

**SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022**

VIA ZOOM (Final Approval 01/10/23)

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

Absent Board Members: Michael Carter

Other Participating SLCT Members: Cindi Decker, Sandy P, Phyllis Novy-Myers, Nancy Patterson, Barry Berger initially signed in but then dropped off intermittently due to computer issues

Call to Order: Greg officially called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Check for Quorum: With six members in attendance, a quorum was met.

Proposal of Accepting Meeting Minutes of Last Meeting: Greg P

Greg proposed a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. John Z so approved and Robin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Cindi D.

Greg proposed a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved by Robin and seconded by MJ. Motion passed with no one opposing.

Membership Report: Cindi D.

Greg announced that there are still members needing to pay their 2023 dues. Cindi stated that we currently have 108 members, but to date, only 32 members have paid for 2023. Sandy P asked if we have a member named Jess Albert, who requested to audition via Zoom for Sandy's 2023 play. It was confirmed that this person was not a member. Since this person was not due back until December, Sandy had already responded that it was not possible to audition. Kate volunteered to send a request to Barry to place a notice in the January Splash for Sun Lakes residents to join the SLCT Group.

Robin wanted the Board to know that she would like another member to take over her responsibilities. She has been overwhelmed and needs a change. There was discussion about possibly even changing that responsibility. There was also discussion as to which Board positions are ending. Kate and John Z, who took over the remainder of Jim Brown's seat, will need to run again, if interested. A notice will be sent out explaining the need of members to become more involved and consider joining the SLCT BOD. Most felt it would be better to have a variety of people to vote on. Greg and Robin have terms ending in 2024 and Sharon, MJ and Michael have terms ending in 2025. It is the VP's responsibility to recruit candidates for upcoming open Board positions and to conduct that yearly election. Kate acknowledged that responsibility and will ask Barry to send an Eblast out to members as such. Kate will also ask Barry to send out a reminder for annual dues which are due January 1st.

Grant Report: Cindi D.

Cindi said she had filled out our required W-9 Form. She also set up for ACH direct deposit to our account for Grants to be easily deposited. She went on to say we received the anticipated grant for \$6000. Unassociated to grants, Greg mentioned that we just received a check for \$100 from Sun Lakes Marketing Limited Partnership, LLP, and Phyllis confirmed that was for the ImproVables show at The Reserve, formerly Renaissance.

Publicity Report: Kate

Kate stated that the December Splash interview of Greg was actually done by Sharon but the Splash Editor showed Kate's name, in error. Greg said he was being complimented on his article.

Kate interviewed Robin for the January Splash. There will also be articles on the ImproVables upcoming show in SLCC (aka Phase 1) on February 8th, Sandy P's March show and an article on Sandy B's Children's Theatre will be added, when Sandy B provides the info. Greg also did an article on the wrap-up of the last show. Robin volunteered to do an article on the Holiday Party, which is this evening.

Website Issues Report: John Z.

John Z said there are no current issues regarding the website. He did say that he will need Sandy P's help regarding the ticket sales for her upcoming Mystery Dinner Show, in regards to the tables setup and pricing. He stated that he is taking the articles from the Asides and uploading them to the website. He also stated that he was not aware of a job description for Webmaster and he would create one. (Shortly after the meeting, he was notified of a JD for Webmaster and provided the location so he can see if changes are indicated)

Sound and Light Issues: MJ

MJ reported on some of the current issues at Cottonwood in regards to SLCT storing things there. She removed our speakers from there and are now in Oakwood. Her plan was to donate the cabinet that stored them to Cottonwood. It turned out that CW Catering wanted our light closet and CW Recreation wanted our sound closet. MJ has the reciprocal agreement with CW for those closets and for the lights, which SLCT purchased. MJ also shared the two plaques from John Dobson and his wife, Ruth Dobson, who donated the risers. John Crawford has receipts for the lights and risers. Sandy P and John Crawford will set up a meeting after the holidays with the Cottonwood GM, Steve Hardesty. MJ also explained how all of the closets were rekeyed but since she was still working there, she had access to our closets. Sandy P spoke on how she has worked at Cottonwood and Oakwood over the years with our plays. She realizes that these HOAs make much more money on TAD concerts than SLCT plays. She stated that it seems the loyalty is no longer to the community but for profit. MJ reminded Sandy P that she has the needed documentation for the meeting. Sandy P said she met with the new Oakwood Banquet person, Carolyn, and she was very nice. It was agreed that Blue Star is making all of the decisions and it was suggested that there should be a meeting with the HOA3 Board of Directors, who oversees Blue Star. MJ also stated that of the members of the SLCT group, 52 of them live in Cottonwood/Palo Verde HOA2. Other issues with Cottonwood were discussed. The Facilities

