

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023
VIA ZOOM (Final Approval 11/21/23)

Participating Board Members: Greg Posniack, Sharon Gerdik, MJ Clement, and Kate King-Turner were present at the start of the meeting, making a quorum for approval of the minutes. * (Robin Murray and John Zoeller arrived after Approval of Minutes) *

Absent Board Members: None

Other Participating SLCT Members: Cindi Decker, Barry Berger, Brian Haynie, Phyllis Novy Nancy Patterson who arrived late was informed she had been voted in as the replacement to complete Michael Carter's term, which ends March 2025.

Call to Order: Greg P. called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Check for Quorum: *Quorum was met with four members to approve minutes but then shortly after, two additional members entered Zoom meeting making it six members in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report: With no questions regarding this report, Kate made a motion to approve and MJ seconded.

Membership Report: Greg announced that one member now in *Rex's Exes* would bring her overdue payment check on Thursday.

Grant Report: The approved grant of \$5850 from Arizona Commission on The Arts is expected this month.

BOD Member Replacement: Although last month, Sharon had suggested Brian Haynie, our new Webmaster, as a possible replacement, Kate announced this month to suggest Nancy Patterson, who has been very active in activities and meetings lately. Brian agreed that he could use more experience with this group before taking on such a position. Greg made a motion to approve Nancy P. Everyone agreed with the addition of Nancy Patterson, who will, at this time, oversee Membership, which Michael Carter did. Kate said she had the spreadsheet Michael Carter created to send to Nancy.

Variety Show: Kate and Nancy gave an update on the Dinner and Variety Shows they are planning for Jan 16th and 17th, 2024, at SLCC. Kate needed to make some changes to the info she had originally provided. The room is the Arizona Room, which is the restaurant. The show will last about 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours. Phyllis N. asked if the show was free. Kate answered that the cost is \$25 for an Italian meal buffet. All proceeds from this inaugural show will go to SLCC. Robin then asked about SLCT recouping their expenses. Kate said a donation of \$100 paid for the play royalties and there are not any other specific outstanding expenses. Kate also said this will all be revisited and renegotiated for any further shows. Nancy also commented that going forward the goal is to have the shows pay for themselves and to be fund raisers. Auditions will be December 5th. Variety Acts will audition 10AM to 12PM. Any resident of Sun Lakes or a family member can perform. No electrical instruments will be accepted. Auditions for the 1 act play will be from 1PM to 3PM. The cast for the play is only open to SLCT members and a notice will go out with the specific audition's location prior. These shows still fall into Arts and Talent oriented.

The stage mics currently at SLCC are inadequate for our needs and we will need to supplement with our SLCT mics. Dave P met with Steve Barrett at SLCC who confirmed there are no funds available to purchase new sound equipment. That room is no longer being used for their BOD meetings, so there's not been any need to update. Dave P. will bring in SLCT mics, receivers and transmitters. He will check their speaker system and can bring our soundboard over if necessary. Kate mentioned that SLCC may make enough money from this show to purchase new mics and consider holding more similar events. This is just a trial.

Nancy P confirmed with MJ that curtains will not be needed to be placed all around such as with the ImproVables. There's also no need for any setup which has been minimized. Nancy also stated that she, Dave P, Robin and Kate have shared lots of ideas for this event. The main purpose is to get more people involved and join SLCT. She said SLCT established a good relationship with SLCC in use of their facility for more shows and the use of rooms for other purposes.

MJ made a motion to approve the Variety Show details as presented. John Z seconded. No one opposed.

Additional Storage Unit: Kate withdrew the need for this agenda item.

Open Houses: Robin said the Open House at CW/PV was well attended. However, going forward it was felt it would be best to split the 4 table greeters into 2 shifts. This way 2 greeters would be there for the first 2 hours and 2 greeters for the last 2 hours. Pat Wolfe, Phyllis Novy, Kathy Miller and Janine Schneck were the greeters. A sign-in sheet was at the table and visitors were encouraged to sign up if they were interested in getting further info in joining. Pat Wolfe sent each person who provided their info a Thank You note for stopping by. Nancy P said she would follow up as well. MJ created a new banner since an additional one was needed with having two Open Houses going on at the same time at different locations. She created an 11" x 19" table top banner. John Z confirmed that he could have use of that banner, when needed, for his ticket sales table. John Z also reminded us that he needs a backup person to sell tickets at the matinee performances.

Publicity Report: Greg commented that two months in a row SLCT made the front page of Splash. Kate was happy with the locations of her articles. The ImproVables also made the front-page side banner. Articles also included The Children's Theatre and the Winter Dinner and Variety Show. A release for *Rex's Exes* was already prepared. Kate took a photo of the cast but since it was taken in the Mirror Room, she sent it to Barry to make some adjustments. She also wrote an article on the upcoming GMM's Happy Hour and Splash is holding a spot for a photo of that meeting for inclusion in the monthly newspaper.

Website Issues Report: Brian stated there were no issues with our website, at present.

Sound and Light Issues: Dave P. gave an update on the microphone shopping. They had received some and Ron F. tested them. The first one he tested did not have good sound and he felt the quality was poor. They will be sent back. The second one sounded good and they were only \$45 each. The quality was felt comparable to the \$350 microphone. More of that type will be ordered. Since the total would be around \$200 for the order, Greg was able to approve the purchase at this time without the need of a vote.

Improvables: Phyllis N. was proud to announce that this year's Halloween Show sold out in 4 hours and 6 minutes. She expressed gratitude for Kate's publicity and MJ's flyers. John Z sold the tickets since Cottonwood would not. Phyllis will determine the profit obtained for The ImproVables. She also commented that she and the group will be doing an intro to improv to an outreach theatre group in Maricopa on Nov 17th. They will be paid a fee for this training. Greg asked about finding larger venues and the ability to perform to larger audiences. Phyllis N. stated the ideal size for ImproV audiences are 50 but it is stretched to 70. The interchange with the audience is important so a small group in a small room works best.

Rex's Exes: Sandy B was not in attendance but Kate, as the A.D., stated everything was going well. She said those playing the 3 cousins were off-book by the second week. Everyone is working well together.

Any Other Business:

MJ confirmed that the signs for *Rex's Exes* will be delivered this week.

With no further business to discuss, Greg entertained a motion to end the meeting which was so moved by Kate and seconded by Sharon. Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM. Next meeting was rescheduled for Nov. 21st at 11 AM via Zoom.