

UNAPPROVED AGENDA
YUMA COMMUNITY THEATER
April 2nd, 2018

- I. Call meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Present: Jacqueline Viskup (President), Melissa Raulerson (Vice President), Joanne Kidd (Treasurer), Eva Cervantes (Secretary), Ralph Gray, Jonathan Close
B. Lifetime Members in Attendance: John-Paul Plante
C. Guests in Attendance: Sam Cervantes, Matt Kaste, Kevin Irr, Philip Eggers, Dixie Johnson, Justus Johnson, Jesse Johnson
D. Board Members Not in Attendance: Dannie Ayala
- II. Approval of 05 March 2018 minutes
Moved to accept by Joanne, seconded by Melissa. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Last month we voted to pay double the mortgage to lower the balloon payment that's due in 36 months.
 - a. When we overpay the mortgage, it does drop the interest amount.
 - B. \$2341.96 is what is needed to truly pay off the balloon before the due date. It's actually triple the monthly mortgage.
 - a. 36 months at 5%
 - C. Ralph makes a motion to double the principle instead of the \$2341.96 total. Eva seconds. Motion passed.
 - D. Eva moved to accept the treasurer's report, Melissa seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. President's Report
 - A. 2018-2019 Venue update
 - a. We are all set with new contracts for the 2018-19 season for Pecan Grove.
 - b. The main reason we chose to move to the new venue for the season is the nature of the space.
 - c. We are still interested in partnering with St. Paul's Cultural Center for fundraising galas.
 - B. New Directions
 - a. Work sessions
 - i. We have committees, but they tend to meet on the side and most happens at the board meeting.
 - ii. We need to have strong leaders for the committees to get the work done in their committee meetings.
 - b. Advisory board—create committee
 - i. We tend to play multiple roles being the type of group we are. A lot of the creative teams have a tendency to be on the board.
 - ii. Idea: Create an advisory board of 4-5 people to help give us guidance to move toward the goals of our group. How are we moving forward? An opportunity for our patrons to invest time, use connections to help propel YCT forward, and build more investors into our organization.
 - 1. What do we want from this board?
 - a. Joanne said she would like to be a part of the committee.
 - b. An email will go out to the membership (Mike Finch).
 - 2. Soliciting board members?
 - 3. The board would need to approve the members. Voted and chosen by the board. Not voting members of our board of directors.
 - 4. Someone who is used to working on business plans.

5. Ideally have it together by the annual meeting.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Building – Joanne Kidd

- a. Request that they create a strategic plan for how to do all that is on the list.
 - i. It needs to be laid out what needs to be done and cost estimate for a real clear picture of the goals of YCT.
- b. We are at a stalemate because we are looking for labor to help us complete what needs to be done in organization of the building. The last two work sessions have only been Joanne, Ralph, and Mark Henrikson.
- c. Eva suggested that Joanne contact the 4-H office for community service hours to help their commitment requirements.
- d. Matt suggested that an email goes out to the school vice principals for volunteer names and organizations.
- e. Melissa suggested we keep in mind a waiver for machinery.

B. Fundraising – Jackie Viskup

- a. If someone is interested in taking over for Jackie, we are looking for someone.
 - a. ACF Grant Mid-term meeting: April 19th
 - a. Arizona Community Foundation will be here at 9 a.m. to see what we used the grant money for.
 - b. Melissa has been taking before/after pictures.
 - c. If you're interested in being present, come.
 - b. Teaser Reader's Theater of season shows
 - a. Idea from Real Women when they did a reading teaser to open up eyes to people of our new season.
 - b. Littlewood Coop does "Script-tease" readings on Thursdays with audience feedback.
 - c. Dinner theater with On Deck Players OR expanded Cabaret
 - a. Maybe approach to see if they can do a performance.
 - b. Ralph said that shouldn't be a problem.

C. Internships –Dannie Ayala

- a. Facebook fundraiser from Lauren Regenhardt as the scholarship for Jill.

D. Marketing – Melissa Raulerson

- a. Pull from email/feed

E. Membership – Mike Finch (tabled)

F. Nominations

- a. Interim board positions
 - i. Chip Straley and Lauren Regenhardt have had to resign last month.
 - ii. Jackie Viskup is resigning as of May's meeting.
 1. Kevin Irr
 - a. A little experience serving on Boy Scouting boards and giving back.
 - b. He has been involved through his children and wants the youth to strive to reach out to help them get involved. He likes to work behind the scenes and be involved physically.
 2. Dixie Johnson
 - a. She has a real passion for theater and wants to involve more children in the community.
 - b. She's a nursing manager in the ER at YRMC.
 3. Philip Eggers
 - a. He tries to push for an expansion of YCT. His passion is acting and directing. He wants to help get more people involved from the community.

- b. He has tried to search out venues and set up the meetings with Pecan Grove.

4. Mike Finch

- a. Interested in filling in the interim, not as a long-term replacement.
- iii. Jackie has to step down before annual meeting because of her husband getting orders out of state. Melissa will lead meetings in Jackie's absence.
- iv. The board went into an executive session.
 - 1. Dixie (Lauren-1), Philip (Chip-3 mo), Kevin (Jackie- beginning in June- 1)
 - a. Eva moved to accept the above board seats, Jonathan seconded.
Motion passed.
- b. Soliciting new board members

VI. New Business

A. 2018-2019 Season

- a. A Midsummer Night's Dream auditions are April 13 at 6 pm and April 14 at 2 pm
- B. Tech Workshops: Set design/rendering, lights, sound, stage management, auditions
 - a. Lights and Stage Management. April 21st, 1-3pm @ Yuma Community Theater Building, 2874 E. 16th St (Dannie Ayala and Kaitlyn Seitz)
- C. Box office: ticket prices tabled until May meeting
- D. Tina's Cocina Dinner Proposal Update (tabled)
- E. Country Roads RV park dates—November 15th
 - a. And Then There Were None is presenting the show with no set as a fundraiser event.
 - b. They are selling tickets and giving us a portion of the sales.
- F. Warehouse inventory dates—Melissa and Joanne (tabled)

VII. Season Shows 2017-2018

- C. Real Women Have Curves – Mary Ellen Finch and Dannie Ayala
 - a. Closed the show. Numbers in the Treasurer's Report

VIII. Old Business

A. YCT Website – Joanne TABLED

IX. Good of the Order – Next board meeting **May 7, 2018** @ Yuma Community Theater Building, 2874 E. 16th St @ 7:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting: August 11, 12-4pm, Yuma Community Food Bank

Joanne: Dee Dimon is home from rehab from her stroke and is in good spirits; Matt: excited to be a part of our partnership and wants to encourage us to reach out to him for help; John Paul: very happy with the board and leadership; Jesse: she hopes to be in more productions; Justus: glad to be here and looking forward to the season; Philip: excited for the new season; Jonathan: contract with AWC renewed; Kevin: thank you for the opportunity to offer his talents to the board; Sam: Eva and I are going to be grandparents; Dixie: Thank you for being such a home to her and her kids and anxious to build the theater group and board to a successful season; Jackie: the May 7th meeting is her last meeting because her husband has orders to move to Florida, but she will still help with us grants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.