

SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE  
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 9, 2023  
VIA ZOOM

**FINAL** (Final Approval 6/13/23)

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

**Absent Board Members:** Michael Carter

**Other Participating SLCT Members:** Cindi Decker, Barry Berger, Brian Haynie, Sandy Bocynesky and Sandy Pallett

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

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

**Proposal of Accepting Meeting Minutes of Last Meeting:** Greg requested a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Kate made a motion and John Z seconded. No one opposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindi Decker, Treasurer for SLCT, had sent the report to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no questions and Greg accepted Kate's motion to approve the report and Sharon seconded. No one opposed.

**Membership Report:** At present, there are 100 members who have submitted their 2023 dues. Greg said he was expecting a check from Marilyn Holt. Sharon asked if non-members can attend SLCT events, since several non-member spouses were noted at the End of Season event. The answer was yes and spouses need to pay and those funds are confirmed. Sharon was going to ask a question at the end of the meeting under Other Business, but decided to ask her question now since it referred to members. She asked if Mike Banta was a member since he was not in the Directory but attended all events and helps out with the Childrens Theatre. Greg answered he was not and said that we would never turn down free help from anyone but did agree that with the assistance he was providing it would be beneficial to show him as a member and Greg said he would speak with Roxanne Banta when they return from their trip.

**Grant Report:** Cindi D reported that the entire \$7,000 2022 grant from Arizona Commission on the Arts had been used. A request for a grant this year has been submitted and we should be notified by July. This request required no review this year and should be a fairly easy process.

**Publicity Report:** Kate reported that there were four articles in the May Splash and there will five in the June Splash. Articles will include a feature on Mario Carranza, ticket sales update and explanation from John Z on how the procedure involving dinner and table seats will be processed, an article on the End of Season Party, CUSD Scholarship Recipient, and the Perrywinkles Workshop. In July, Mark Wenz will be asked to provide an interview article on a member of SLCT. July will also have info on the Summer Production, The Sweet Delilah Swim Club. Kate has also made arrangements for a photo shoot with Merrie Crawford's costumed cast.

**End of Season Party Report:** Robin stated that the attendance was good with 50+ attendees and everything went well, including very little leftovers. She said that it was announced that the Summer Cool Down in August would be changing to a Welcome Back event in October, but she was notified that Sandy P might have other ideas.

**Website Issues Report:** John Z stated that Brian Haynie is now the new Webmaster and that all notifications need to be sent to both of them. Brian stated that there were no current issues with the website but did have a question regarding GoDaddy bills. He did ask about the Sun Lakes Chorale being included in the SLCT website costs. There will be an annual cost coming up soon to renew the SL Chorale domain name. John Z stated that to his knowledge, SLCT has been paying the SL Chorale costs for several years. Brian was advised to contact Cindi D to get the needed debit card # to pay the GoDaddy fee. John Z thought there is a card on file with GoDaddy where payments are directly paid. A motion was made to include the SL Chorale costs by John Z and Robin seconded. No one opposed.

John Z stated that he will prepare a test message to send out to the Arts People patrons in regards to ticket sales. He asked Kate if it was too late to make a change since the doors open at 5pm and the original notice said 5:30 but Kate said she already changed it.

**Sound and Light Issues:** MJ stated that the transmitter batteries are depleting too quickly. She said they were just purchased in May and she will be sending them back to be retested. They are covered under warranty.

**Treaty with CW/PV:** SLCT Member, Dave Patterson is now on the Cottonwood Recreation Committee and he feels that things should progress better with Cottonwood but time will tell. At present, we still need to have the locks changed which SLCT will pay for, if necessary.

**Summer Show:** Merrie C. did not attend but some members had info to share. Rehearsals are in place. There is one male role to be filled and it is a non-speaking role. Greg mentioned that he volunteered for this role; unsure of how many others. We were notified that Jess Alpert's stepson died suddenly but she is maintaining her role. Kate said she was with Jess when the news arrived and she informed Greg only. Barry said he needs to get timely notifications of member's Life Changing Events so he can send out an Eblast notification and he also sends out a card from the SLCT Members. Kate asked about privacy issues related to sending out notifications. Greg stated that there was a delay in sending out the notice and we will try and do better going forward. Most BOD Members felt it was OK to continue to send out these notifications to our SLCT members. Barry said the Eblast is not as important as the card.

