**DESERT THEATRE LEAGUE MINUTES Monday, August 20, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Berman at 4:03 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Frank Berman President

Susan Berman Vice President

Shawn Abramowitz Secretary

Derik Shopinski Treasurer

Karen Schmitt Director

Irwin Rubinsky Director

Tony Bogard Director

June August Director

Charles Harvey Director

**ABSENT**

John Toogood Director

Gina Bikales Director

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

The Board elected Shawn Abramowitz to serve as secretary

**MINUTES**

The revised minutes from the July Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting were approved. Karen motioned to approve the minutes, Derik second.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was approved. Shawn motioned to approve, Karen second.

Total balance of $24,858.04 in bank. Waiting on renewals from Individual and Producing members. A reminder letter will be sent out.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Waiting on 1 producing member to pay dues as well as several school sites. October 31st is the deadline. Susan will email tardy members.

**JUDGING COORDINATOR REPORT**

John Toogood was absent, however he emailed board members regarding the need for an annual judging meeting, despite its requirements in the bylaws. Going forward, the Judging Coordinator will conduct one on one meetings with new judges and those whose scores are grossly out of line. An amendment to the bylaws will be at the next annual meeting.

**WEBSITE REPORT**

Charles reported that in the past days we had 541 unique visitors and in the past 30 days we had 8051 visits. The minutes of the past 2 or 3 Board meetings will be posted on the website.

**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

Karen reported that Victoria Mendoza will be performing at the Star Awards. The availability of Maria Angulo is still in question.

**DESERT STAR DINNER**

The contract for Sun City looks good. We need 36 tables. No decision from caterer yet on Veggie Medley or Broccoli. Tickets sold out in 8 hours and 47 minutes. Sales revenue due from Eventbrite is $16,340. There are over 80 people waitlisted.

Derik needs a picture of Wayne Abravanel and will be starting a list for PJs trophies. Derik also needs the president’s letter and the ads from advertisers. Printing costs yet to be determined.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

All special award winners have been notifies and issued complimentary tickets for the event.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Frank sent a letter to The Desert Sun’s interim managing editor requesting recognition of local community theater in the newspaper. There has been no response. The letter will be posted online showing members we are acting on their behalf.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lynn Schwimmerand (John Glenn Middle School) suggested via email how we should handle ticket sales for the Desert star awards. This brought on a discussion about how many VIP tables do we sell, do we limit the number of tables sold to each group, etc.

Shawn, June and Charles will form a communication committee to engage members to get ideas on not only the Desert Star Awards, but the annual meeting and what DTL can do for members. June suggested we make a manual for each position of DTL for future directors.

Bruce Fessier published a comprehensive article in The Desert Sun about the upcoming Desert Star Awards. Frank contacted Bruce and The Desert Sun may be sending a photographer and/or videographer to the Star Awards.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 17, 2018, at 4 pm., at:

31276 Dunham Way

Thousand Palms, California 92276

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Abramowitz

Secretary