Manager seemed upset over 2 poles, 2 plates and a crossbar left in their space. MJ diplomatically spoke with him about the issue and handled it. Jean, the Recreation Manager seems willing to try and work things out.

Robin asked if 2 boards are needed for Sandy P's play and was told yes. Robin and Jack will do lighting.

Improvables: Phyllis

Phyllis stated how they performed at the Robson Reserve and it was a good learning experience. Plus, the Chandler Gilbert Community College (CGCC) Off the Cuff group was the inspiration for our group and that was a fun experience. She said she had videos of both, which were taken by Susan Paladino. She will send a copy of the shorter video to John Z who will try and upload to the website. The Robson Reserve show video is 45 minutes but the CGCC video is only 10 minutes. She stated that the Feb 8th performance at SLCC will have a Valentine theme. She looks forward to working with Amanda. Phyllis stated that they are working with Friendship Village in hopes of doing a late March show there, possibly Mar 30th. MJ created a flyer for the Sep 28th show. Phyllis asked for a copy of that flyer. MJ will send a jpg and Kate will send the publicity pdf article. Currently there are 21 members in the group with 19 actively performing.

Children's Theatre:

Sandy B was not in attendance to provide an update. Greg announced that rehearsals have started and shows at the CUSD schools are getting scheduled.

2023 March Dinner Show: Sandy P.

Sandy P said arrangements have been made with Gunnar in regards to the menu. The pricing for the dinner and show will be \$50 per person. Greg requested that a motion to approve this pricing be made. Kate approved and Robin seconded. Ticket sales for the show will start Feb 15th. Sandy P stated that they were now being charged a room rate of \$2 for each person in addition to the Ballroom Rental fee. That is why the ticket price has increased. Kate will send an Eblast notice for Barry to send out as a reminder for auditions on Saturday. Sandy P said the good news is that a flyer will not need to be created since she obtained permission to use the front cover of the script as a flyer.

Other 2023 Productions: Merrie Crawford has moved out the days for her Summer play. Her intention was to move further away from July 4th. Dates are now Jul 18th-22nd.

Roger Edmonds is still waiting to hear from the Chandler High School Theatre Group Director on the specifics of SLCT's collaboration with the high schoolers. Nov 14th-18th are tentative dates for a Fall production in the event the collaboration with Chandler High School does not work out.

Other Business:

Greg brought up a concern to a letter that went out to the membership following Thanksgiving. Kate spoke about the letter she had sent out outlining the newest levels of a Supporting Circle. This all came about a couple of months ago when she sought permission from the SLCT BOD for a revision of the unrestricted Fundraising Supporting Circle levels. Phyllis asked if anyone had any feedback on this. Sandy P said she had heard many comments and they were not favorable. MJ said they had something similar several years back and the contributors were to have their names posted in the Show Bulletin but unfortunately it was discontinued since they ran out of room to show the names. Sandy P said most of the comments were that when they donated prior, they never received any feedback. Other comments involved that members already donate their time and these letters need to go to non-residents who have purchased tickets or local non-members. People also said that the SLCT account seems to be doing fine and this letter made us sound desperate. It was suggested that Kate put together some info and present it at the January GMM. Let members know where money is going, like in hiring workers for load-ins and strike. Kate's intention was to send similar letters to corporations. Asking for money is always very touchy but can be effective when people are approached properly. The bottom line is that local Community Theatre Groups' expenses are changing.

Robin updated the holiday party info. It is this evening at Palo Verde Restaurant. She said she received several RSVPs many days after the deadline. Josh, the CW-PV Food and Beverage Manager, was very accommodating. Robin also commented that additional centerpieces were made to make up for the three that were stolen at a CW event last year. The number of attendees is at 71. Last year there were 56. Many new members are participating. Robin said it was very chaotic but she got through it.

Our next BOD meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, at 9am.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.