 was 8904.25.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: Irene reported on the Read-To-Me survey sent to the presenters. The main issue that emerged was the lack of staff presence during our program at Woodmark. A letter was sent to Michelle Defoe, our contact there. There has been good feedback from the volunteers since then. Irene will continue to monitor.

The Gardens has offered a room for Volunteers to enjoy a “sharing” of their experiences with RTM. It is set for 2:00 pm on May 15.

Marcia Davis and Irene will meet on March 16th to discuss Mailchimp. It is being upgraded because contacts have increased. Jessica has received the first bill from Mailchimp and told us payment is required after 500 email addresses are reached.

BOOKSTORE: Cathy was absent. It was reported that Cathy and Karen had gone to the Gardens to inspect their collection of books. The Gardens, soon to be assessed by Corporate, was interested in reducing its collection and only keeping materials that Gardens clientele would use. This project came about because one of our volunteers at the Gardens was approached and that volunteer passed the word along.

Also, Charlotte and Gerhard Klose have a large collection of books that is being offered to the bookstore. Some of the weeded materials are suitable for our online sales. Cathy and others will work with the collection later this month. Charlotte, recently deceased, organized a program called Book Friends, the predecessor of our RTM program.

We are donating materials to the Adobe Mountain School District. This earned the Friends a nomination for an award given by the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC).

Dr. Angela Fischer nominated the Friends and will escort Cathy and Karen Brooks to the ceremony on April 3, 2024, at the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Glen's last work day at Sun City Branch Library is March 27. In his new position, he will be working out of the White Tank Branch. He has left copious notes for his successor concerning work with the Friends.

He was asked about the supply of Friends bags the Sun City branches have. It seems okay for now but he will provide an inventory of Friends-supplied items.

National Library Week was discussed. Friends will have a presence at each branch. Tuesday at 9 is good for Fairway. Sun City Branch will celebrate on Thursday from 9-11. Details of the actual celebration will be forthcoming.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: absent

NEWSLETTER: Tom E is always ready to receive pictures and news for Focus on Friends.

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy, while in Ecuador this time, is unable to connect to the Friends Website. She has plans to correct this before her next trip.

At this point, in the meeting, Tom H leaves because of the next order of business, to vote on the recommendation of his joining the Board

NEW BUSINESS: Tom E, Cathy, and Sue have interviewed Tom H on Zoom and **highly recommend Tom H for the Board**. Joyce so moved and

Jessica seconded. The Board **unanimously accepted**. His orientation will be scheduled and his information will be added to the Roster.

Joyce moved for the **meeting to be adjourned** and Irene seconded.
Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be on April 11, 2024, at 10 am. It will be in person at the Sun City Branch, Bell Center, at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Voss
Secretary, FOSCL Board