



FEBRUARY 13, 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The annual meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m by President Sue Blechl. Present were: Sue Blechl, Patricia Bates, Jessica Potter-Slider, Cathy Weyers, Ruth Polansky, Charlotte Klose, Irene Nathanson, Jerry Walczak, Roberta Hawksworth, Brianna King (MCLD), Mary Anne McDonald (Bookstore), Tom Everitt (Writer-in-Chief), Rich Hoffer (RCSC) and Marcia Davis (Web and Graphics). Mary Anne introduced her guest, Charlotte Henderson.

Knowing of the Board's concern, Sue Blechl gave a brief update on her mother's medical situation.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer: The January 31, 2020 financial report was distributed. Jessica Potter-Slider pointed out that a number of library programs had been paid for in advance during January, resulting in a deficit for the month. A contract has been received from Monica Stern to act as tax preparer for 2019; the Board agreed that Jessica should sign and return the contract to Ms. Stern.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Publicity: Roberta Hawksworth reported that she has made some modification to newspaper ads to reflect Bookstore sales dates for specific authors.

Community Outreach: Sue Blechl passed around a sign-up sheet for upcoming events, including the SCHOA new resident event on February 28, the Bell Spring Fling on February 29 and the Fairway Fun Fair on March 28.

Finance: Jessica Potter-Slider noted the Finance Committee would have their first meeting of the year on February 14 at 9:15 in The Gathering Place. The financial advisers will be reporting on 2019 performance and 2020 expectations.

Event Coordinator: Cathy Weyers reported that a member of the musical group contracted to entertain at the Spring Volunteer Dinner has asked to be able to sell her book at the event. The Board voted to decline the request.

Book Buddies: Sue Blechl reported that Monica Fallon has been moved to the Mariposa assisted living facility in Surprise and that she is making progress beyond expectations. Ruth Polansky will contact Monica to provide updates on Book Buddies and to work out a way to share responsibilities going forward.

Book Friends: Charlotte Klose reported that this program continues to go forward. Charlotte and Linda McKnight try to keep up the morale of readers in the face of what



might otherwise be depressing circumstances. There are no immediate plans to expand the program outside Sun City.

Board Development: No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: Ruth Polansky reported that the Volunteers Get-Together held on February 7 at The Gathering Place was well attended with several new attendees. It was felt that this is a good way for Book Buddies and Book Friends who operate in a rather solitary fashion to mingle with other volunteers. Ruth also noted that work on the March Volunteers Dinner is on-going and that individual invitations will be mailed out soon, likely by the coming week-end.

BOARD ADVISORS:

Bookstore Manager: Mary Anne McDonald reported that the moratorium on large donations of books has resulted in the store room being cleaned out; large donations will once again be accepted starting February 14. This change will be mentioned on the MCLD and Friends websites along with the Bookstore's Facebook page. Mary Anne then asked Charlotte Henderson to provide an update on her research regarding on-line book sales. Charlotte proposed an expansion of the Friends' mission statement. She also noted that Friends could receive a percentage of sales (via cookies) if we provide a link to ABE Books from our website and Facebook page. Marcia Davis offered to work with Charlotte to sell collectible books via Facebook. Mary Anne initiated discussion of the sale of a kachina and a miniature adobe house currently on display in the bookstore. It was thought perhaps a silent auction would be a good way to approach the issue; decision postponed til meetings resume in the Fall. It was noted the Bookstore will be closed on March 6 due to library staff training.

Library Manager: Brianna King reported that the music for the Fairway Anniversary party has been booked. Ruth, Marcia, Sue and Irene volunteered to meet with Janelle Breedveld to arrange for Friends' participation in the celebration. Marcia will contact the face-painting lady.

RCSC Representative: Rich Hoffer expressed his pleasure in being the RCSC representative to Friends and offered his assistance if we have any questions or problems.

Writer-in-Chief: Tom Everitt asked if Marcia Davis would be reading her 2019 annual report. Marcia felt including it in Tom's newsletter to volunteers was sufficient; a few hard copies will be available in the bookstore and a copy will be sent to Rusty Bradshaw at the Independent. Tom also noted that the canister lights meant to illuminate the dark corners of the bookstore are not operational; RCSC is currently investigating the situation. Tom was contacted by someone from Sun City West for information regarding our Gathering Place; it was discovered that SCW had something totally different in mind.



Web and Graphics Master: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Marcia Davis reported that she was able to contact all but five volunteers regarding tee shirt orders. The shirts have now been ordered; she is awaiting proofs to approve before printing begins. The shirts will be presented at the March Volunteer Dinner.

Sue Blechl reported that six Board members participated in the goal-setting session; a draft was distributed via email. Charlotte Klose had several suggestions regarding long-term goals and will send them to Sue. Sue will then revise and re-send the 2020 goals in time to be voted on at the March meeting. One of the major issues to be addressed will be back-up volunteers for all Board and Committee Chair positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy Weyers, as Board Development Chair, presented the slate of officers to serve until February 2021:

President: Sue Blechl
Vice-President: Cathy Weyers
Treasurer: Jessica Potter-Slider
Secretary: Patricia Bates

The vote to approve the slate was unanimous.

A letter was received from The Sun Cities Historical Society regarding their Gala to be held on March 5. Ruth Polansky made a motion to reduce the Friends' contribution to \$1000, seconded by Irene Nathanson. Motion carried. It was also suggested that we request better communication from the Society regarding future contributions.

Jessica Potter-Slider stated that, following the March meeting signatory officers would be going to BBVA to update the checking account.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Bates
Secretary

Following the meeting, Sue issued an open invitation to board members to meet for lunch at Line Thai.