

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE  
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
Via Zoom

Participating Board Members: Bill Becker, Jo Birlin, Jim Brown, Howard Hummel, Jack Mitchell, Sandy Pallett, Mary Vandergriff  
Other participating SLCT members: MJ Clement, Jim Nielsen, Cindi Decker, Greg Posniack, Roxy Banta, Phyllis Novy, Barry Berger, Kathy Tomasewski, Jim Janowski, Judie Janowski, Sonja White, Barbie Bergerson.

Call to order: 9:04am by President Bill Becker

Announcement of MJ Clement as the Board member to succeed Howard for the rest of his term. She will become active as of the end of this meeting.

Motion to approve April 7 Board Minutes made by Jo and seconded by Sandy. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Cindi presented an updated budget reflecting the changes forced by the COVID situation. Motion to accept by Jim and seconded by Sandy. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion to accept the April-August treasurer's statements was made by Jim and seconded by Sandy. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bill and Cindi also discussed the Arizona Commission on the Arts (ACA) grant. We were not eligible this year. However, there is a special grant available to organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for which we are eligible. Bill and Cindi will work together to apply for this grant.

Sandy Pallett presented details of her upcoming show "Laughter is the Best Medicine" The show will be performed Nov. 1,2,3,9,and 10 outside at Oakwood CC on the lawn. There will be a maximum of 40 tickets available per performance and the cast will be a good distance from the audience. The cast will be wearing masks that allow their mouths to be visible and the audience will be required to wear masks and bring their own lawn chairs. A motion to approve the plan was made by Jack and seconded by Jo. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussed a plan to send a mass email to membership asking who intends to attend live performances and whether or not there is interest in eating at Stone & Barrel at our own expense before the show. There will be questions about the upcoming show and about a possible indoor show next spring. A motion to approve the plan was made by Jo and seconded, but I couldn't hear by whom. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Sandy Bocynsky has indicated that, due to the uncertain COVID situation in the Chandler schools and that our Senior actors are in the highest-risk group, **“Horton” will be cancelled for spring of 2021**, and the show can be reconsidered possibly for the spring of 2022.

A motion to approve the cancellation was made by Jo and seconded by Jim. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Steve Nolan, General Manager of Cottonwood, has indicated in the Sun Lakes # 2 newsletter that there will be NO shows of any kind, including Christmas or New Year’s, at Cottonwood until sometime in 2021. So, as the COVID situation develops, the ballroom might be open in time for our Spring show (March 20-28, 2021). The consensus was that scheduling a Spring show and possibly having to move or cancel it is better than doing nothing about it. There was a lot of discussion of possibilities. Maybe Diana will want to schedule “Catch Me If You Can” then. We have the San Tan Ballroom reserved in March, originally for Howard’s show “Sex, Please, I’m 60” If we decide to do it, we will need a new director and a decision on when to schedule it. Linda is still penciled in with “Red Velvet Cake War” for summer of 2021. No action was taken by the board pending proposals and input from interested directors.

6. Fund-raising Committee discussion – Should we continue it in the current climate? If so, do we need a new co-chair to replace Howard? Or should we defer the committee until spring of 2021? This decision was tabled for now.

Howard formally resigned from the Board. He and Andrea will be very much missed.

Our next virtual board meeting will be Oct. 6, 2020 at 9:00 am

We will have our general meeting via Zoom on Oct. 8 with a “happy hour” 6:00-6:30 and the meeting from 6:30-7:30

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.