

Friends of the Sun City Libraries  
Board Meeting  
September 12, 2024

Attending board members: Sue Blechl, Tom Haugsby, Irene Nathanson, Chris Nettesheim (non-voting), Ruth Polansky, Sherri Sharp, Jessica Potter Slider .

Not attending: Cindy Daly and Joyce Voss

Guests and advisors: Jan Erickson, Tom Everitt, Dan Kellams, Ren Aung Khin, Nande Marin and Cathy Weyers

**President** Sue Blechl opened the meeting held on Zoom:

Sue greeted guests Jan Erickson and Dan Kellams who are beginning a process of discerning ways to support the Friends. They introduced themselves and the board members and guests did also.

- She said that Tom Haugsby is secretary pro tem since Joyce could not attend.
- Asking voting members if they had any corrections to the minutes of August 8, 2024. None were offered so she asked for a motion to approve those minutes. A **motion** by Ruth Polansky and second from Irene Nathanson to approve those minutes. **Approved** on a hand count.

**Treasurer's** report -- Jessica Potter-Slider said:

- As of August 31, 2024 the financial health of the Friends is very good.
- Bookstore sales are ahead of last month.
- Reports were paused during the uncertainty over library leases, but will be resumed and current by the next meeting.
- Friends have accounts totaling about \$5M in two investment vehicles, one at a local bank and the other with Raymond James.
- Our accounts and transactions are now done electronically and some adjustments recommended by our financial advisor(s) have been made.
- **Motion** by Sherri Sharp with second from Ruth to accept the treasurer's report **passed** by hand count.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- Community Outreach (no chair at present) -- Sue announced that she had committed the Friends to participate in the October "new residents" event. Held October 8 at Fairway Sue attending with Nande.. Others? let her know.
- Financial Committee usually meets in October (twice per year). The October meeting is postponed over leases uncertainty and lack of urgency. New members for this committee needed from Friends or public.
- Board Development -- Tom Haugsby and Sue report that they met and,
  - Will arrange an orientation for new board members in October.
  - Dan Kellams is being considered for appointment to the board. Dan will meet with Tom and other Friends in coming weeks as can be arranged. The interviewers will evaluate the candidate for recommendation. After the interview with Dan, a recommendation to the board will be made by the Board Development chair. The Board votes to approve the appointment or to decline the candidate.

- Tom and Sue are developing an orientation plan for new board members. Existing board members may want a refresher and can attend the orientation for new board members.
  - Sue and Tom are considering modifications in the application/interview protocol for future board appointments. More on this in November.
- Social Events -- Ruth said:
  - She remains interested in hosting a Puzzlepalooza event which received little feedback from members when she floated the idea, but she still wants to do it. Some discussion about who to include and that remains unresolved. Ruth said she would pick a date for this in November.
  - Broad discussion about Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation events without resolution. The volunteer appreciation event is usually in March.
- Homebound Committee -- Irene Nathanson reports that she has six potential new presenters in process for Share with Me. New presenter Jim Reay will be presenting to the assisted living residents at The Gardens 9/16/24.
- Bookstore -- Cathy Weyers said:
  - She and some other volunteers attended the Boucheron World Mystery Convention in Nashville. Good experience and looking forward to going to New Orleans next year.
  - Publication *News Flash* skipped and not noticed. She will publish as news accumulates and needed.
  - Considering closing store in the afternoons when it is very hot.
- Librarians -- Nande Marin and Ren Aung Khin outlined:
  - Community education projects include Android system use, Medicare information, Alzheimer brain and memory screening, monthly craft events that encourage new relationships, two musical events.
  - Support from Friends requested for a mobile projector, cost \$300.
- RCSC representative -- Chris Nettesheim said the Friends' space is protected in the new leases and she outlined a regular meeting schedule between RCSC and MCLD so that issues are raised and resolved well ahead of lease renewal deadlines. Issues that arise should be directed to Jeremy Reeder for resolution with RCSC.

### **New Business**

- National Friends of the Library week is coming and Sue will attend to that.
- Sue wrote an article for October publication in *Sun City Update*.
- Question about whether and how to honor or memorialize people who have made contributions to the Friends and libraries. Discussion will continue with mixed views expressed. Tom Everitt said that is not in the mission, Irene said feelings can be hurt if missed, also members wanted to think more.

Sue announced the next board meeting will be October 10 at 10:30 am on Zoom.

Sue declared the meeting adjourned after seeking further new business requests.

Submitted by,  
Tom Haugsby, secretary pro tem