

SLCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2023 **Final Approval 11/9/23**

Meeting called to order shortly after 6PM, by President, Greg Posniack, following our Start of Season Happy Hour, which was decided as a nice way to welcome back our members after a summer off.

Greg requested a motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes, which was the last meeting prior to the break. Barry Berger made the motion and Jo Birlin seconded.

Greg announced that Nancy Patterson had been chosen and she accepted to complete the BOD term, vacated by Michael Carter. Next March, both terms of Greg Posniack, President and Robin Murray, VP, will end. Elections in March will take place and new positions will be designated.

There were a few new members in attendance to introduce. Janet, in our Chorale group, Kurt Duckett, who excels at building things, Joe Kemp, Scott and Carla Ross, who likes to work behind the scenes, and Denise Haynie, who is our Webmaster's wife.

Sandy B spoke about her upcoming Fall show, *Rex's Exes*. There is a cast of 14 and she compared the experience to corralling monkeys. Attendees who were cast members stood. Sandy B explained that while some cast members were away during rehearsal Barbie and Kate filled in for them for multiple roles. Next, the Behind-the-Scenes helpers stood. Tickets go on sale next Tuesday.

Sandy P has taken over the directorship of the Children's Theatre's production of *Horton Hatches an Egg*. There will be auditions on Oct. 20th at 11AM, location to be determined. There are a total of 23 shows, all on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and 1 afternoon show.

Everyone noticed a group at the same table, all with the same shirts. More on that later. *

A different type of show will start this winter. It will be a Dinner and a Variety Show. The first shows will be Jan 16th and 17th at Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase 1). One Act Plays are being considered in addition to variety shows. A one-act was selected for the Jan show and will be performed by SLCT members. The hope is to involve more members in SLCT shows.

Our Holiday Party will be December 12th at Palo Verde. Notices will go out when a RSVP date is determined. It will start with doors opening at 5:30 PM.

Greg reminded the members to consider running for our Board of Directors. Two positions will need to be filled in March. We are looking for, in addition to current members, new younger members to step up and help move this impressive group into more dynamic times. He ended his comments saying that at times he felt that his role of President needed a chair and a whip. All in jest, of course.

The Spring 2024 Show will be *Fox on the Fairway*. It was difficult to find dates and rooms for this show due to the late realization of the need for one, after discovering we could not do the combined show with Chandler HS that we had planned on. The dates are April 24, 25, and 26th. It is a fun comedic play with roles for 3 males and 3 females. Auditions will be after Jan 1st. The show and rehearsals will be at Cottonwood. Sandy B is the director.

Next summer 2024, Sandy P will direct another Murder Mystery Show. Sandy P has worn many hats here in SLCT. Several years ago, Linda Caton had originally asked Sandy P to assist with directing, and that started with *Murder at Café Noir*. The dates for the summer show are July 20th thru the 24th. More info to follow.

Phyllis N spoke about the ImproVables. She expressed her thanks to Greater Sun Lakes Community Foundation for the grant provided. Those funds provided new shirts to the members and to create a new marketing trifold, created by MJ. Upcoming projects include a Community Outreach with Maricopa Theatre Group, as well as a show at Friendship Village in Tempe, which is only open to those residents. Three shows in 2024 have been booked, 1 in Cottonwood and 2 in SLCC.

Phyllis N called up the members in attendance, all with the same shirts*, and they lined up on the stage with their backs toward the SLCT meeting members. There were 12 in attendance at the meeting, but there's a total of 19, at this time. As she called their names, each turned around. The newest member is Jess Alberts. A couple of skits were performed. Meeting members who participated in the skit were Wanda Johnson, Jim Janowski, Maria Blanding and Joe Kemp. The skit involved 2 people sitting on a bench with the Improv member doing whatever is necessary to get the other one on the bench to leave. It was quite comical. The second skit was shorter and needed two volunteers to provide animal sound effects. Animals could be from Farm, Jungle, Zoo or Carnival. Greg P and Dave P volunteered. While Nancy P and Pat W provided the story, whenever Nancy P mentioned an animal, Greg would provide the sounds and whenever Pat W mentioned an animal, Dave P would provide the sounds. That was the plan anyway. The mix-ups brought out more laughter.

Greg again thanked Kate for her publicity work and her help in creating the trifold for the ImproVables.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.