

**Minutes of the Desert Theatre League Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2022**

Present

Frank Berman – President
Susan Berman – Vice President
Louise Ross – Secretary
Charles Harvey - Director
Karen Schmitt - Director
Roger Medanich – Director
John Toogood – Director
June August – Director
Tony Bogard - Director

Absent

Derek Shopinski - Treasurer
Gina Bikales - Director

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 September 26, 2022 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

In Derik's absence, Frank Berman reported a balance of \$13,702.18 in the checking account after the payment to Sun City PAC for the Desert Star Awards.

Desert Star Awards

*Frank reported a total of 330 tickets sold for an income of \$17,385. Total expenses were \$18,473, for a net loss of \$1,088.

*Positives regarding the Awards Dinner were acknowledged as follows: Outstanding work by the Audio-Visual staff and the trophy ladies, for which Karen was asked to express DTL's thanks.

*Negatives were the lack of an enforceable contract between DTL and Sun City, the late delivery and cold temperature of the food, the fact that no cash was being accepted at one bar. Karen cited difficulties the Catering Department at Sun City was having to a new Catering Manager, new Chef and supply chain issues.

*Also discussed at length was a letter from the Sun City Performing Arts Club to DTL regarding the lateness in payment for the banquet and the fact that the PAC had to temporarily use its own funds to pay the bill, resulting in the Club's difficulty paying its own expenses. Frank responded that he had authorized payment as soon as he received the itemized bill on November 18 for the October 16 gala. Payment was unaccountably delayed for two days and then submitted and mailed to the wrong party, resulting in further delay.

*It was ultimately agreed that there was no vindictive intent regarding the delay in payment and the relationship would be revisited at the appropriate time.

Judging Coordinator's Report

John Toogood reported a potential new Producing Member by the name of Tiger Bear, who sent four \$20 bills as membership payment and claimed to be affiliated with the Agua Caliente Band. Charles Harvey stated that the Tribe has no affiliation whatsoever with any performing arts group. John will investigate further.

John also reported that the Cabin Theater has resumed programming and has done 2 one-acts. They are planning on doing a program of monologues. These should have a theme or playwright in common to be a program eligible to be judged.

An additional new member for Judging is The Bent, which is performing at the PS Cultural Center on an unusual schedule.

Membership Report

Nothing additional.

New Business

Roger brought up the fact that there are very few applicants for DTL's scholarship program and suggested new ways of reaching applicants might be investigated. Susan responded that she and Karen have visited schools and mentioned the scholarships to teachers and that the word does not seem to be reaching the students. There was general discussion about how to get information to the students, with Roger suggesting including blurbs in the High School playbill/program. It was agreed that it was too late in the season for action this year.

Next Meeting

The next DTL Board meeting will be at 5:00P Monday, February 20, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise B. Ross, Secretary

December 10, 2022
