

Carrollwood Players Theatre

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

1209 Oxbridge Dr Lutz FL 33549

Aug 23, 2022 6PM

Attended: Christine Smith, presiding, Christopher Combie, Sandy Cunnagin, Torii Goins, Zach Griswold, Ann Lehman, Emily Nettnin, Pam Senk, Jim Russell, David Fraga

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order - 7:20pm**
- II. Approval of Agenda and past minutes - approved**
- III. Reports**
 - a. President: Christine Smith reported on proposed slate of officers; September 10 Stewardship Event.**
 - b. Vice President:**
 - c. Secretary: Judith Sachs: presented gifts to outgoing members with sincere thanks to Torii and Hippie for their service and leadership.**
 - d. Treasurer: Pam Senk: 2021/22 year-end is that we have a \$14,000 balance in our checking account so we are in good shape for the year-end. The 2022/23 budget (attached) was approved.**
 - e. Managing Director: Jim Russell: This season went well, Ticket sales are returning to pre-covid levels, Fundraising: planning to do a holiday shopping auction (launch on November 1 and go through Thanksgiving; Nancy Awards October 23 (Ann will help with entertainment), Tulane intern completed, Jim would like to continue the intern–Torii has some materials for internship programs.**
 - f. Manager, Finance: David Fraga**
 - g. Chair, Artistic Council: Zach Griswold–Hippie is working on surveys, Thomas Pahl and Penni Willen will be leaving the committee–so we need a new head for director selection. Christine asked that the future Artistic Council liaison report to the board every few months. ANN L said the Council will have its first meeting Sunday August 28. Christine asked that the Artistic Council continue to monitor our desirability for performing volunteers. Jim reminds us that we are a community theatre and that we want to stay available for newcomers and first-timers.**
- IV. Planning session:**
 - Options:**
 - Re-rent our facility**
 - Rent another facility**
 - Build our own facility**

Be a gypsy theatre
Merge with another group
Close down

David: Re-new our lease or look for other

Sandy: continue in our lease and look for other options

Judith: stay if we have to but don't get caught with changing rental rates

Pam: re-new the lease

Emily: gypsy theater with greater geographical choices. we need to take the time to make our decisions and have a coherent plan and a goal. Create an architect's rendering—make it as realistic as possible.

Ann: Alternative location to rent or buy if we are going to grow... we need to double our capacity

Chris: build our own facility improve fundraising with a legacy society etc.

Torii: important to be talking about it now, work on the long term vision of building, capitalize on and get space for educational activities

Hippie: Build. Build. Build. Not opposed to gypsy theatre but if we do that we should start reserving spaces and maybe do a joint production.

Jim: We all want to build: own our own piece of land and build a theatre; probably not ready for that in five years. We cannot renew our current facility. Our staffing level is not at the level even for the current schedule so just renewing with one staff member is unrealistic. Jim's realistic answer is that we would become a gypsy theatre that rents a nice facility three or four times a year and puts on four incredible performances. Need a full development plan including planned giving.

Christine: We need to seriously consider these options and come up with viable options for 2026 and a plan for getting there. .

Adjourned at 9:37.

V. Adjournment:

VI. Next Meetings: 7PM: September 27, November 29, 2022; January 24, March 28, 2022. Nancy

Awards: Oct 23, 2022 .