

Minutes of the Desert Theatre League Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 2022

Present:

Frank Berman – President
Susan Berman – Vice President
Derik Shopinski – Treasurer
Louise Ross – Secretary
June August – Director
Tony Bogard – Director
Roger Medanich – Director
John Toogood – Director
Karen Schmitt, Director

Absent: Gina Bikales, Charles Harvey

Call to Order

Frank Berman called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 7, 2022, meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Derik Shopinski reported that the balance in the checking account at the end of March was \$14,436.14. The cost of the PO Box is up \$40.

After general discussion regarding the cost of the Star Awards programs, Derik agreed to once again research the cost locally.

Judging Coordinator's Report

Following general discussion regarding a letter from a Producing Member requesting a rule change regarding raising the age of "Youth" in Youth Productions, which letter was distributed via email by John Toogood to the Board prior to the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the rule should remain as presently written. Additionally, once an individual graduates high school, he/she will continue to be judged as an adult.

It was also pointed out that a nominee for a Youth Production at a school must be a student at the producing school.

The question was presented to the Board as to whether a recorded performance may receive an acting nomination (ie the plant in *Little Shop of Horrors*). It was unanimously agreed that a performance must be live to be eligible for a nomination.

Revised ballots for the coming season are nearly complete.

Desert Star Awards

There was discussion as to the increased cost of trophies and special awards and the possibility of sponsorships for same, along with the possibility of limiting these to the Lifetime Achievement Award. It was agreed that decisions regarding the Special Awards will be deferred until the July Board meeting.

It was also agreed that the ticket and table pricing will be deferred until the menu and cost of dinner is available. This information likely will also be available in July.

Membership Report

No new business.

Scholarship Report

Karen Schmitt reported that this year's Scholarship recipient is Anna Pollknow, a multi-talented Yucca Valley High School student who has been accepted to the Theater Department at USC and is awaiting information regarding Financial Aid.

Website Report and Judge Education

No new business.

New Business

The annual all-member meeting will again be conducted via Zoom.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next DTL Board meeting will be at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 16, 2022. June will not be able to attend in person.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B Ross, Secretary

April 14, 2022