

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023
VIA ZOOM **FINAL** (Final Approval 5/9/23)

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

Absent Board Members: None

Other Participating SLCT Members: Cindi Decker, Brian Haynie, Nancy Patterson
Barry Berger did not stay due to computer trouble. Dave Patterson sat in briefly for CW follow-up.

Call to Order: Greg Posniack called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.

Check for Quorum: Quorum was met with all seven members in attendance.

Proposal of Accepting Meeting Minutes of Last Meeting: Kate proposed a motion to accept the minutes and Robin M seconded. Minutes were accepted with no one opposing.

Treasurer's Report: Cindi had distributed the report prior to the meeting. Good income from different sources were noted. John Z proposed a motion to approve the report and Robin M seconded it. No one opposed.

Membership Report: Cindi stated that we currently have 100 members. Four members had replied that they would renew but, as yet, no checks were received. Cindi had emailed 18 members who had not replied as yet. Greg will send the list to John Z of members still needing to submit their dues. Also, they will be reminded that Cindi will be gone for the summer, as of Saturday, so all checks will need to be sent to Greg P.

Grant Report: Cindi said she had submitted the forms for a new Grant from AZ Commission on the Arts. This year was a simple process with no review required and we should be notified by July.

Publicity Report: Kate outlined the articles in the May Splash. They will include a wrap up of the recent Murder Mystery Show, the Cast Selected for the upcoming Summer Show, the ImproVables at Friendship Village and Volunteering for SLCT. She also mentioned that she became aware that a new very active member, Mark Wenz, is a retired English and Journalism teacher and she spoke with him about helping to write Publicity Articles for SLCT, now bringing the number of Publicity Committee Members writing articles to three.

End of Season Party: Robin stated that she received 55 confirmations for the event. She has also secured a podium and microphone for speakers' use. She thought maybe Merrie C and Sandy B would like to speak about their upcoming shows. Greg stated that he was unsure if he would be able to attend since he was having a minor procedure earlier in the day and was uncertain how he would feel. Robin accepted to facilitate the event in his absence, if necessary. Sharon asked and Cindi confirmed that all attendees were members who had paid their dues.

Website Issues: John Z had stated that with the discovery of a recent new member being an Intel retiree with a vast knowledge of websites and connected applications, it made perfect sense to offer the Webmaster position to Brian Haynie, who graciously accepted it. John also stated that with the new webmaster, funds would not be needed for training so it was a Win-Win for everyone. Brian had been sent the link to attend the meeting and accepted his new role which the BOD unanimously approved, after a motion was proposed by Kate and seconded by MJ. No one opposed. John Z will still be doing Ticket Sales and HOA1 has been added to his territory. There was further discussion about the positioning of tables and numbering of seats. This had already been discussed at length at previous meetings. Most agree that it is a preference to choose a specific table and seat. Chairs do not need to be labeled individually. At TAD shows in Oakwood, the rectangular tables have a diagram on each table showing the exact positions of the seats. It is the same for each table. John also asked about the Asides being put on the website but it was determined that is still not appropriate since the Asides is a benefit for membership and not for the public.

Sound and Light Issues: MJ stated that Brian Haynie joined the Sound Team and Wanda Johnson joined the Lighting Team. There are also transmitters that need replacement.

Treaty with CW/PV: Dave Patterson spoke with Steve Hardesty, Cottonwood GM, who said the new Recreation Manager, Dave Guthrie, will be brought in with the SLCT agreement forthcoming.

Summer Show: Merrie C was not able to attend but she provided a statement.

“The first read through was today, and Kate came to take a picture for the Splash”.
Kate added that this occurred yesterday and that Nancy Patterson is the AD to Merrie C.

Improvables: Phyllis could not attend but she provided a report.

