

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 8, 2023

VIA ZOOM **FINAL** (Final approval 9/12/23)

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

Absent Board Members: MJ Clement, Michael Carter (Resigned 7/25/23)

Other Participating SLCT Members: Cindi Decker, Barry Berger, Sandy Bocynesky

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

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

Proposal of Accepting Meeting Minutes of Last Meeting: John Z made a motion to approve and Kate seconded with the suggested finalized change of the description of the Fall 2024 Show. No one opposed.

Budget Report and Treasurer's Report: There were no questions regarding the revised reports. Kate so moved to approve the reports and Robin seconded. No one opposed.

Membership Report: Greg announced there were no new members as of late.

Grant Report: Cindi reported that the Arizona Commission on the Arts was having their Board of Directors Meeting today and grant approvals should be decided. We had received \$7000 last year and it could be the same this year, as a Creative Capacity Grant. Cindi said we need to submit a new story outlining an unexpected outcome with the grant. The limit is 400 words and Kate volunteered to help with a story, which is due by Sep 18th. Kate thought possibly an article on the Horton Show starting up again after Covid but Sandy B stated that the Children's Show gets their own grant money, but that should still be fine. It was also suggested that maybe something could be said about the teachers being thrilled with the curriculum. Sandy B will provide the curriculum to Kate. **[Added explanation of CCG: they provide general operating support to non-profit organizations whose primary mission is to produce, present, teach or serve the arts]**

Publicity Report: Kate was happy with the August Splash. She has articles set for September involving the ImproVables shows and an article on the *Rex's Exes* auditions coming up, both with photos. Mark Wenz had volunteered to write an interview on newcomer member Jess Alberts, who performed in the recent *Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. October articles will announce the cast and the ticket sale dates for *Rex's Exes*, with sales beginning October 17th at 10 AM. John Z is currently making arrangements for in-person sale dates. Other October articles will be on the auditions for the Children's Theatre, the cast for *Rex's Exes* and the October General Membership Meeting update.

Website Issues Report: Brian Haynie, the new Webmaster, was not in attendance due to a planned trip, but John Z stated other than the new play info was being waited on so the website can be updated, there was nothing to report.

Sound and Light Issues: No report was available.

Play Reading Committee: Roger Edmonds sent an email to Greg providing some info.

ROGER EDMONDS, Chair
MERRIE CRAWFORD
PHYLLIS NOVY
KATHY MILLER
BARRY BERGER
JOYCE RECUPIDO

Traditionally members have been on the PRC until they resign or are elected to the board. There has never been any term limits.

The chair has appointed members to the committee.

I don't remember exactly when but the board asked me to be on the committee and chair. (I had been chair person before and none of the current members at that time wanted to be the chair).

When we have an opening it is announced and people contact the chair to see if they are interested. In my tenure we have never had more than one person apply for an opening.

During my first tenure on the PRC the board wanted new blood on the committee. We ended up with three new people. These were new people to SLCT that had more enthusiasm than knowledge. It was a disaster. Basically they weren't familiar with reading scripts and what kind of shows SLCT produces. I think within a year all three resigned because they were overwhelmed.

If the board wants to make major changes I will not take it personally.

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Following Greg reading Roger E's email to the committee, there was some discussion. Barry stated that historically, prior to Roger's recent appointment to Chairperson, there was indeed a term of 3 years. Greg will follow-up with Roger. Further discussion suggested that possibly Roger and another seasoned member of the PRC could teach a class on what are the expectations of becoming a member, so there could be a new interest for members joining and helping define what the role entails.

Dave and Nancy Patterson's List: Tabled until they can attend.

Spring 2024 Show: Sandy B has stepped up to help with a play for Spring since our collaboration with Chandler HS had ended due to a statewide high school musical competition that has a detriment to using outside actors. Chandler HS Drama Director, Stephanie Likes, was upset with the outcome but SLCT members certainly understood. Sandy B was only able to secure 3 days since they were the only days available with this late scheduling. April 23 will be the set-up day for sound, lights and final curtains. April 24, 25 and 26 will be the performances. The plan is to have 2 matinees and 1 evening show. Barry was asked to change the dates in *The Asides*. The title is ***Fox on the Fairway*** and it has 3 strong male roles and 3 female roles. The background is a Country Club having a golf tournament with a self-assured young man expecting to win the title. This comedy involves a tournament, competitive betting and of course romance. Sandy B searched for the script but none was available but she was able to get an electronic copy from Dave Stevens. John Z confirmed the location will be Cottonwood and the pricing per ticket will be \$20.

Summer 2024 Show: Greg will follow up with Sandy P and confirm if she has plans to do a Murder Mystery Show and if so if it would be at Cottonwood or Oakwood. Kate brought up that this year's Summer Murder Mystery Show had problems with the seating and the meals provided at Oakwood. Both Sharon and Greg concurred that their seats were not where they purchased.

Fall 2024 Show: Kate said she has the dates secured for Nov 6-10 for ***Exit Laughing***. There will be two matinees total, one Saturday and one Sunday.

Any Other Business:

Main topic for next month will be Michael Carter's resignation and finding a replacement to appoint.

Sandy B suggested that we work on getting our 2025 productions scheduled and dates secured soon since events fill up quickly, at least for the Spring 2025 Show. John Z mentioned that he has a friendly relationship with David Guthrie, Recreation Manager CW/PV, and might be able to help.

Robin will follow up with Merrie Crawford and Diana Nelinson in regards to their offering of acting and character classes. Either Greg or Robin will follow up with Roger regarding a class for the Play Reading Committee.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was requested to end the meeting which was so moved by John Z and seconded by Robin. No one opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Next meeting will be September 12, via Zoom at 10 AM.