

**SUN LAKES COMMUNITY THEATRE
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 12, 2024**

VIA ZOOM FINAL (Approved 4/9/2024)

Participating Board Members: Gregory Posniack, Kate King-Turner, MJ Clement, Sharon Gerdik, Robin Murray, Nancy Patterson, John Zoeller arrived at 10:40 AM

Absent Board Members: None

Other Participating SLCT Members: Cindi Decker, Barry Berger, Brian Haynie, Sandy Bocynesky, Sandy Pallett, Diane Jaber, Dave Patterson

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

Check for Quorum: Quorum was met with 6 members in attendance at the time to approve minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kate had a question about the \$150 transferred into the checking account as shown on the reports. Cindi said that was a practice that gets done monthly and Greg said by tradition. Nancy asked about the donation from SLCC, which was shown in the report as a donation but overlooked by Nancy. Upon clarifications, Kate then made a motion to approve and Robin seconded.

Membership Report: Cindi stated that there were 15 members who had not paid their annual dues, as yet. Some members had decided not to renew but notified Cindi as such. Greg asked that Cindi please send the report of the unpaid members to the BOD members. She agreed to do so.

Grant Report: Cindi D stated that a new Grant is coming up and the application, which has only one answer required, is due by April 11, 2024.

Publicity Report: Greg thanked Kate, as usual, for the good job she is doing. Kate said she was happy with the placement of her photos in the Splash. The article of the Chandler High Schools Drama Students was submitted by Sharon G, which she's done for the last three years. Sandy P submitted an article on Horton. The Splash deadline for any new articles for April is due today at noon

Election Issues: Robin stated that she has two nominees for the Board Election on Thursday. Both Brian Haynie and Jess Alberts have agreed to run for the two open positions. There will also be a chance at the meeting for any others to state their request to run on Thursday.

Website Issues Report: Brian H. stated that we received a nasty email from GoDaddy regarding the extensive number of gigabytes in use for storage of photos. It was suggested that these photos get moved off our server to an external site. The charge for a plug-in would be \$27. The use of the Google Drive is \$24 a year. It was suggested we could re-do this in using picture galleries. All of the pix will be offline until March 27th. Everyone approved of the changes and the President, Greg P., approved both expenses.

Sound and Light Issues: Dave P. said the Sound System is fine. There were some issues with the mics for Horton but everything was OK.

MJ brought up again the Lighting Console which had been dropped and she's unsure if the console is the issue or the Cottonwood DMX cord. She got a quote of \$2600, from Dane in the Service Dept at Clearwing. Someone asked if we could rent a board and patch it into our lights and then unpatch if that didn't work. This issue has been going on for several months and everyone wants to see this get resolved. Kate made a motion to purchase a new board with Dane giving us a deal. Sharon seconded the motion. It was unanimous with all BOD Members.

Treaty with CW/PV: Dave said there was still no response from Steve Hardesty. His hope is to have one soon. Kate mentioned that Joyce Recupido mentioned that she felt there was unused spaces at Cottonwood that could be used at a theater. Greg said that it was very clear from the meeting with CW Management that they have no desire to build a theater nor is there room for the parking that would be needed.

Change in Bylaws regarding Elections: MJ had sent out an earlier email regarding the possibility of changing the Bylaws to allow BOD members to remain on the Board when there is a need after a term is completed. Robin provided some clarity as to the requirements of our Board. First of all, several steps would be needed to even get to the point of requesting a change. The size of the BOD is fluid, ranging from 3-9 members. Language is awkward in regards to qualification of whether or not a Board Member can remain on until there's a replacement for the number of members vacating their term. It was felt that any change to the Bylaws would need to be approved by a majority of the General Membership. An attorney would also need to be hired to review the Bylaws and the requested changes. MJ and Robin both spent time and reviewed the SLCT Bylaws. At this time, it was felt it was not needed to go into further discussion.

Variety Show with Fun Lakers? Both Nancy and Kate felt we did not need to have the FunLakers join us in our Variety Shows going forward. Greg suggested that it might be helpful to have a sub-committee for next month to discuss further.

Improvables: Phyllis was not able to attend and provided a report for Sharon to share with the group.

I will not be able to attend the BOD meeting this month.

Here is my report:

The ImproVables' dinner show on Feb. 21 at SLCC was a resounding success and we were so pleased when we got a standing ovation. Our spring show will be at Oakwood on April 9, and will include a taco Tuesday buffet. Tickets for that show sold out in less than one day.

So far, we have additional bookings for shows through April 1, 2025.

We also hope to have workshops in April with two Chandler high School improv groups.

Children's Theater: Sandy P said that the Horton Show was a great success. Everyone was committed and Sandy P said she was proud of everyone. Sandy P is not able to oversee the Horton Show for 2025 and Diane Jaber will take over with Barbie B's help. Roger E. will notify the schools. John Z will do the spreadsheets and Mike Banta will do what he's always done. MJ stated that Roger E will change the scripts and possibly rewrite some of the parts to have fewer lines. Sandy P said the cast was not in favor of the changes that Sandy B's scrip had. The goal is to have fewer characters with easier lines, then the characters could be doing just one show a week, with multiple members as the same character. Sandy B said she could rehearse with them, if needed.

Summer Show: Sandy P said the show, *Murder at Café Noir* will be from July 24-28. Auditions will be May 18th, 10 AM at Cottonwood Ballroom. Sandy P said this will not be a dinner show, and she worked out everything with Josh. The cost would be \$24 a person for Dessert and Coffee. Sandy P asked that the BOD approve the ticket price increase. She will get the contract from Josh for next month. Josh told her he will not charge her this time. It was suggested that he should sign the Food Order soon. Cindi D stated that for our Royalty Fees we need to provide the ticket prices.

Makeup Class: Nancy/Kate The Makeup class was successful. Nine people attended. One even volunteered to do the makeup for shows. Patty was the professional who provided the instruction.

Christmas Show instead of November 2025: Sandy B will be directing this show, which was approved last month.

Any Other Business:

MJ asked if we should sell the risers. Kate asked if we could rent them and Greg said we have no insurance to cover that.

MJ said Jack Mitchell changed the large street signs to smaller ones. He will submit the bills soon. Greg said the new president will get the checks approved.

Kate announced that the End of Season Party will be April 11th at SLCC Navajo Room. The price is \$10 per person and checks need to get to Cindi D prior. Cindi D commented that she leaves on April 15th. Kate said she will announce the End of Season event at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday.

At the end of this Thursday's General Membership Meeting, there will be elections to fill 2 Board positions that need replacing. When the vote is finalized, the BOD members will go into an Executive Session to assign a President, Vice-President and Secretary.

Prior to the vote, the One-Act Play will be performed for the members.

Greg requested someone to make a motion to end the meeting. Robin so moved and Sharon seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Next BOD Meeting is April 9th, via Zoom, which will be facilitated by the new SLCT BOD Secretary, since Sharon gave notice three months ago that she would not accept that position for a third year.