

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

Originally scheduled to be an In-Person meeting, we met on Zoom due to medical issues.

Call to Order: 10:03

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

ABSENT: Marcia Davis, Sherri Sharpe and Cathy Weyers

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

TREASURER: Finding no questions or objections to the **March 31, 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 would arrive later in the meeting. Ruth mentioned that we were out of bookmarks. Will there be a supply that reflect the summer hours. It will be considered. Next meeting of PR committee is April 21, 2025 at Sue's home. Board members are asked to regularly check our website, **suncitylibraryfriends.org**, not only for information but to spot where updates might be needed. We can all help.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Tom Haugsby and other new Board members have taken an orientation tour of the book store. By-laws will be looked at and updated as needed in the days ahead.

EVENTS/VOLUNTEERS: Ruth noted what a great Volunteer dinner was celebrated and nothing but good things being reported. Everyone seemed to really enjoy that evening's program in which we learned much about each other. Thanks to Sue and Tom E for providing it. The next volunteer event will be in October.

Ruth's term on the Board is ended in March, but she has agreed to continue in her role for 6 months or so until a replacement can be found. The events portion of her position she is willing to continue after a new appointment is made.

Tom E mentioned that he and Ruth had streamlined the list of volunteers who receive Friends in Focus. His list now contains only active members. He urged those using volunteers to update him when a volunteer leaves.

HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE: Irene happily reported that there are now 4 One-to-One readers at The Gardens. The new brochure for Share with Me has been approved and is now at the printer. 1000 were ordered. At present the brochure has a Mission Statement. After some discussion, for the next printing, the statement itself will remain but it will not be called a mission statement. Irene asked Chris if she could promote the program at RCSC. She agreed to do this and will be sent necessary material. The committee settled on a new name which seemed to be agreeable to the Board. It is the Community Enrichment Committee. That term will be used on the Treasurers report going forward.

To grow or not to grow was discussed. Services of the committee is driven by volunteers willing to help. Given the lack of new volunteers, the CEC decided to move discussion of the matter to October. The committee will not be meeting in the summer months.

Finally, this is Irene's last year as a Board member. We need to think about her successor.

BOOKSTORE MANAGER: Cathy was not at meeting. Sue reported that the shade requested for the heat generating window in the bookstore is now in place. Our lighting evaluation for the bookstore is still awaiting direction from the County Library System director.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Nande reviewed recent programs sponsored by the Friends. Two particularly popular ones: Jackson Brown poetry (60 attended) and the History of Games. Among the upcoming programs is The Rise of Antisemitism and Nazi Propaganda planned for April 21 at the Sun City branch.

The conversion project has been approved for a six-month trial. Now it proceeds to IT. All supplies for the Memory Kits are in house. Nande showed the new kit bags bearing the library logo on one side and the Friends logo on the other. Some sensory books have been completed and more will be made by a library craft group.

Two popular programs at Fairway were an adult Paint Along and a lively presentation by Marshall Shores, the AZ hip historian. Upcoming on April 25 we can look for Arizona Legends of the Old West.

Renada also gave kudos to the five consistent and reliable Fairway volunteers who gave 55 hours of service during March.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Chris enjoyed the Volunteer Dinner and expressed thanks for being invited. She received the Friends information for posting on the RCSC website. Title of Senior Leader has been changed back to “Director” for those in charge of the different areas of Sun City. The Director of Golf has resigned and a replacement is being sought. With the departure of Matthew D’Luzansky as General Manager, an acting General Manager has been appointed. Before a new manager is selected the Board is looking for a good recruitment company to assist in finding an individual with skills to oversee a complex entity like Sun City.

Chris also mentioned RCSC renewed collaboration with SCHOA like the upcoming New Residents Program.

NEWSLETTER: Tom E had nothing further.

WEB AND GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy thanked Renada for her pictures and information on Fairway programming. It is good to showcase both libraries on our website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Friends and the Library will share a table at the New Resident Orientation on April 23, 2025.
2. IMLS Budget cuts have occurred as a result of the national governments recent actions. This will have the greatest impact on state counties with more rural areas. It impacts certain school districts, AZ Humanities and AZ Speaks. It is truly affecting the underserved. Maricopa County does not receive grants from this source.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sherri Sharp submitted her resignation from the Board. **Tom H moved that her resignation be accepted with regret. Jessica seconded. Motion passed.**

Our next meeting will be held on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. May 8, 2025.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Voss, Secretary of the FOSCL Board