

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center**  
**Board Meeting**  
**June 16, 2009**  
**Carrollwood Cultural Center Studio Bldg-Tampa**

**Board Members Present:** Tom Jones *President*, Alan Preston *Treasurer*, Sandra Harrington *Secretary*, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Board Members Absent:** Mindy Ambler, John Dyers (alternate for Dale Nederhoff), Michael LaVoy

**Staff Present:** Paul Berg *Executive Director*

**Guest(s):** Ron Manning, Evelyn Bless (Centerpieces), Chris Martel, Tom Ketchum, Carol Cotton

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Call to order at 7: 03 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion** by Alan Preston: Accept Agenda as presented.

**Second:** Jim Carver

**Discussion(s):** (none)

**Motion Passed:** 6-0-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** (none)

2. Minutes for Meeting 05/19/09

**Motion** by Jim Carver: Accept minutes with presented changes.

**Second:** Alan Preston

**Discussion(s):** (none)

**Motion Passed:** 6-0-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** (none)

3. Treasurer Report presented by Alan Preston

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Miley raised question at 05/19/09 meeting regarding retained earnings. An answer was emailed but felt we should address it to the Board. Mr. Miley questioned the amount of \$101,000 listed as retained earnings. He rightfully remembered that last year's earnings were \$84,000. However, \$17,000 was collected for prior years collected and if you add that to the \$84,000, you reach the \$101,000.

Mr. Miley requests budget number to be included on the printout and would like an Excel copy of the budget. Mr. Preston said he would be happy to supply Mr. Miley with those items.

**Motion** by Jim Carver: Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**Second:** Sandra Harrington

**Discussion(s):** (none)

**Motion Passed:** 6-0-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** (none)

4. Executive Director's Report presented by Paul Berg

**Discussion(s):** Discussion regarding alcohol being served at rehearsal with Board member present. Our members need to be more responsible than anyone. There is a license to have alcohol served by a licensed vendor. Mr. Miley questioned the policy of the Friends. The Parks Department allows the consumption of alcohol in certain venues versus the sale of alcohol. Mr. Jones noted that the policy directed by the insurance company is that the alcohol must be served by a licensed dealer so the dealer/bartender accepts the

liability in order to be consumed at the Center. This has been a standing policy and has been exercised for numerous events already. Mr. Miley would like to establish a policy in the next meeting if not already on the books. Mr. Jones will review the minutes and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Miley is questioning the time line regarding Naming Rights contracts. Mr. Berg answered that it could take as short as one month and as long as two months depending on the processes at the county level. Mr. Jones feels that the Center has some responsibility in expediting these requests and we need to do a better job. The Center receives a receipt upon delivery to the County and we should be able to track the process with that.

**Motion** by Alan Preston: Approve addition of part-time receptionist position within the current budget.

**Second:** John Miley

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Miley would like to be convinced that this could not be achieved through volunteers. Mr. Berg explained that there is not consistent enough volunteer hours to be able to achieve coverage that is needed and not to be needed to explain the position to each volunteer. We would also not have to scramble if another office person would choose to go on vacation. Mr. Miley is concerned due to economic times the addition seems to run in the face of what should be happening. Ms. Harrington is concerned that she has an acquaintance who is a loyal volunteer who does not have enough to do and so she tends to agree with Mr. Miley.

**Motion Failed:** 3-3-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Jim Carver

**Opposed:** Sandra Harrington, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Motion** by Alan Preston: Accept the Executive Director's Report as presented.

**Second:** John Miley

**Discussion(s):** (none)

**Motion Passed:** 6-0-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** (none)

#### 5. Accept resignation of Kent Linder

**Motion** by Alan Preston: Accept resignation of Kent Linder.

**Second:** Jim Carver

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Jones commented that he takes exception to so comments in the resignation. Some of the comments were biased, derogatory, and detrimental. Especially since it was distributed outside the members of the Board. Mr. Jones felt it was very unprofessional and unbalanced. Ms. Harrington noted that it made her very sad because he is so talented and had so much to offer and yet summed it up well in the first paragraph. It made her even sadder that it came on the heels of the successful Hootenanny. Mr. Preston said that we really haven't had real training in what our limitations are but we still have to work as a team. Mr. Miley weighed in that Mr. Linder's timing and tactics were askew but a number of his issues were not inappropriate. He then said that he had been criticized for speaking outside of the Board. The community has a vested interest in Center. They need to know the good and the bad. Why should we be so concerned regarding one man's view? Mr. Jones reiterates his opinions. Mr. Preston would like an official set of boundaries to show as a united front.

