**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center**

**Board Meeting**

**June 25, 2020**

**Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Meeting was held on Google Meet

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

**Board Members Absent***:* none

**Staff Members Present**: Paul Berg

**Guests:**none

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**Call to order**, quorum present, at 12:10p.m. Bill DeMare, *President.*

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Public comment:**none

1. **Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion:**Alan Preston

**Second:**Susan Baxter Gibson

**Motion passed**:7-0

1. **Consent Agenda approval:** Board Minutes: May

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1. **Executive Director’s Report:**Bill DeMare asked the board if they had questions for Paul after reading his report. Susan Baxter Gibson asked about an anticipated reopen date. Paul responded that July 9 was the date with camps opening the following week. Paul reviewed the current procedures being followed at the center to keep visitors and staff safe. The county now has masks available for the center if someone picks them up. Paul praised the county for the quick response yesterday in disinfecting the center and covering the cost which would have been more than $1000. Paul explained that three groups are exempt from the mask rule: churches, non-profits and municipalities.
2. **Finance Update:** Alan Preston reported that revenues are 0 at this time. The cash that is scheduled to come from the county will carry the center for 3 months. Currently the center is $15,000 to $20,000 negative. Paul said that he expects another stimulus package to come that will include non-profits.
3. **New Business:**Paul said that he is very much aware of the current racial tensions. A group wanted to have a protest in the center parking lot. Paul explained that there weren’t any county guidelinesestablished for it and they were very nice about the refusal. He had to ask a volunteer to remove a statement on Facebook that was sensitive. He also decided to swap a program scheduled for September with one that was without any possible controversy. Bill asked when Titanic would be performed and Paul said that it would be scheduled for March 2022. All the rights that have been purchased would carry forward and costumes and sets would be 90% paid for, so the return would be very profitable when it is performed.
4. **Unfinished Business:** Evelyn has received only 4 self assessments. Susan requested for the form to be resent to her. Evelyn asked Paul if the board could do anything to help the canter at this time. Paul replied that all was okay for now. People are very supportive of the communication that receive, and parents were very understanding when camp was cancelled yesterday. Evelyn stated that it important that people feel safe in coming to the center. Sophia asked about when the market might return because young families are looking for outdoor activities. Paul explained the steps that were being followed to bring this about. A separated plan was written and has been sent to the market for approval.
5. **Round Robin:** Evelyn shared that it was great to be talking to everyone again. Alan, Craig, Sophia and Linda thanked Paul for the job he is doing under such difficult circumstances. Susan said that it made her sad to read Paul’s report because so much of the community revolves aroundthe center; we need to find ways to get donors. . Bill read a message the Evelyn wrote to be send to the center staff; the board applauded her work. Bill also thanked the board for not interfering with Paul as he runs the center during these uncertain times.
6. **Motion to adjourn:** Susan Baxter Gibson

**Second:** Evelyn Bless

**Adjournment Time:**12:52

Submitted by:

Linda Delapenha, Recording Secretary