

**Minutes of the Desert Theatre League Board of Directors Meeting  
August 22, 2022**

**Present:**

Frank Berman – President  
Susan Berman – Vice President  
Derik Shopinski – Treasurer  
Louise Ross – Secretary  
Charles Harvey - Director  
Gina Bikales – Director  
Roger Medanich – Director  
John Toogood – Director  
Karen Schmitt, Director  
June August – Director

**Absent:** Tony Bogard

**Call to Order**

Frank Berman called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

**Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 18, 2022 Board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Derik Shopinski reported that the balance in the checking account is \$14,802.02. Deposits of \$675 consist of Membership dues. Expenses are \$289 which include the \$189 annual cost of Go Daddy and \$20 to the Secretary of State. IRS and State filings are complete.

**Desert Star Awards**

**\*Catering Contract** - The cost of meals is up to \$2.50 each; the cost of bartenders has doubled to \$100 each for three bartenders. Karen reported several factors at the facility that are causing increases, including a nearly new General Manager, brand new chef, supply chain issues and labor shortages.

The cutoff date to order a vegetarian meal is October 7, also due to supply chain issues. Frank will ask Eventbrite to send out an additional letter as a reminder.

**\*Audio-Visual** - Karen also reported that she was able to secure an agreement from the Audio-Visual Manager to keep costs as originally agreed.

**\*Volunteers** – Karen reported that she has several volunteers committed and will continue to recruit.

**\*Musical Director** - Derik reported that he has secured Constance Gordy, who has previously worked with Darcy and Paul.

**\*Ticket Sales** – Frank reported that 295 tickets had been sold, including 14 out of 15 VIP tables.

**\*Programs** – Derik reported that with the two ads (back cover and inside cover) sold and perhaps a third ad, cost for 300 programs will be covered.

**\*Trophies** – John reported that final work on the trophies will begin the first week in September.

### **Judging Coordinator's Report**

John Toogood reported that the judging trial run will take place, thanks to the generosity of Palm Canyon Theatre, at its performance of *Biloxi Blues* on Thursday, September 8 at 7PM. One ticket and a ballot will be provided for each judge and John will meet with them before and after the performance.

**Membership Report** – Susan reported that 23 Individual and six Producing Members have paid. Two Producing Members who paid and held no performances are carried over to the current season.

**Website Report** - Charles reported that the website has had 5600 hits in the past month.

**Judge Education** - Gina reported that the education paper on Costumes, Makeup and Hair (Wigs) consists of approximately six pages, three of copy and three of illustrations. The information will also stress the importance of thematically correct foundation garments.

**New Business** – (Desert Star Awards)

\*Derik suggested that the 5 nominated musical companies each perform a number from their nominated production, limited to two minutes and no more than four performers (who are attending the ceremony) and not in costume. It was generally agreed that this would enhance the awards ceremony. Derik will create a proposal and send it out to the Board.

\*Frank suggested that in order to avoid congestion during serving, the program should include a break at 6:20 and dinner service at 6:30.

\*(Judge Education) It was suggested and unanimously agreed to that the Judge Education material should also go out to Producing Members.

### **Old Business**

(None)

### **Next Meeting**

The next DTL Board meeting will be at 5:00PM on Monday, September 19, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Louise B. Ross, Secretary

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Dated