

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

VIA ZOOM **FINAL** (Final approval 10/10/23)

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

Absent Board Members: None

Other Participating SLCT Members: Cindi Decker, Barry Berger, Nancy and Dave Patterson, Sandy Bocynsky, Brian Haynie

Call to Order: Greg P. called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Check for Quorum: Quorum was met with six members in attendance.

Proposal of Accepting Meeting Minutes of Last Meeting: John Z made a motion to approve and MJ seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Cindi D had sent out the reports prior for review. Since there were no questions or concerns, John Z made a motion to approve and MJ seconded.

Budget Report: Cindi D reported there were no changes in this report.

Membership Report: No new members.

Grant Report: Cindi D was notified that our grant request was approved and we should receive \$5850, hopefully in October.

Renewal of Directors and Officers Insurance: Greg stated that our insurance premium is due Oct 24th. Our premium was \$788 but our renewal is \$825, which he said was reasonable. If payment by check is acceptable then he will pay it. If credit/debit card is needed, then Cindi will pay. Greg asked for an approval on the \$38 increase and it was approved by Sharon and seconded by Kate.

Printing Expenses: MJ stated that it's difficult to pinpoint a specific monthly printing charge since the jobs and needs are always different and she would prefer not to keep a strict account of the printing jobs. MJ thought possibly compensating her \$30 a month would be sufficient but then Greg thought \$35 might be better. Members were also notified of her purchasing different paper per job need. Robin told MJ that she needs to expense her charges for paper, laminate and cardstock, when needed. MJ uses Copies America for large jobs. Robin proposed printer ink for \$30 and the cost for a box of paper and cardstock, when needed intermittently, as compensation. There was discussion about increasing the printing plan to the next level but MJ needed to confirm that plan. She came back and stated the next plan would be \$50 per 1500 copies and felt that was not necessary. Robin proposed that with MJ staying with the current Instant Ink plan, that SLCT would reimburse her \$30 a month and she would expense for the paper products needed. All approved.

Chair for Open Houses: Since Michael Carter vacated his BOD position, we are in need for someone to help with facilitating the October Open Houses. HOA 1 and HOA 3 are scheduled the same day. MJ stated that all printing, banner and signs will be ready. Phyllis N has arranged for 3* (see note below) Improv people to man the tables and provide information for the ImproVables. Robin volunteered to coordinate the Open Houses.

[Phyllis N had these corrections and additions to the minutes upon reviewing: 7 Improv people will man the tables at the 3 Open Houses. The ImproVables has charged a fee for all of its performances, with the exception of a shortened show at Robson Reserve. The ImproVables did a collaborative workshop with the Perry HS Improv Group and it's anticipated to do other workshops with other Chandler High Schools in the Spring. There is no charge for these.]

Replacement of Board Member: We need to find a replacement for Michael Carter. Greg had spoken with Sandy P who thought she could fill in but then her housemate was having health issues. Brian Haynie, our Webmaster, expressed an interest but Greg said we will finalize this position next month.

Publicity Report: Kate provided a publicity article on The ImproVables. The tickets for the upcoming show sold out within 24 hours. Greg said that was disheartening to many people who missed out on getting tickets. He thought perhaps Phyllis N. should look for a larger venue but Kate said the max for these shows are 70. An article on Horton CUSD shows was also written for The Splash. She chose not to do an article on the upcoming General Membership Meeting in October since she couldn't secure food issues with Josh, who was out with health issues.

Website Issues Report: Webmaster, Brian Haynie, was in attendance. John Z took the opportunity to talk about the ticket sales dates for upcoming shows.

Sound and Light Issues: Dave Patterson said Ron sent 8 mics out for repair but only 4 could be repaired. He thinks it's time to purchase new mics which can be used multiple times but then disposable. He said they'll purchase 4 different brands to check out and then decide how many to purchase of the chosen mic. He requested for the BOD to authorize them to purchase 4 mics, between \$40-\$80 each and they will test them. MJ made the motion to purchase and Kate seconded. It was felt this was a better option since to repair one mic is \$80. Ron is doing inventory and at this time we have sufficient mics but it would be better to have extras.

ImproVables: Phyllis N. sent her report to Sharon

I will not be able to attend the BOD meeting on Sept. 12. Please rely the following to the BOD:

Tickets for The ImproVables dinner show on Sept. 30 at Sun Lakes Country Club SOLD OUT within 24 hours. The audience is limited to 70 people. We are very excited and so is SLCC!

