MARCH 14, 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m by President Marcia Davis. Present were: Marcia Davis, Sue Blechl, Patricia Bates, Jessica Potter-Slider, Cathy Weyers, Charlotte Klose, Ruth Polansky, Roberta Hawksworth, Jerry Walczak, Vicki Novak (MCLD), Mary Anne McDonald (Bookstore) and Tom Everitt (Writer-in-Chief). Monica Fallon attended as a guest.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting were approved with the following correction: A meeting of volunteers on the Book Buddies committee was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: The 2/28/19 financial report was distributed. Jessica pointed out that some security deposits had been made for summer library programs; these monies will be returned assuming no damage to the facilities hosting the programs. Jessica pointed out that the bookstore continues to generate revenues exceeding 2018 monthly totals.

Publicity: Roberta reported that the bulletin board outside the bookstore is finally up-to-date and she has an extra supply of lettering for future changes. It was also noted that Jerry Walczak will assist her with computer activities related to Publicity.

Community Outreach: Sue Blechl reported that 80 people attended her presentation (assisted by Marcia Davis) to the United Method Church. A presentation to the Stephens Ministry at Lakeview Methodist (assisted by Cathy) attracted about 15 people. Ruth assisted Sue at our booth at the SCHOA New Homeowners event. Sue does not have any additional events scheduled at this time. Sue volunteered to write an article for The Independent promoting the Outreach program. Marcia suggested a photo be included. Sue would like to do another club-wide mailing in the Fall. Tom suggested that the program be offered to RISE for their Fall schedule. Sue was not happy with the way she was quoted in a recent article in The Independent regarding the Bell Farmers’ Market; she will write a letter to the editor explaining her comments. Rack cards are now available promoting the Board of Directors.

Finance: Jessica announced a special meeting of the Finance Committee on March 22 to discuss investment advisers. The next regular meeting of the Committee will be May 10. Both meetings will begin at 9:00 am in The Gathering Place.

Volunteer Activities: Cathy reported that she has 82 volunteers signed up to attend the Appreciation Dinner on March 21 at Palmbrook CC. She will arrive early to assist with set-up. Ruth will help at the entry desk handing out programs and meal tickets. The volunteer questionnaire and Friends pens will be placed on the dining tables. Tom would like to have photos of the event to use with various newspaper articles; Marcia volunteered to take the
photos but will need someone to take photos during the presentations. Marcia will contact Camilla Kuberka regarding Volunteers of the Year bios. All committee chairmen were responsible for follow-up calls to their volunteers reminding them of the dinner; 31 names did not have specific assignments, Ruth and Sue agreed to follow up with them by phone following the meeting. Cathy intends to keep a list of no-shows.

**Book Buddies:** Monica Fallon reported that she has contacted Meals on Wheels regarding the program and they seemed enthusiastic. She left brochures for them to distribute. Monica is in the process of contacting Olive Branch personnel as well as the CAN organization. She has been invited to give a presentation about BookBuddies to Woodmark; their in-house library has folded and some residents have no access to reading material.

**Book Friends:** Charlotte Klose reported that she has added two new readers for a total of nine. Reading sessions are attracting upwards of 20 people per session and additional sessions have been requested.

**Board Development:** Cathy reported that a Board candidate will be interviewed on Monday and requested that current members try to recruit from among friends and acquaintances. Marcia will include the need in her remarks at the Appreciation dinner. The possibility of a poster in the library was discussed.

**Web and Records:** No report.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Ruth will publish volunteer rosters during the summer. Applications are available on the website for chairmen to download and print.

**BOARD ADVISORS:**

**Bookstore Manager:** Mary Anne reported that Tom Clancy will be the featured author for the April half price sale. She thanked Tom Everitt for organizing the bookstore closets. Mary Anne met with a couple from the Sun City West library regarding opening a bookstore there. With an increase in potentially valuable collectible books, Mary Anne is trying to make contact with an area expert for assistance.

**Library Manager:** Vicki Novak reported on behalf of MCLD. The music programs at both libraries have been well attended. Programs to address issues of aging are scheduled for April and May. The drawing for the Winter Reading Program prizes will be March 25. A presentation to the Mac Club resulted in several new library cards being issued. Club Kanopy will be a feature in upcoming months along with a multi-generational day of play with antique toys and games. There is no additional news regarding the book drop from MCLDs perspective.
**RCSC Representative:** Marcia read a report from Sue Wilson concerning the book drop. RCSC does not need a permit to do the work currently proposed. However, Chris Herring wants a light over the drop which may require a permit if electric lines need to be moved. A change to the existing facilities map (indicating the bookstore as being operated by Friends) at Bell would cost $800+; it was decided the change can be made when the signs are replaced in the future.

**Writer-in-Chief:** Cathy thanked Tom for his good work in preparing the program for the upcoming Volunteers dinner.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Marcia presented Camilla Kuberka’s 2018 annual report for the Volunteer Activities Committee.

Marcia was pleased with the 100% participation in completing the volunteer opportunities grid. She will prepare a revision in time for Tom to publish it in the May issue of “Sunviews”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ruth Polansky volunteered to act as Secretary Pro Tem for the April and possibly May meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Bates
Secretary