

Sun Lakes Community Theater
Virtual Zoom Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 11/12/2024 **Final**

Participating Board Members: Kate King-Turner, John Zoeller, Nancy Patterson, MJ Clement, Barry Berger, Brian Haynie, and Jess Alberts

Absent Board Members:

Other Participating SLCT Members: Greg Posniack, Cindi Decker, David Patterson and Wanda Johnson

Call to order: Who: Kate King-Turner Time: 10:00am

Quorum (4): Yes

Motion to accept prior months meeting minutes: first, seconded and approved/accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Cindi sent the Monthly Treasurers report to all BOD members via email several days ago for the review. The combination of savings account, cash in bank and CD is \$62,513.46 as of October 31, 2024. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made: first, seconded and vote approved.

Membership Report: BOD decided to discuss membership report at the 11/14/2024 GMM.

Passes: When requested and approved by the BOD, John Z reported that he and MJ will issue a Gift Certificate for 4 tickets, good for any Stage Production between now and the end of 2025. At present, they will go to the Community Foundation (for Hoedown) and the Senior Games. They will not be good for the Variety Show, Improvables or Dinner Shows.

Change in Bylaws: Kate reported that in the past we have had a very good relationship with the neighboring Robson Community, SunBird. They consider themselves part of Sun Lakes and welcomed us into their Open House Days to encourage membership and fun together. Although this reciprocity has been going on you a very long time, it is not currently in our Bylaws. So, Kate would like to add a simple amendment to our Bylaws to make it official. This can be done by majority vote at a GMM. Phrasing for this amendment was discussed by the BOD. Final consensus was to propose the change in bylaws at the 11/14/2024 meeting and vote that "SLCT will be open to residents of these local Robson communities: Sun Lakes, SunBird and Robson Reserve." If passed, our membership applications will note their community (along with the date - noted below). Motion was made to accept this phrasing of our Bylaws and take a vote to membership at the next GMM: first, seconded and motion approved.

Review of Fall Play: It was a smash, very good. Publicity was great, yet Kate felt that the quality of the two prior shows effected the turnout of local residents, even though it was close to a sell-out.

PRC Subcommittee for Script Search: Kate introduced having some people look for new scripts. Barry noted that our plays need to be for a senior community with adult content. There are more available plays in the files at storage that are not on the list. Filing and listing is still being worked on. Subcommittee members can visit the file cabinet at storage and review them without relying on the website list. BOD liked that Kate will contact those that applied for the script reading committee, but were not selected, to see if they would find new scrips for SLCT. We need to up our game of quality scrips and performances.

Open Houses Update: Jess did a great job and Lew, Rick and Greg in costumes were instrumental in getting people excited about joining SLCT. Jess reported she got about 15 applications over the three open houses but feels a committee should work together in the future to arrange and staff the Open Houses rather than just one person. The raffle at the Open Houses worked well, yet Jess is having trouble contacting the winners. Group agreed to shift the unclaimed prizes over to SunBird's Open House and in the future winners must be present to win. MJ agreed to add "a date" on the application form.

Technology Reports:

Brian – Still working on photos, waiting for folks to give him more. Barry and others will send Brian more photos.

MJ – John Z will remove the right-side table picture on the ticket sales page and sell seats the way they are listed when actually buying.

Dave P – Reviewed how great it was to have Clark helping with sound for this last show. No one has responded to the request for sound help. Dave does not want to be the only sound person for this demanding volunteer job that includes set-up, performance sound and teardown for all show, rehearsal and performance for 28 children's theater performances, the Variety Show and Improvables. Dave Patterson reported that he will be taking a year off of sound after the Variety Show this year. Also, Dave P said set building is a problem as Dave P has been helping with set building and tear-down for years. Dave P will not be helping with set build either.

MJ recommended we try asking for help via Next Door website. MJ feels we might not make any money hiring an outside sound company.

Kate will advertise in Next Door and feels that by expanding our membership, we may be able to get some new help with sound and set design. Kate mentioned how prolific we are with productions and there definably needs to be multiple people trained in sound.

Wanda, MJ, Kate, Dave and Barry discussed ways to get repetitive advertising for SLCT volunteer needs.

New Resident Orientations: Wanda wondered if new people coming into Sun Lakes could get information about SLCT - Kate reported on Ambassadors including SLCT information with their packets. This could also include "how can I help" contact information.

YouTube Channel: Susan P filmed Kate's show, "Exit Laughing," and put it on a MP4 and has given to Kate. Clark, Kate's step-son, and Dave P found Anna, a new member, has talent in film editing. Possibly she could help to create a YouTube Channel and put these productions on it.

Other Business:

Pre and Post show checklist

- MJ reported that the quantity of help is less than desirable for show's set-up and tear-down. Plus, the people who are actually helping, don't know what to do.
- MJ feels a solution is to create a list of all the duties involved and MJ has agreed to make this list. Also, MJ will create a list of "what needs to be brought from storage" for a play, including curtains and hardware.
- Also, everyone needs to know that we can't throw things away in Cottonwood's trash. We need to bring it home ourselves.
- Another thing MJ brought up was that there was paint left on the stage and she and Jack M had to clean it up or SLCT would be charged. All these items will be on the Pre and Post show checklist.
- We all thank MJ for finding paid help and Kate mentioned that using paid help may affect our non-profit status.

Summer Show of 2025 – Merrie Crawford backed out of directing this show. Kate said that she feels (due to many members complaining to her) that people are tired of seeing the murder-mystery, southern accented and farce type shows. Maybe we need to try something new, like one-acts. MJ wondered if we are eliminating dinner theaters (included in the price). This type of show has been unnecessary since people can order their own food pre-show. Brian also added that he has always wondered why we always do silly shows, and not more serious and higher intellect shows. All these new comments reinforce the need for a Script Reading component withing the PRC and a change in the quality of shows produced.

Motion was made and seconded to end the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:32am

Next BOD meeting: December 10, 2024