



OCTOBER 11, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m by Vice President Sue Blechl. Present were: Sue Blechl, Patricia Bates, Jessica Potter-Slider, Roberta Hawksworth, Camilla Kuberka, Charlotte Klose, Ruth Polansky, Jerry Walczak (RCSC) and Brianna King (MCLD). Jerry Reeder (MCLD) attended as a guest.

Approval of Minutes: There were no additions or corrections to the September minutes.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: The budget is in keeping with last September's. Jessica urged all committee chairs to take a look at their budget numbers; most committees are running a surplus for the year and any purchases should be made before the end of the year. Brianna King indicated that many library customers are in need of copies and suggested the Friends investigate the purchase of a copier to be placed in the bookstore.

Publicity: No report. The new banner and stand was on display and Sue indicated she would like a similar banner and stand in a table-top model to be used for Outreach events.

Community Outreach: Sue Blechl reported that she and Brianna had a booth at the Bell Farmers Market and would be staffing a booth for the December 6 market when, it was hoped, attendance would improve with the return of snowbirds. Sue has scheduled booths at the SCHOA New Resident event and the Health and Wellness Fair. Volunteers are needed to staff the booths.

Finance: The Finance Committee meeting has been postponed until November 6 at 9:00 a.m There will be three financial planners reporting and anyone wishing to attend may do so.

Volunteer Activities: Camilla reported that the 2018 Christmas Party will be the last big event for her tenure as chairman of volunteer activities. It is scheduled for December 11 at Bell Social Hall #1 from 12:30 to 3:30. Lunch will be catered by Sharkos and a guitarist will entertain. Camilla requested assistance in addressing Christmas cards to the volunteers. Sign up sheets for the luncheon will be in the bookstore; Camilla will email invitations to the Book Friends and Book Buddies chairmen to distribute to their volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help set up for the lunch.

Book Buddies: No report

Book Friends: Charlotte reported the program is moving along nicely. She currently has six readers but would like more volunteers. The team meets frequently to exchange ideas and to bond with fellow volunteers.

Board Development: No report



Web and Records: No report

Volunteer Coordinator: Ruth asked that the Board consider delaying the starting times of meetings to 10:30; the current start time conflicts with her work schedule. This was postponed for discussion. Ruth distributed copies of the new Volunteer Application which will be available in the bookstore, on the Friends website and at community outreach events. It was noted that MCLD has their own volunteer application. It was suggested that a brainstorming session be planned to find better recruiting methods along with solidifying ideas on how to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the MCLD/Sun City relationship.

BOARD ADVISORS:

Bookstore Manager: In the absence of Mary Anne McDonald, Roberta Hawks worth distributed the September sales results which showed a steady increase over previous years. It was noted that there has been a boom in paperback donations since the closure of The Book Trader. A small new refrigerator has been purchased for use by bookstore volunteers but disposal of the old one remains an issue. It was suggested that APS be contacted to see if they can handle disposal. It was also noted that the damaged chair be similarly disposed of, perhaps by RCSC. The Christmas sale table will be set up on a big table on November 4, on December 1 it will be moved to a smaller table to make room for a half-price sale of mysteries. The Fall sale at Fairway is slated for November 16 and 17 with set-up starting at 9:00 am on the 15th. Volunteers will be needed for both set-up and the sale.

Library Manager: Jeremy Reeder provided an update on the status of the Morningstar subscription which Friends agreed to purchase. It got caught up in government red tape but is slated for a soft start on November 1. Although there will be website announcements, Jeremy asked that we all talk it up to our friends who might not be library users but who would like to use Morningstar and Value Line. It was suggested that Tom do a feature on it for Sun Views and perhaps Rusty Bradshaw could do the same for the Independent. Jerry Walczak will ask Joelyn at RCSC if it can be mentioned in their weekly email blasts.

Jeremy also informed the Board that MCLD will be splitting up their administrative offices; new offices will be at White Tank and Robson.

Brianna told us that the new computer installation at Fairway went well and that the Sun City upgrades are scheduled for November 13-16, during which time computers at Bell will not be available. She also reported that Jackson Hadley has started a robotics program for children at Fairway and is working on monthly after-hours lectures and music programs. A Curiosity Series kicks off this month at Bell with an in-depth look at growing orchids.

Brianna has requested purchase of a three-tier sign holder for the Bell lobby and a supply of earplugs for library patrons who complain of noise in the library.



RCSC Representative: Jerry has no new information regarding the drive-up book drop but is keeping tabs on it with RCSC. Brianna noted that there have been complaints about long-term parking in the loading zone in front of the library. Jerry will check with RCSC to see if they have any suggestions to solve the issue. It was mentioned that a sign limiting park to five minutes might be a solution.

Writer-in-Chief: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Brianna agreed to check with Jeremy for the exact date on which the MCLD/Sun City Library relationship was established. How it should be celebrated will be a topic for discussion at a yet-to-be-scheduled brainstorming session. Sue proposed "Friends Fest" as a possible theme.

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Bates
Secretary