**Motion Passed:** 6-0-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** (none)

**Motion** by Jim Carver: *Responsibility of the Friends of the Carrollwood Cultural Center:* On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, prior to the presentation of the Hootenanny production, a cast social was held at the CCC. After the evening's practice session, during this time beer and wine were served. The serving of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at the Center without a licensed bartender in event liability insurance. Mr. Kent Linder was in attendance of this event and made no effort to stop the activity. For the FCCC meeting minutes and record, the FCCC Board issues a sanction against Mr. Kent Linder for not taking appropriate actions to terminate the social activity because of the lack of a licensed bartender and the event insurance.

**Second:** Alan Preston

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Carver feels it is important that we have in the minutes that the Board recognized the situation and took an action. If there was a problem, and no action was taken by the Board, then the Board would not be facing its responsibility.

**Motion Passed:** 5-1-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** John Miley

**Motion** by John Miley: Table the Responsibility of the Friends of the Carrollwood Cultural Center Motion until the next Board meeting.

**Second:** Sandra Harrington

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Carver questioned Mr. Miley that if the Board agreed upon the stated facts that it would be the suggestion of the Board? Mr. Miley stated that he would like a statement from the participants as to what they were doing and their understanding of the propriety of what they were doing. Mr. Carver feels that the Executive Director's Report clarifies the situation.

**Motion Failed:** 3-3-0

**Approved:** Sandra Harrington, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Jim Carver

**Motion** by Jim Carver: As an FCCC Board member, on Monday, June 8, 2009, Mr. Linder submitted his resignation letter to the Board. The two page letter was distributed to the Board and to two individuals outside of the Board. The resignation letter was extremely critical of the Center staff and at times, the FCCC Board. In the spirit of Board unity, it is very puzzling for the resignation letter to be critical of the Board and being issued outside of the Board. The activity of seeking to individually influence people outside the FCCC Board by issuing a letter of resignation to others other the FCCC Board is inappropriate, condescending, and disrespectful to the Board members. For the FCCC minutes and record, the FCCC Board issues a sanction against Mr. Kent Linder for issuing his resignation letter outside of the FCCC Board.

**Second:** Alan Preston

**Discussion(s):** (none)

**Motion Failed:** 5-1-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** John Miley

#### 6. Workshop June 30 on Benevon Sustainable Funding

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Miley recently received an email (06/16/09) from the Benevon office that Terry Axelrod is no longer able to attend the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Is it possible to change the meeting date to Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> instead? Mr. Jones and Mr. Miley felt that it was not necessary that Ms. Axelrod be in attendance. The meeting will remain on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Imaging, Development, and Marketing Committee presented by Jim Carver

**Discussion(s):** Committees should be open to volunteers and broadcast for interest.

The Board pays respect to Maria Carrillo and sympathies are with the family. The program has lost a great leader and it is going to be hard to fill her shoes. She was highly respected throughout the City and County.

Mr. Jones mentioned that he would like to see the New Development Director, once on board, get a sponsor for the sign. Mr. Miley noted that \$30,000 is a lot of money. Dividing it up should also be an option. Mr. Miley may also have a lead on a sponsor. Many concerns regarding vandalism, longevity, etc.

- b. Programs, Events, and Rental Committee

**Discussion(s):** Ms. Harrington explained the committee did not meet because of the entry and exit of so many members and no plan of action. There will be a catching up meeting as soon as possible.

- c. Administration, Finance, and IT Committee (AP)

**Discussion(s):** (none)

8. Questions/Comments of Guests

**Discussion(s):** Mr. Manning commented that he considers the CCC a great community resource and would like to reinforce that this Board knows how to accomplish things. He is interested in giving back and participating. Mr. Jones asked if he would be interested in joining the Program Committee and Mr. Manning acknowledged that he would.

Ms. Bless commented that she would like to see more interaction between the Board and the volunteers and would like the word spread. She said she would love to see the minutes of the Board and committee meetings on the website.

Mr. Ketchum found it enjoyable to see the Board work together and the openness but does not all have the same opinions. The fact that you have volunteers and they are willing to do more is good. Volunteers needs to know what they can do to help and involving them more brings in more outside people who may become new members. Offer extended to Mr. Ketchum to join the IDM committee.

Ms. Martel is appreciative of the ability to attend the meetings.

Ms. Cotton feels if more people would attend the Board meetings, it would generate a great amount of enthusiasm and she agrees that the volunteers are your best source for public relations and bringing more people on board.

9. Adjournment at 8:52 p.m.

**Motion** by Alan Preston: Adjournment

**Second:** Nancy Stearns

**Discussion(s):** (none)

**Motion Passed:** 6-0-0

**Approved:** Tom Jones, Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jim Carver, John Miley, Nancy Stearns

**Opposed:** (none)