

November 9, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Marcia Davis. Present were Board members Marcia Davis, Sue Blechl, Joyce Kirkham, Cathy Weyers, Jessica Potter Slider, Charlotte Klose, Tim Geiger, Carol Hager, Roberta Hawksworth and Pat Bates. Board advisers present were: Mary Anne McDonald (Bookstore Manager), Brianna King (MCLD), Jerry Walczak (RCSC). Guests: RCSC Board Candidate Dale Lehrer and Independent reporter Rusty Bradshaw.

Approval of Minutes: Tim Geiger moved and Sue Blechl seconded that the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: The October 31, 2017 financial statement was distributed. Jessica reported that committee budgets remain on target and we are doing well.

Standing Committees:

Publicity: The Board welcomed back Roberta Hawksworth following her illness and recovery. Cathy Weyers was congratulated for her suggestion that “brought to you by” stickers be purchased for periodicals which the Friends subscribe to on behalf of the Sun City Libraries. An example was passed around. Marcia has collected information (pricing, deadlines, etc.) regarding print advertising for use by committee chairmen. This information will be published in the private area of the website. Charlotte asked that Book Friends be mentioned in all Book Buddies ads. As soon as he has figures available, Tim will advise Board members of our Facebook activity. He will be adding Sue Blechl's Outreach information to our Facebook page.

Finance: Jessica reported that the Finance Committee, at their November 8 meeting, received an excellent presentation on current investments. It was decided that no changes be made at present. Marcia indicated she would like to see maximum usage of public money (income from investments). Briana King will manage her own budget with only items over \$1000 needing Board approval, those of lesser value will be channeled through Jessica.

Volunteer Activities: No report.

Book Buddies: Marcia announced that Judy Wannamaker is still in ICU following surgery and the flowers ordered by the Board will be delivered as soon as she's moved to a regular room. Carol Hager, who is assuming chairmanship, has met with a few of the Buddies for an exchange of ideas. Charlotte reported that Book Friends activities have slowed down somewhat due to the upcoming holidays. She will soon begin recruiting substitute readers. Currently they have 10 people attending the readings and an addition 6 ladies in the program for the less impaired.

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Board Development: Cathy reported that the Board is in great shape with lines of succession established for those members nearing the end of their Board terms. Sue Blechl has agreed to serve as Vice President at the end of Judy Wannamaker's term.

Web and Records: Marcia reported another slight increase in YTD "hits".

BOARD ADVISORS:

Bookstore Manager - Mary Anne McDonald

Mary Anne reports that with two book sales and the Christmas boutique coming up, things are very busy. She passed around a sign up sheet for those who can help with set-up for the December sale at Fairway. Mary Anne thanked Cathy Weyers for organizing the religion section in the bookstore. Tim reported that the bookstore's eBay listing is live and distributed images of the first listings. The site has been active only a few days and no sales thus far; he will be checking the site every morning. Up to 500 items may be listed for sale and all will be listed as "buy now or make offer" rather than using the auction option.

Library Manager - Brianna King

Brianna reported the Bell library has a need for a new page; volunteers are aware of the opening. The new carts have been purchased for Fairway and the old one turned over to Mary Anne at the bookstore. She reported that many of the recent library programs have been very well received, including "Murder at the Library" and the Beatles presentations. It was suggested that she contact Jeremy Reeder to see what requests he might have for the Board and to perhaps "bundle" them with her own. It's likely it will take MCLD a year to get the seed exchange up and running so Briana will go ahead on her own to establish one at Bell immediately; it was estimated it would cost about \$200 to set up. Briana also reported she is working with Jerry Walczak and RCSC on plans for the community garden.

RCSC Representative - Jerry Walczak

Jerry advised that plans for a drive-up book drop are now in the hands of an RCSC project manager. He also gave Briana photos of the area where the proposed community garden be placed. Sue Blechl and Charlotte Klose were invited to the next RCSC Outreach Committee Meeting.

Writer & Editor-in-Chief - Tom Everitt

Marcia reported that Tom is on his way back to Arizona and issues regarding the email distribution of the volunteers' newsletter seem to be resolved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A note of thanks from Millie de Jong regarding purchase of bookmarks was read.

Judy Wannamaker's hospitalization left the Board with an extra seat at the Historical Society Gala; Larry Kuberka was invited to join us in appreciation of all the "heavy lifting" he has done on behalf of Friends.

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Bates
Secretary