

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 11, 2023- 10 a.m. on Zoom

PRESENT: Sue Blechl, Glen Brown, Cindy Daly, Tom Everitt, Maria Lafayette, D Lathrop Irene Nathanson, Jennie O'Leary, Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider, Jean Totten, and Joyce Voss.

ABSENT: Cathy Weyers

GUESTS (Prospective Board Members): Anita Borski and Noelle Graham

The Board and the prospective Board members exchanged introductions.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

MINUTES: D moved that the **April 13, 2023 minutes be approved as sent**, and Ruth seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

TREASURER: Jessica reported the highlights of the monthly financial report; revenue exceeded the normal monthly projection due to the payment of Insurance. That is considered when determining monthly expenses. Friends' funds were also used for the new bottle filler fountain at the Bell location, seeds for our annual giveaway of seed packets, and three library programs.

Joyce made **a motion to accept the report as presented** and seconded by Sherri. **Motion passed.**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Jennie - Nothing reported.

FINANCE: The next finance committee meeting with our investment companies will be on May 12, 2023, from 9-12:00 in 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. She will prepare packets for Anita and Noelle as requested by them.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: D expressed kudos for the work Irene has done in recruitment, especially since D has been very involved with the bookstore. A vote on the two prospective members will take place later in the meeting.

EVENT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Ruth is getting new badges for new volunteers. She would like the Board dinner to possibly be replaced by an activity, like a paint night and food. Ideas should be given to Ruth.

BOARD ADVISORS:

BOOKSTORE: Cathy was not able to attend and D reported on items pertaining to the Book Store. A staff signed thank you note from the library staff was shared. D is training two more volunteers. The bookstore will be closed on July 1 and 3 for rearranging and inventory. For the last part of the month, there is a Flash Sale on coffee table books, each is fifty cents. Currently, an agreement with Thrift Books is being evaluated. There followed a discussion about who can sign contracts. Our bylaws will be checked for a final answer. Another discussion followed concerning “donations” in light of the removal of large recycle bins outside the library. Hopefully, a final solution will be brought to the next meeting.

MCLD REPRESENTATIVE: Glen reported that a new librarian, Renada Aung Khin will begin May 25, and a new supervisor, Brittany Parkhouse will begin June 12. Some sort of plaque could be placed near the new water fountain stating it is a gift from Friends. Details to be worked out. The Lockers project has been tabled. Glen was asked how the 3D Printer is being used. Brackets, bulletin board holders, and display needs are some of the ways. The idea of a news story about the Printer was mentioned. County Recorders kiosk to be re-installed at the Bell location.

RCSC REPRESENTATIVE: Jean Totten, Communication Coordinator for SAC (Strategic Alternatives Committee), an ad hoc committee formed to address the Mountain View Recreation Center renovation, reported that the weekly Friday meetings at 2 pm are open to all members and will be held throughout the summer. SAC will present its recommendation to the RCSC Board on September 28. The committee will use metrics, such as capital costs, estimated operating costs, redundancy, and attractiveness. Additionally, the committee would like to hear from various organizations, as to how they would use a Performance Center. Committee meetings are at the Oakmont Recreation Center, Building B.

WRITER-IN-CHIEF: Tom brought up the question of Friends using the Performance Center since we are not an official RCSC organization. If it could not be free, perhaps the Friends could get a special rate. The Read-To-Me rack card will be the Sun Views column in the June 1 edition.

WEB and GRAPHICS MASTER: Cindy told us that she is available to work on the Website even when she is out of town. Please send her information and pictures of recent activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. For National Library Week Friends provided library staff with treats, Donuts on Wednesday, and Pizza on Friday.
2. Homebound Work Group chair, Irene reported that working successfully with the Woodmark Activity Director, Michelle DeFord, the Read-To-Me program will begin at their memory care site called The Legacies on June 7, 2023. Currently, the schedule is every two weeks but that might be expanded with additional volunteers. The Benevilla planning has stopped due to the facility's great turnover rate and unresponsiveness to us. The Gardens is a potential client. Distribution of the rack cards, which announce our

- need for readers, can be found at the Visitors Center and at the two branches. Churches might be another avenue for the cards. Sue will send a PDF of the rack card to the Board members.
3. Joyce gave preliminary remarks on the development of a Public Relations plan. She and Sue have started to meet and hope to have some concrete plans by the next board meeting.
 4. Advertising in the Independent may change to one-half page twice a year instead of one-quarter page every month. This would be a bigger splash for less cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We are encouraged to think about how we might develop other rack cards for other services.
2. Voting on accepting two new board members, Anita Borski and Noelle Graham took place. **D moved to bring Anita and Noelle onto the Board.** Sherri seconded it. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The next board meeting will be on June 8, 2023, at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Lunch will follow at a to-be-determined spot after the meeting, for those who wish to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Voss
Secretary, FOSCL Board