

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center
Board Meeting
March 17 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*, Craig Ruska, newly elected member

Online, Evelyn Bless *Secretary*, Susan Baxter Gibson, *Vice President*

Board Members Absent: Sophia Denicolo

Staff Members Present: Paul Berg, Executive Director

Guests: Nancy Manning, online, Nick Langenfeld, intern from UT at Dallas

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

Pledge of allegiance

Public comment: Nick Langenfeld introduced himself to the board.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Alan Preston

Second: Neil Smith

Motion passed: 7-0

2. Consent Agenda approval: Board Minutes-February
Governance Minutes-December

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected: Alan Preston

Second: Jenifer Mirin

Motion passed: 7-0.

Motion to accept the December Governance Committee Minutes: Evelyn Bless

Second: Neil Smith

Motion Passed: 7-0

3. Nomination of Craig Ruska to the BOD: Bill DeMare

Motion to Approve Craig Ruska for BOD: Bill DeMare

Second: Susan Baxter Gibson

Motion passed: 7-0

4. **Executive Director's Report:** Paul Berg reported that he received notification that the first PPP loan has been repaid to the bank. The center has already taken in money for summer camps.
5. **Finance Update/Audit:** Alan Preston reported that cash flow was very good. Another \$94,000 arrived today from the county. The center is progressing very well with the audit.
6. **New Business:** Evelyn asked about committees and Bill said that would be handled under unfinished business.
7. **Unfinished Business:** Bill will send recommendations for committee changes to the Governance Committee.
8. **Round Robin:** Nancy welcomed Craig to the BOD. Evelyn also welcomed Craig. Susan welcomed Craig and thanked Paul for keeping the doors open. Craig R. thanked the BOD and wished a happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone. Craig welcomed the new member and said that the board now has 5 people that could do their own production; he also thanked Paul. Jenifer talked about her Phase 3 Board meeting. That board talked about a survey that they had done with residents; Publix was thought as the focal point of the community. The Phase 3 Board wants to redirect the interest to the Cultural Center. Neil supported what had already been said. Alan welcomed Craig to the group. Paul said that if feels like the darkness is dimming and he is planning ahead. We are getting near the end of the pandemic as more people are vaccinated. Bill asked the group to continue thinking about potential board members.
9. Adjournment time: 12:30
Submitted by:
Linda Delapenha, recording secretary