

QUAIL CREEK PERFORMING ARTS GUILD

Minutes of the QCPAG Board Meeting of February 27, 2018

Board members present: Cyndy Gierada, Diana Paul, Dodie Prescott, Sydney Ranney, Sandy Boyer, Frank Gunn, Tal Middleton, Davey Jones, and Marge Hockemeier

President Cyndy Gierada: Cyndy called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Sandy noted that the Board had approved the January minutes via e-mail and that they had been posted to the PAG website.

Treasurer Sydney Ranney: Sydney reported that the current balance is \$27,284.34. She said that the cost for the M-31 storage area has increased this year to \$120 from \$105. Sydney reported that the Business Expo on Feb. 10, 2018 was a success and estimates the Expo will net around \$8600. Sydney noted that Janice Swain received a bottle of wine and a \$25 gift certificate for her help with the Expo. Also, restaurant servers recognized were Carlos who received \$40 and Scarlett who received \$20. Next year's Expo will be on February 9, 2019. Kudos were extended to Sydney for her work on the Expo!

Membership Chair, Frank Gunn: Frank reported that paid membership is now at 68.

Publicity: Tal Middleton: Tal continues to communicate with members via e-mail. He said that MailChimp is an excellent way to track how many members open their e-mails. Recently, 70% of our members opened the e-mail announcing the meeting. At the General Meeting, Tal will ask members if they are receiving his e-mails. Tal explained that Applause only includes activities occurring that month so because the Spring Play is in April, it will not be included until then. A QC Crossing article will come out soon with a new cast picture and article. It was suggested that the CA Suite painting be used for the Madera lobby monitor. Spring Play ticket sale dates will be in the QC Crossing and What's Happening announcements.

VP Variety/Music, Dodie Prescott: Dodie announced that the theme for the Christmas Show is "Toy Store". The concept is a comet coming to Earth which causes the toys in the store to come alive. She and her committee are working on the music numbers and there will be auditions for the acts this year. She expects everything will come together in March.

VP Comedy/Drama, Diana Paul discussed the revised budget for "California Suite", the Spring Play. It is higher than first anticipated because of increased royalty costs (\$375) and scripts (\$100). Additionally, new flats will be purchased so the set and prop costs increased. The cost for the appetizers is finalized and there was an increase there too. The appetizers served at intermission are included in the ticket price. Ashley Furniture will loan furniture for the set and PAG will probably purchase a mattress that can be stored and used in future productions. There will be a cast/crew party on March 3rd to go over costumes and props. Sydney will research rental costs for a red carpet which will be placed in the lobby on the three nights. Additionally, the lounge piano will be moved to the center of the lobby and Cyndy will play it as people enter. Diana has handouts with performance dates and ticket sale dates for members to distribute at various gatherings.

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Davey reported that ticket sales for the show are good with a total of 194 sold. The maximum each night is 176. Wednesday and Thursday nights still have good tables available. Dianne Thomson will be comped 2 tickets for her work on the program and the Ashley Furniture manager will also be comped 2 tickets. The Board agreed that next year's Spring Play should only run for 3 nights. Diana reported that Dodie Prescott will replace Mary Campbell-Jones as the hooker. There was discussion about whether to use fresh flowers on the set. The Board decided that artificial flowers would be easier.

Member at Large: Davey Jones and Marge Hockemeier – Marge will work on the cast party to be held Friday, April 13th at Cyndy's house. Estimated number including cast, crew, guests and Board members is 30.

Old Business: The after-meeting events for the next three months are as follows: Paul White will coordinate another reading in March. Sandy reported that the PAG picnic will be held in lieu of a General meeting on April 24th. The Pickleball Ramada area has been reserved from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The picnic will be catered by BK BBQ and the menu will be beef and chicken plus two sides. Members should bring their own drinks. The Board approved that members attending will have their meals paid for and there will be a \$10 charge for guests. Members will RSVP for the picnic at the March meeting. Emelie Ortega will present the one act play she wrote, "Women of the Titanic" following the May meeting.

Cyndy showed the Board a shirt with our PAG logo on the pocket. The process is to print out a computerized transfer sheet with a reverse image logo and iron it on to a cotton or cotton/polyester shirt of your choice. The Board agreed that this is a less expensive way for members to have shirts with the PAG logo. It is in lieu of having a vendor produce an embroidered logo on shirts which proved to be more complicated and expensive than originally expected.

Davey said that the Discover Quail Creek event is on Friday, March 2nd from 9 – 2:00 p.m. He will have flyers with the Spring Play dates and ticket sale dates available for those attending. However, ticket sales are not allowed at the event.

New Business: Cyndy asked about PAG summer events and the Board agreed that a Talent Show would be fun. They agreed that it would be open to all Quail Creek residents and held at the Madera Clubhouse. The Board thought that August would be a good month and most likely participants would sign up but not have to audition.

Cyndy appointed Marge Hockemeier as Sunshine Chair. Having a Board member as Sunshine Chair will ensure cards are sent when needed. At each meeting, Marge will ask membership if they know of someone who is ill so she can send a card. Dodie said she has extra cards that she will donate. Sydney will purchase a book of stamps.

Cyndy reminded all that 2019 room requests are due. Important dates are the monthly Conference meeting room, the Christmas Show and Spring Play.

Cyndy was contacted by the AZ Sonora Heritage Foundation. They are looking for volunteer docents who would dress in period costumes and work at Old Tucson. Dates and times are flexible. Contact Cyndy if interested.

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Cyndy proposed that PAG dues for the next fiscal year 2018/19 be reduced to one cent. This would enable PAG to attract musicians and artists living in Quail Creek who are interested in performing at our special events. Expo proceeds would be used to pay the members' dues. This would also be a way to give back to membership. Sydney seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Tal volunteered to lead the Nominating Committee. Positions up for reelection are President, Vice President Comedy/Drama, Treasurer, and Member at Large, #1.

Sydney proposed that \$500 from Expo profit be donated to the Sahuarita School District. Cyndy recommended that the money go to the Music Departments this year. Recipients of the money are Walden Grove and Sahuarita High.

A motion was made by Diana to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and Tal seconded it.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Boyer