

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 13, 2023- 10 a.m. on Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Tom Everitt, Ruth Polansky, Jessica Potter Slider, Cathy Weyers, Irene Nathanson, Jean Totten, Maria Lafayette, D. Lathrop (appointed as Secretary pro tempore). Steve Tompkins, staff member at Bell Library substituted for Glen. Anita Borski, bookstore volunteer, attended as a guest.

ABSENT: Joyce Voss, Jennie O'Leary, Glen Brown, Sherri Sharp

MINUTES: Ruth moved that the March 9, 2023 minutes be approved and D. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER: Jessica reported the highlights of the monthly financial report; revenue exceeded expenses. She reported the largest expense was the Volunteer Banquet. She also reported the hallway work at Fairway was completed and new seed envelopes were purchased for Sun City Library. The installation of the water fountain is progressing- the plumbing and electrical work is complete and the fountain has been delivered.

Motion to accept the report as presented was made by Ruth and seconded by Maria. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Nothing reported.

FINANCE: The next finance committee meeting with our investment companies will be on May 12, 2023 from 9-12:00 at the Sun City Library conference room. Jessica requested those who will be attending contact her so she has an estimate of how many will be there.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Irene reported Board flyers have been distributed at various locations including the Sun City Library lobby. She also said we are moving from internal searching to external. She stressed that we are all in this together and would like to see other Board members suggest good candidates.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Ruth reported the volunteer dinner was a success with about 40 guests attending. Nothing is planned yet, but she is hoping to coordinate a summer mingle for volunteers.

BOARD ADVISORS:

BOOKSTORE: Cathy reported there are four new volunteers who are almost done with their training. She thanked D. and Tom for their work on various projects. New display boxes for CDs were built by a bookstore volunteer's husband. Cathy will close the store on July 3rd for overhauling and rearranging the store. There was a staff meeting for the volunteers who primarily work in the back room and another is scheduled for the near future. The sale for May will be books priced .50 or higher written by female authors. Cathy was delighted to announce "We're on YELP!". The site can be accessed by searching "used bookstores in my area". Irene reminded that she needs emails for the new volunteers for her MailChimp list. D. said she would provide that info when new people come on board. D. thanked Tom and Cathy for the hard work they've done during the transition to new management. Sue thanked Cathy for doing a good job. There will be another bookstore summit on April 21 at 10 a.m. in the North Meeting Room at Bell.

Irene made a motion for Cathy to be named manager and D. to be assistant manager. Jessica seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Steve Tompkins reported on the progress of the water fountain project and said it should be operational soon.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Jean Totten reported on progress with the Mountain View project.

WRITER-IN-CHIEF: Tom reminded Sue and Cathy they are responsible for the SunViews article regarding the bookstore.

WEB and GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy was absent. She continues to be our resource for the webpage and store documents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A lively discussion transpired regarding the lockers proposed by MCLD. Sue agreed to contact Jeremy to discuss the need for more information from MCLD and RCSC.

Ruth made a motion to table the decision pending more information from MCLD and RCSC. Jessica seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **HOMEBOUND WORKGROUP:** Irene reported the group has been very busy. D. and Mary have excused themselves from the group due to other commitments. The group will be launching a “Read to Me” program in June with 2 Memory Care/Adult Daycare facilities. They are looking for more readers and will be contacting current and former volunteers for an opportunity to join the group. They are in the process of designing and producing a rack card to be placed at the Visitor Center and various other locations in Sun City. She reported the Visitor Center was excited to help promote “Read to Me”. Irene gave thanks to Maria and Mary Fischer-McKee for their hard work and the rest of the team for their contributions.
- **ADVERTISING IN INDEPENDENT:** next month
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKGROUP:** next month

NEW BUSINESS:

- **National Library Week** is April 23-29, 2023. The Friends will provide snacks for the staff. Sue will coordinate.

The next board meeting will be on May 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted by D. Lathrop, Secretary pro tempore.