1. We performed a show last week for Friendship Village in Tempe. The audience was great and the show went very well. Unfortunately, we had to stop it midway into the performance because a gentleman in the audience had a medical incident. We have been told that he is now home and doing well. We have scheduled another show at Friendship Village for Oct. 26.
2. We are doing a collaborative workshop on April 27, in Cottonwood, with the teen improv group from Perry High School, the Perrywinkles.
3. On May 19, we will be going on a "field trip" to see another improv group's show in Chandler.
4. Our last improv practice will be on May 15 and we are taking the summer off.

Phyllis Novy

Children's Theatre / Replacement for Sandy B.

Sandy B could not attend but provided a report:

Horton

We are still in need of someone to direct Horton. Sandy P. offered to direct with Barbie, however, they do not wish to do the critical spreadsheets needed to put the show together: Days/dates/times/schools/meet time/actors performing on what day are all done on spreadsheets for a month at a time. These have been done in excel. The others in Word with actors contact information, emergency contacts and all the driving directions to the various schools.

Therefore, we do not have the components necessary at this time to do Horton.

Another complication to this year is the fact that we are combining with Chandler to do a show in February which means some who would perform Horton normally, may be in rehearsal for the Chandler show and not do Horton.

Perhaps it needs to be skipped for a year while we continue to ask for help from the membership in the fall. That would be my suggestion.

Fall Show2023 – will be Rex's Exes and will run not the 14-18th but 15th-19th of November. I will be announcing this on the 13th and let folks know what we are looking at for cast members and when scripts will be available. Thank you.

Cast will include 5 women and 3 men. This has already been approved by the Reading Committee. Kate made a motion for BOD approval and Robin seconded. No one opposed.

There was discussion as to what Mike Banta does for the Children's Theatre. Most felt he does the outreach to the schools. Nancy Patterson stated that he sends reminders out a week prior plus the curriculum components for the teachers.

John Z asked about what needs to be done in regards to spreadsheets for the Children's Theatre. He said he knows spreadsheets. He will contact Sandy B to see if that is something he can take over.

Greg stated that the Children's Theatre was shut down during Covid and he would prefer not to skip a year.

Questions regarding Show with Chandler High School:

Roger E is the SLCT Liaison with CUSD Schools. More information will follow.

Kate's Show: Kate reported that her show is scheduled for November 2024. The original play had gone to the Reading Committee but now she has made changes and this version will need approval. The new version has four different scripts for four vignettes and one short act. First one is called Blind Date. Second one is called Customer Service. Third one is called Little Support which involves two sisters from Brooklyn. Following intermission, is the story of 3 men called Horseshow Bin and then finally two stories of one couple as older involving Alzheimer's and then as a younger couple. Total Royalties are \$500. The cast will include 6 females and 6 males. Robin made a motion to approve and Kate seconded. No one opposed. Kate said the sets and props are minimal and the cost will be slight.

MJ confirmed that the last performance will be a matinee to make it easier for breakdown of the set and venue cleanup.

Any other Business:

Kate said that she will not be able to perform some of Robin's prior responsibilities. Robin did a lot of baking and crafts for the events. The Summer Cool Down which was a Pot Luck held in August at Oakwood Poolside will no longer be offered. It was always well attended but the work involved was enormous. It was suggested that it might be easier to start each new season with a small get-together each October. Little finger foods or snacks from Cottonwood can be offered to welcome everyone back. A cash bar could be available as well. A motion was made to cancel the Annual Cool Down and replace it with the Welcome Back Get-together each October. That would start around 5:30PM, giving sufficient time to socialize prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Michael C and John Z seconded.

It was suggested that Diana Nelinson could attend the October GMM to discuss her workshop on developing characters, which already had received BOD approval. This way it can be determined if there is enough interest before going forward. Michael Carter volunteered to contact Diana.

Michael C also asked for help to confirm who he needs to contact to make arrangements for the Open House Meetings in the Fall. MJ and Robin committed to getting him the needed info.

With there being no further business to discuss, Kate made a motion to adjourn and Michael seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51AM.

The next BOD meeting will be May 9th, at 10AM via ZOOM.