

**Minutes of the Desert Theatre League Board of Directors Meeting
July 18, 2022**

Present:

Frank Berman – President
Susan Berman – Vice President
Derik Shopinski – Treasurer
Louise Ross – Secretary
Charles Harvey - Director
Gina Bikales – Director
Tony Bogard – Director
Roger Medanich – Director
John Toogood – Director
Karen Schmitt, Director
(Present by phone) June August – Director

Absent: None

Call to Order

Frank Berman called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 20, 2022, All Member and Board meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Derik Shopinski reported that the balance in the checking account at the end of June was \$14,336.14. The CD balance, up \$2.53 is \$10,147.78.
Frank noted a CD special at the bank and requested Derik to look into same at renewal time.
Frank reported that he had completed the IRS filing and requested that Derik complete the State.

Judging Coordinator's Report

John Toogood reported that the Judging Committee had met and nominations are now being proofed, with the expectation of completion by August 1. There are 86 categories with 10 ties, for a total of 96 trophies.

Desert Star Awards

*Awards Ceremony will be held on October 16, 2022 at Sun City Palm Desert. Karen will meet with the GM and chef at Sun City regarding new pricing and forward info to Frank.

*Frank suggested, as the cost for 100 trophies is actually \$130 less than for 96, we award trophies to Paul and Darcy for their continued excellent emceeing of the Awards Ceremony, to the Musical Director for the Ceremony and to the Scholarship winner. Suggestion was unanimously approved.

* Derik will engage a Musical Director.

*Frank suggested that due to the inflationary spiral and in order to keep the price of tickets as low as possible, Special Awards be eliminated this year. Suggestion was unanimously approved.
*DTL will lose approximately \$2000 if there is no advertising purchased in the Program for the Awards Ceremony. It was agreed the pricing will be the same as the previous program, \$250 Interior, \$300 inside and back covers. Derik will email all Members regarding ads and prices.

Membership Report – Susan reported that two Producing Members have paid. John will confer with the artistic director of a geographically distant member regarding continuing membership.
Individual members – 16 paid with one IOU.

Scholarship Report - No new business.

Website Report - Nominations will be posted as usual once proofed with the expectation that ticket pricing will have been resolved.

Judge Education - To help mitigate the impact of inflation on our judges, the Board opted to suspend this year's judge education meeting at a remote site. Instead, Gina will be issuing a paper on Costumes and Makeup and Hair (Wigs) prior to September 1.

New Business Roger brought up the difficulty at the previous Award Ceremony of guests remaining unseated and interfering with food service. A suggestion was made that Karen confer with Sun City management at her meeting Thursday. A 15-minute warning before service begins was also suggested. Karen to discuss with caterer.
Masking requirements will be determined by the venue.

Old Business

Frank responded to the letter from David Catanzarite discussed at the previous meeting.

Next Meeting

The next DTL Board meeting will be at 5:00PM on Monday, August 22, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Ross, Secretary

Dated