John Zoeller and SLCT will be selling tickets for our 2nd annual Halloween dinner show on Oct. 30 at Cottonwood, Saguaro Room. Tickets go on sale Oct. 5, and it is strongly suggested that the public buy their tickets as soon as they go on sale.

We have a show on Oct. 26 at Friendship Village for their residents.

We also have booked a holiday show at Abbington Senior Living Center in Gilbert on Dec. 15 for their residents.

Shows have been booked for 2024 at both SLCC and Cottonwood.

There was discussion regarding the shows being performed at outside senior residential communities. Sandy B asked if there's a charge for these shows. Kate said with some a payment is received but with others there is not. It was felt that this would be a good publicity article in regards to grant applications as a 501c organization. Kate said she will confirm with Phyllis N.* (see note above) It was also suggested to Barry to emphasize for those shows that they are strictly for residents of those outside Sun Lakes senior communities. Robin also mentioned that it shows how we outreach to other communities.

Rex's Exes: Sandy B stated that the turnout for the auditions yesterday was outstanding and the selection of the cast was difficult. An email will go out after this meeting to notify the chosen cast members. Sandy B will also send a notification to Barry of the selected cast for an Eblast announcement to the members.

She stated that a change was made to the seating total for these shows. She increased the seating from 96 to 104 for each night.

**Types and Numbers of Plays / Performances per Year:
Age and Memory with assuring all that are interested have Fun:**

Nancy and Dave Patterson attended to discuss some possible changes for SLCT. It was agreed that membership is declining and that all that seniors get to a point where memory becomes an issue. SLCT needs to evolve or morph into other projects. Some suggestions were 1 Act Plays or possible Variety Shows. It was discovered that there are limited 1 Act Plays available and some that were sent to the Reading Committee were not approved. A new NICHE needs to be created for more members to join. Dave thought that would be the best way to include more people. He is willing to provide simplified classes for Sound and Lighting. A broader spectrum is needed to offer more than 3 plays and 4 ImproVables shows yearly. Members can intern for Asst Director in order to progress to Director. Nancy P was Asst Director to Merrie C for *Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. Kate is now Asst Director to Sandy B for *Rex's Exes*. Sandy B will open up to the GMM for a volunteer to be her Asst Director for next Spring's show. Greg set up a sub-committee with Dave, Nancy, Kate and Robin, to discuss options and bring ideas back next month. Nancy P said she will drop off copies of One Act Plays to the Board members' homes for review.

Robin stated that post Covid they did offer short plays that were limited to 50 attendees and they sold out and were well received. Sandy P directed those projects. MJ likes variety shows and feels that SLCC (Phase 1) is the perfect option. She mentioned some members that could provide entertainment. Nancy said she spoke with Merrie C and Phyllis N. who said they were not interested in directing these shows but would gladly offer help and advice. SLCC is the perfect option for entertaining among the people on the main floor since their stage is not conducive to facilitate a full stage play. Sandy B said Mystery Dinners at Phase 1 did OK. She also thought an Old Time Radio Show would work. Greg asked for the timeframe of these shows and Nancy P said she hadn't thought that far yet but most likely could be 3 days or nights and no more than 90 minutes. Kate also suggested that one night could be set aside to give donations to Food Programs, which would be determined prior. Everyone agreed that Sun Lakes has a lot of talented people here. Kate suggested to call this new venture SLCT Rogue Theatre.

Further discussion will be needed to determine what SLCC will get out of these shows since a meal would not be provided. Some felt that offering a cash bar and finger food snacks would be good. An Exploratory Committee was suggested by Robin and she so moved with John Z seconding. No one opposed. This committee will report next month.

Any Other Business:

Greater Sun Lakes Community Foundation is looking for another donation of 4 tickets to a SLCT Play for their Gala this December 3rd. John Z spoke about how this year he will need to figure out a way to mark these tickets as a Gift Certificate and assign them a Number / Code, which would be used at Arts People. There was also discussion that these gift certificates need to have an expiration date of no more than one year. He will create a gift code in the ticket's app for use in 2024 only. A motion was made by John Z to approve this process and was seconded by Sharon.

Greg had followed up with Roger, regarding the acceptance of new interested people in the Play Reading Committee, but will ask Roger if he or perhaps another Committee member, would be interested in doing a class to help people understand what is needed.

Robin is following up with Merrie C and Diana N in regards to providing the classes they committed to do.

With no further business to discuss, Greg entertained a motion to end the meeting which was so moved by Kate and seconded by Robin.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Next meeting will be October 10th, via Zoom, at 10AM.