

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center
Board Meeting
September 18, 2019
Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Board Members Present: Bill DeMare, *President*, Neil Smith, *Vice President*, Alan Preston, *Treasurer*, Susan Baxter Gibson, Sophia Denicolo

Board Members Absent: Evelyn Bless, *Secretary*, Craig Nowicke

Staff Members Present: none

Guests: none

Call to order, quorum present, at 4:07p.m. Bill DeMare, *President*.

Public comment: none

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Alan Preston

Second: Neil Smith

Motion passed: 5-0

2. Consent Agenda approval: with correction to item 7, spelling of Aaron's name.

Board Minutes: August

Motion: Neil Smith

Second: Susan Baxter Gibson

Motion passed: 5-0

3. Finance Update: Alan Preston said the center is likely to break even for the year, as of the end of last month. Bill DeMare analyzed the budget to see where the center was profitable. As an example, performances are profitable with a net of \$16,000. Chorus lost \$3000 because of one less concert. Summer camp raised \$39,000 in gross profits. The administrative fees are dropping each year.

4. HOA Committee: Susan Baxter Gibson reported that the committee was waiting for Phase I to restructure. Susan stressed that there needs to be a balance between what the park does and the events that the HOA funds support. Bill DeMare said that the county does not have the funding to take on the cultural center events, but they want to offer facilities for productions and work with the center.

5. Executive Director's Report: Paul Berg reported that the chorus has been invited to take part in a celebration at Pearl Harbor in 2020. The studio work is completed but the center is trying to get a construction crew to repair the frame of the front doors. Paul had to let a part time evening person go last night. "Trunk or treat" is put on for the HOA on October 29 but there has not been much interest; there needs to be at least 15 trunks (cars that are decorated and give out treats) to have the event. Paul gave information about the consultant that is working with the center. Susan

Baxter Gibson requested that the consultant meet with the board. Bill suggested to Paul that the Cultural Center board meet with the board of the Carrollwood Players.

6. **Facility Strategic Plan:**Paul Berg selected items that were planned for just next year and put an estimated amount with the item for next year's budget and gave that to board members. He explained the amounts suggested by the \$ signs.
7. **New Business:**none
8. **Unfinished Business:** none
9. **Round Robin:** Paul Berg recommended that members come to the play this weekend.
10. **Adjournment:**5:50

Submitted by:

Linda Delapenha, Recording Secretary