

DESERT THEATRE LEAGUE

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Gina Bikales at 7:33 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Frank Berman reported the following:

Total income year-to-date	\$19,170		
Total expenses	\$17,371	Bank balance as of 5/31/18	\$23,038
Overall total	\$ 1,799		

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Karen Schmitt reported that three \$1,000. scholarships had been awarded:

Ballerina	Maria Angulo
Actor	Victoria Mendoza
Technical	Destiny Briggs

Whoever attends the Desert Star Awards Dinner will either perform or have a slide show presented.

DESERT STAR AWARDS DINNER

The dinner will be held Sunday, October 14, 2018, at Sun City Palm Desert. Further details and prices will be posted in August 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

The request from the June 2017 meeting to add an elementary school category for youth theatre was discussed by the Board and rejected. Judging will be limited to middle school and high school productions. The performers in a school production must attend the school whose production is being judged. There were no objections by the attendees.

## NEW BUSINESS

### WEBSITE

Frank Berman announced that Charles Harvey had assumed management of the site in July 2017. Frank reported that Charles was looking into changing the web host from Graphtek to Go Daddy. The change would result in substantial savings. It was noted that Graphtek is no longer a feasible option because it is operating out of someone's residence. The matter would be decided by the end of June.

A discussion ensued about investigating other hosting options. Suggestions were made about ways to enhance the value of the website to producing members. The suggestions will be among the topics to be discussed by the Board. It was also suggested that each producing member mention Desert Theatre League in the programs for their productions.

Frank Berman announced that revised by-laws and judging rules will be posted on the website.

### JUDGING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

John Toogood announced that there were 120 shows and 132 ballots for the 2017-18 season. John explained that the new judging rules will be locked in for a year.

John was asked to clarify the criteria for Professional and Non-professional designations for the purpose of judging. John explained that if a performer, director, producer, etc. was or had ever been a member of a union or had earned a living in that field, the Professional designation would apply. Once that designation is assigned, it cannot be changed.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Susan Berman announced that there are 30 producing members and 36 individual members.

In the by-law concerning meeting attendance by Board members, the words "per year" will be changed to "per term." A vote was taken on that by-law change and approved.

### ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Berman presented the slate for Board Members:

For re-election: Gina Bikales, Frank Berman, Susan Berman, Karen Schmitt, Irwin Rubinsky

For election to a vacant position: Shawn Abramowitz

John Toogood moved to accept the slate as presented. It was seconded and approved.

Gina Bikales announced her retirement as president now that her three goals had been accomplished:

1. Recovering the embezzled money
2. Streamlining the Desert Star Awards show
3. Bringing back the scholarship program

Having been re-elected, Gina will continue as a Director.

#### ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Derik Shopinski responded to a question about the price of placing an ad in the Desert Star Awards Dinner program. Derik will work out the logistics for placing ads in the two available spaces in the program.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June August, Secretary