

SLCT GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2022 **FINAL**

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by President, Greg Posniack. Greg mentioned that it has been quite some time since we last had gotten together and it has been an exciting year.

New members were introduced:

Cari Scholes, Mark Wenz, who has only been here since Mother's Day and already was cast in a play, Odey von Nostitz, who acted as a child, was a Ballroom Dancer and sang and will help do cast makeup. We also greeted Donna Penna, Julie Beretz, Thomas Hathaway, Suzanne Rosenthal, who would like to help with The Children's Theatre and does tap dancing with Robin Murray, a Board Member. We were introduced to Mimi Zoeller and Rick Strohl, who said he has lived here for 7 ½ years but just auditioned for his first play. He said something backfired since he got the part.

The next show is *Sex Please We're Sixty* and the director is Jo Birlin. Some of the cast was mentioned. Joyce Recupido is Mrs. Stancliffe, Mario Carranza is the suitor, Kate King-Turner is a Southern Belle and Ginger Henry is a Romance Novelist named Victoria. Mark Wenz is "Bud the Stud". John Zoeller mentioned that tickets are on sale on the website 24/7. The first batch of 15 tickets had a slight issue but everything is now fine. Tickets will also be available at the door prior to each performance. Members were invited to help with set construction on Saturday and then painting on Monday. The location is Old Price Rd rental sheds, last row on left.

At 7:06 pm Michael Carter took over as MC. He announced the passing of Jim Thorburn with Memorial Services on 11/4 at Sun Lakes Chapel. He announced at the Cottonwood Open House, there was a Scarecrow contest and SLCT took first place, winning a \$100 Gift Card for eateries or golf services at CW/PV. Mary Vandergriff created this one-of-a-kind scarecrow and donated the scarecrow and Gift Card to SLCT. It was decided to raffle off the prize. Everyone was notified that the raffle will take place at the November GMM and to bring cash for the raffle tickets which will be \$5 each.

Michael stated that a few months ago the BOD came up with an idea to educate the members on what it takes to put a show on. It was decided to ask active members who participated in these productions over the years to possibly give a scenario of what they encountered.

Linda Caton, who was the Recreational Activities Manager at Cottonwood for 21 years got up first to share some of her hilarious stories. She retired in October of 2021. The Saguaro Room at that time was the Cottonwood Café. The first play was in 1988.

Merrie Crawford, who moved here in '98, mentioned when the plays started, they were more like skits than plays. This was at Sunbird. Someone's motorhome was used as dressing rooms. That was at the Sun Lakes Little Theatre. Risers were used in the '90s. Their meetings were held at the Ironwood Clubhouse. Bud Jensen helped to procure risers. Kathy Jensen did costumes.

Sandy Pallett came here in 2006. Linda Caton got her into the theatre. She loved all of her experiences here but never wanted to act.

Michael Carter joined SLCT 16 years ago. His first experience on stage was that of a Drag Queen. He covered his beard and mustache. He always felt we are all different but can work together to put on a production.

Upcoming Shows: 2023

Sandy Pallett will hold auditions for her Spring Mystery Dinner Show on December 17th at 1pm at Oakwood.

Merrie Crawford's summer show is the Dixie Swim Club running from July 18th-22nd.

Improvables are currently sold out. They provide Fun, Laughter and Enjoyment! There is a roster of 20 with 18 active members. Mark Wenz and Loren Hicks are the newcomers. Every show is new. New shows will be available.

Children's Theatre is coming around again. Sandy B has been involved in this group for almost nine years. She has been the director for 5 of those years. Twenty schools have been booked. A few more should get filled. They entertain about 2500 students K and 1st graders. Auditions will happen in Nov. Shows occur Jan – March, 3 days a week, 7am-10am. Costumes are provided. Double casts are planned. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are the set days with flexible casts. There are about 13 participants including the sound tech. Some characters are non-speaking, others have few lines. All have animal costumes. The Clown does magic shows.

Greg asked for members to help MJ with some of her tech assist jobs, such as set building and painting.

The night's finale was Sandy B, Sandy P, Kate, Michael and Robin performing a song written by Sandy B. These were the members who have been working on a special committee to involve more members in specific needs. More info will be shared at next month's General Membership Meeting, November 17th.

Greg accepted a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:55pm.