

**SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022**

VIA ZOOM (Final Approval 11/08/22)

Participating Board Members: Greg Posniack, Kate King-Turner, Sharon Gerdik, MJ Clement,
Michael Carter, John Zoeller

Absent Board Members: Robin Murray

Other Participating SLCT Members: Barry Berger, Cindi Decker, Phyllis Myers,
Sandy Pallett (joined 9:24am), Jo Birlin, Cari Scholes

Call to Order: 9:04 AM by President Greg Posniack

Check for Quorum: Six members were in attendance, so quorum was met.

Proposal of Accepting Meeting Minutes of Last Meeting: Greg P

Greg proposed a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting. John Z moved to accept and seconded by Kate. No one opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Cindi

The monthly Treasurer's report of September 30, 2022 was presented by Cindi. There was not much to report and no questions were raised. Kate moved to accept the report and John seconded. Motion was carried with no one opposing. Cindi will not be back in Sun Lakes until Nov 17th, since her daughter is getting married on Nov 12th.

Membership Report: Greg P

We currently have 110 members. That includes Jim and Barbara Brown, who have moved away but their fees are paid up until the end of this year. This is the highest number of members we've had.

Grant Report: Cindi

Cindi said the Grant we were expecting from Arizona Commission on the Arts is still pending.

Publicity Report: Kate

Last month there were three articles in the Splash plus a combined one in the San Tan News. The next Splash will have three as well, possibly four. They will include Meet the Board articles, info on the upcoming show along with photos and a follow-up to the ImproVables 10/28 show. Greg thanked Kate for the good job she and her committee are doing.

Website Issues: John Z

John reported that our website was down for five days. No explanation was provided but he stated we paid \$108 to GoDaddy to get it back up online and running.

Sound and Light Issues:

MJ reported that some issues are still being addressed. Jack Hahn and Jack Mitchell will do lighting for the next show. The Tech Team, MaryAnn and Dave Stevens, will meet with Jo Birlin and Sandy P.

MJ still needs to follow-up with Dave Stevens in regards to sound equipment requested.

Update of Directors' Guidelines: This includes Production Guidelines

Sandy B was not in attendance but her portion of these updates were completed. John Z had sent the documents to her in Word Doc and she completed the portions that were her responsibilities along with Sandy P. Kate updated the publicity portions and MJ still needs to finetune a couple of areas. John Z will send out the appropriate documents to Kate and MJ to confirm what was done and what is still needed.

Update Lighting and Keys Policies:

MJ brought up the issue of keys. She stated that the protocol needs to be addressed. Multiple members have keys and it's confusing at times to reach the person who has the key for the facility needing entry. A spreadsheet was suggested but it was felt easier to just provide Greg with a list of the members having keys and for where or what.

Greater Sun Lakes Community Foundation Request

SLCT President received a letter from this Foundation requesting a consideration to donate a voucher for four tickets to our 2023 Spring Production, that would be offered at their Christmas Gala Silent Auction. John Z expressed how it could easily be done since he is our Ticket Manager. He would create four certificates which would be The Prize. Then whoever would win that prize, would use the certificates to purchase their own tickets, therefore choosing their seats and their meals. Kate made a motion to accept this Donation Request and all agreed. Motion approved.

Fall Meeting programs

Michael C. reported on the meetings scheduled for October and November. He said Greg will introduce the new members in attendance at each meeting. He said members who have been here awhile will share stories about their experiences. Linda Caton, Sandy B, Sandy P and Michael C will provide some of the fun stories at the October meeting and even end with a song written by Sandy B. He stated that the Grand Finale will occur at the November General Membership Meeting.

Michael announced that at the Cottonwood PV Open House, there was a contest and SLCT won first place. Mary Vandergriff created a scarecrow unlike any other. She donated the art piece to SLCT. The prize was a \$100 gift card to be used at CW/PV eateries or golf pro shops. Second Place went to Rick Whitney's Chess Club. There was a variety of suggestions and a lengthy conversation on how to raffle off the gift card. It was suggested that we would notify members prior to the Nov meeting about the raffle. This way members would know to bring cash with them if they decide to participate in the raffle. Each ticket would be \$5. Everyone agreed that it was worth \$5 to win \$95. The motion was carried unanimously.

Improvables

Phyllis Meyers attended this meeting and updated the status of this group. Membership has grown and the talent is awesome. Even some brand-new members have jumped right in. She thanked the current Board for the great work getting done. She thanked Kate and the Publicity Committee and MJ for all the helpers she provides. She did say that she is recruiting members to stay after their show to help with clean-up. She also stated that as of this morning, there were only 3 tickets left for the upcoming show. New shows are being planned as well as considering offering shows at Robson Reserve and Friendship Village.

Children's Theatre

Sandy B was not in attendance but had given a full report last month. Greg wanted to just mention that there are so many requests for this group to perform at the Chandler Unified School District elementary schools for classes K-2nd grade. This group will be busy providing lots of joy.

Fall show: Sex Please, We're Sixty

Jo Birlin, the Director, is now back and attended this meeting. She said it has been one disaster after another. She had to replace a couple cast members since some had dropped out. Joyce Recupido stepped in after someone had left. There have been lots of issues to deal with. The presence of risers on the stage has contributed to problems during rehearsal. MJ explained that the space the risers take up are minimal but some of the cast did not agree. MJ said the risers need to stay.

2023 March Dinner Show

Sandy P gave an update on this production. The play is very funny and will run Mar 15th-19th. Auditions will begin Dec 17th. The location is Oakwood Ballroom and Gunnar will need to provide a time. Four men and four women are to be cast.

Live Board Meetings

Greg brought up the possibility of going back to in-person meetings. MJ was the first to say she would prefer to continue with the Zoom meeting. Kate and Michael agreed. Several felt the Zoom meeting was much more efficient.

Any other business

Cindi clarified the Storage Units fees were not being taken out of Sure Pay. The fee has changed but we did not need insurance at that facility since SLCT has insurance coverage.

MJ notified the group that Bill Becker is no longer available to drive his truck for SLCT needs. He always helped with getting the signs around town for publicity of the plays and then retrieve them after the production. A truck will now need to be rented and Dave Patterson and Nancy will get and take back the truck with Dave doing the driving.

Jack Mitchell redid the sandwich boards for the ticket sales. They are much smaller and easier to transport, going from 18 pounds down to 8 pounds.

MJ notified Sandy B that she will no longer be able to help out with the Children's Theatre. Cottonwood is down several workers and the manager will hire after the first of the year, 2023. MJ's hours will fluctuate and she would not be able to help.

John Z stated that ticket sales start tomorrow for the Nov play.

Robin has reserved the location for the SLCT Holiday Party. There was discussion about increasing the price from \$25 to \$28 per person. Everyone agreed that with the prices of many things going up, this increase was indeed acceptable. Kate made a motion to approve the new price and no one opposed. Greg will notify Robin.

Sandy P suggested that Cari Scholes, who is a new member and is in the cast of Jo Birlin's play, could make a statement on her experiences here with this group. She said she was happy to have been offered a role and she was enjoying it but she had observed many challenges. Sandy P said Cari was a fabulous actress with a beautiful voice and got along with everyone.

Sharon asked Michael C if there was anyone working on a list with descriptions of all the jobs and needs of SLCT. He said he believed it would be available at the November GM meeting.

Our next BOD meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 9am.

With there being no further business, Greg entertained a motion to adjourn, which was approved by Kate and seconded by Michael.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am.