

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center
Board Meeting
April 21, 2021
Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Meeting was held at the center and on Google Meet

Board Members Present: Bill DeMare, *President*, Neil Smith, Craig Nowicke, Jenifer Mirin, Alan Preston *Treasurer*, and Craig Ruska

Online, Susan Baxter Gibson, *Vice President*, Sophia Denicolo, and Evelyn Bless, *Secretary* joined at 12:17

Board Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Paul Berg, *Executive Director*, Dana Warner, *Director of Development*

Guests: Nancy Manning, Nick Langenfeld, intern

Call to order, quorum present, at 12:00 p.m. Bill DeMare, *President*.

Pledge of allegiance

Public comment: Dana Warner spoke to the board as the new director.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Alan Preston

Second: Neil Smith

Motion passed: 8-0

2. Consent Agenda approval: Board Minutes-March

Motion: Jenifer Mirin

Second: Alan Preston

Motion passed: 8-0.

- 3. Executive Director's Report:** Paul Berg reported that the center is doing well and becoming busier. Paul is working with Ken, the board's attorney, to set up a sunshine meeting either in person or online.

- 4. Finance Update:** Alan Preston reported that the center has cash in the bank. The bottom line is far better than was forecasted. The finance committee did not meet last month.

- 5. New Business:** Bill DeMare asked the board when the center should start having in person meetings. Alan said that we could continue with on line meetings since it is free with Google. Bill asked board members to state if they were vaccinated because Susan had some concerns. Bill stated that we could continue on with a quorum in person and using zoom and meeting at 12:00 until we discuss it again in the summer.

6. **Unfinished Business:** Bill submitted his recommendations for committees to the governance board. He suggested the following committees: Finance, Governance, Strategic Planning/Oversight (combining other previous committees and containing 6 board members.). The president would select a nominating committee and some other committees as needed. Evelyn Bless expressed some concerns and Bill gave her permission, as chairperson of the governance committee, to revise bylaws or handbook to reflect changes. Non-board members are welcome to serve on committees.
7. **Round Robin:** Linda said that the automatic doors are wonderful for the events we host in the evening. Sophia thanked Paul for getting the grants and funds for the center. Nancy said that it was wonderful to see the center on a good financial status. Susan seconded Nancy's statement and is looking forward to getting performances back on the schedule. Bill reported that he requested that the county approve a concert in the park for 4th of July, but was denied. There is a fishing tournament scheduled for the park. Evelyn appreciates meetings being held on line and in person. Paul thanked the board for their support; the center is ahead of other organizations is getting back with the public. Craig R. asked if there is a maintenance wish list; he would like to fix things that are broken but not essential. Paul responded that these things are the county's responsibilities. Work orders are submitted for these repairs; some things the center staff will do. Bill said that the board has established a wish list as part of the strategic plan. Craig N. thanked Paul and the staff. He mentioned that Moffit restarted their pet therapy program that Craig and Alan participate with. Craig also mentioned that the Patel conservatory is presenting a program this evening and he is with an adult group backing up the children. Jenifer welcomed Dana Warner, the new Director of Development. She also mentioned that she helped with auditions for the summer music program and was impressed with the 40 + people that came out. Neil commented that this was a very optimistic meeting as the center is looking ahead. Bill reminded the board that the center is having a play this weekend," Behind Closed Doors."
8. Adjournment time: 12:45
Submitted by:
Linda Delapenha, recording secretary