



March 11, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by President Sue Blechl via Zoom. Present were: Sue Blechl, Patricia Bates, Jessica Potter-Slider, Cathy Weyers, Ruth Polansky, Linda McKnight, Roberta Hawksworth, Charlotte Klose, Irene Nathanson, Brianna King (MCLD), Tom Everitt (Writer-in-Chief), Mary Anne McDonald (Bookstore), Sheila Rooney (RCSC) and Marcia Davis (Web and Records). Diane Wysocki attended as a guest.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting were approved with the following correction: remove "...for a fee of \$1700" from the Treasurer's report. (Secretary's note: the revised February minutes will be distributed along with the March minutes).

Treasurer: Jessica Potter-Slider distributed the February financial report via email prior to the meeting. She reviewed the month's expenditures. Jessica also reported having received an email from The Independent asking that Roberta and Irene respond by 2:00 p.m today regarding wording for the bookstore ad.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Publicity: Roberta Hawksworth indicated she had received the same email from the new advertising representative at The Independent and would respond today. It was agreed that "Closed Until Further Notice" be included in bookstore ads. Irene Nathanson reported that she had been contacted by Spend It regarding advertising; it was decided not to participate.

Community Outreach: Linda McKnight reported that she had contacted Little Free Libraries and has gathered information regarding newsletters, guides, kits and construction details. It was Friends intention only to assist existing Little Free Libraries in Sun City with book donations; Linda will continue to try to make contact with the operators of those existing libraries.

Finance: No report

Event Coordinator: No report

Book Buddies: No report

Book Friends: No report

Board Development: Cathy Weyers reported that the Committee had interviewed Diane Wysocki via Zoom for a position on the Board.

Volunteer Coordinator: No report



BOARD ADVISERS:

Bookstore Manager: Mary Anne McDonald reported that a small group continues to work to prepare the bookstore for re-opening. They were unable to work on Tuesday due to a defective lock on the door and the locksmith needed to be called. If there is a key to that door, nobody knows where it is; Brianna King volunteered to work with Chris Herring for help in locating said key. Brianna also stated that RCSC would begin rain damage repairs in the bookstore on March 12. Mary Anne reported that she has tested the cash register and it seems to be okay; a test-run will be made prior to re-opening to make certain it is functioning correctly.

Library Manager: Brianna King reported that the Chrome book and hotspot programs have been very popular. MCLD is working on the next phase of re-opening but no dates have been established. She also issued a reminder that Culture Passes are now available to be checked out, giving free access for two to three area attractions. There will be a press release as soon as MCLD is ready to move to the next phase and it was felt Books Around the Corner should follow suit soon after, lagging perhaps two weeks behind the libraries.

RCSC Representative: Sheila Rooney noted that RCSC is currently working to be more flexible with regard to facilities while keeping in mind that Sun City demographics put us among the most vulnerable. She also noted that RCSC is currently searching for a replacement for the RCSC General Manager who is retiring at the end of the year.

Writer-in-Chief: No report. Cathy Weyers suggested that the newsletter pose questions to the volunteers in hopes of garnering more participation. Specifically she suggested asking what positive things may have occurred during the pandemic, i.e. how the extra time has been utilized.

Web and Graphics Master: Marcia Davis reported that the Webley platform is much more stable and that she is now able to make month-to-month comparisons on website activity. As expected, web activity has been low.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sue Blechl has identified a core of volunteers interested in establishing an on-line venue for book sales and will set up a date for them to meet via Zoom to begin working in that direction

Sue Blechl had distributed a draft of the 2021 goals. It was suggested that the goal of exploring diversity options be included in the goals. One of the previous goals was "job shadowing" which has not yet been implemented. Sue Blechl will contact each board member individually to determine what path they would like to follow.



It was noted that Sue Blechl had emailed the 2020 annual report and had shared it with Tom for the newsletter. Sue noted that she had neglected to include the Volunteer Mingle held on February 7, 2020 in her report. Marcia added a reminder that she would be publishing the report on the first page of the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

The on-going issue of volunteers' participation in the newsletter was revisited. Sue Blechl suggested a Friend-to-Friend column, asking what important things are happening with them. Not knowing to what degree the volunteers have been impacted by the pandemic, it was suggested that phone calls be made to each volunteer just to see how they're doing and find out if they have anything they'd like to share with others. Ruth Polansky will coordinate this project.

It was decided to table the idea of participation in the Thursday Farmers Market for the sale of books.

Cathy Weyers put forward the nomination of Diane Wysocki for membership on the Board of Directors. Roberta Hawksworth seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diane was welcomed to the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Via Zoom.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Bates
Secretary