**Summer Cool Down:** Sandy P spoke up and stated that the Summer Cool Down has been taking place for 15 years and it is a great avenue to get members to become more involved. She stated it is a part of our culture. She also said that Sandy B usually finds people to help out with the Horton show and Fall productions at that event. Sandy P said Mary V would help out as well. Robin stated that the Oakwood Poolside is not easily workable. It only allows for potlucks. Members would need to do the complete cleaning and setup of that venue. It is reasonable with a \$100 fee for the bartender but everything else is labor-intensive. Robin also stated that she and other BOD members thought having a Welcome Back small event at the October GMM in the Saguaro Room was a win-win for everyone. She said it was a nice way to give back to Cottonwood for all that they provide for our productions at the San Tan Ballroom and meetings at the Saguaro Room. Kate also gave reasons for cancelling the event. She now has taken on that responsibility and she does not have the cooking capabilities of Robin, plus she will be away during that time. Sandy P said it doesn't need to be at Oakwood and other SL facilities would be fine. She stated that Phase 1 loves the theater group. No one knew if a potluck could be done at Phase 1. Both Sandy P and Sandy B thought the cancellation of the Summer Cool Down was a DISASTER. Sandy P asked permission to look further into keeping the Summer Cool Down Event going. Greg said we need to compromise and asked that she and Mary V put a proposal together and get back to us. She said she would follow-up by email to the BOD members or attend next month's meeting and present her options.

[**ADDED NOTE FOLLOWING MEETING:** On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Sandy P sent an email to the BOD Members stating that after further thought, she was no longer able to take this event planning on.]

**Improvables:** Phyllis Novy-Meyers provided her report and Sharon read the report to the members.

I will not be able to attend the upcoming BOD meeting. Here is the ImproVables update:

1. Our collaborative workshop with the Perrywinkles improv troupe from Perry High School was an outstanding success. Both groups laughed together all evening and learned from each other, as well. Friendships were made across the generations and we vowed to hold this type of workshop again. We hope to do similar workshops with other Chandler high school improv groups.
2. Our last improv class of the season will be on May 15. It is a "favorites day", wherein members bring to class their favorite games and lead these games. Improv classes will begin again at the end of August.
3. We have a "field trip" on May 19, with dinner prior, to Chandler's Improv mania (Mic Drop). Nancy Patterson is coordinating this activity.
4. New t-shirts have been ordered.
5. Kate and Phyllis are meeting to work on a quality tri-fold brochure to be ready for fall Open Houses.

Phyllis Novy

**Children's Theatre - Replacement for Sandy B:** Sandy B confirmed that Sandy P will take over as Director of the Children's Theatre. Sandy P will have Barbie B as her helper. Sandy B thanked John Z for stepping up to do the spreadsheets that is a needed component for these events. Sandy P will send out a letter to the CUSD schools stating she will be taking this over. Mike Banta will still send out the email notices to the schools one week prior. A 19-page Learning Packet is included in the notice and that is used to share with students. MJ as the only current holder of a key to the storage locker, will provide access to the members. The four active members for this production are Sandy P, Barbie B, Mike B. and John Z.

**Fall Show 2023:** Sandy B stated that the Fall Show, Rex's Exes, is a part of the Texas Cousins in the Guacamole Production. Kate will be Assistant Director. Barbie will be Backstage Manager. Scripts will be available around August 15<sup>th</sup> with auditions around Sep 11-13. Rehearsals would start October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Read-thru would be Sep 18<sup>th</sup>. Current proposed dates may need changing going forward.

**Questions r/t Show with Chandler HS:** Roger was not in attendance and it was suggested to anyone having a need to get an update to contact Roger.

**Fall 2024 Show:** Kate said that at this time this show can only be referred to as the Fall 2024 Show since she still does not have any production approval. Her 1-act segments did not get approval from the Play Reading Committee. She was considering doing "Lend Me a Tenor" which is on the approval list but it would need 2 singing males and she wasn't sure. She also thought about "Don't Drink the Water" but that would need 10 men which made her skeptical. Currently she is looking at other shows. Greg said that years ago they did a play originally called 12 Angry Men and it was changed to 12 Angry Jurors, so parts could easily be filled by men and women.

**Any Other Business:** No other business to discuss.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was entertained to adjourn. Kate so moved and Robin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54AM. The next BOD meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM via ZOOM.