

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center  
Board Meeting  
June 16, 2021  
Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Meeting was held at the center and on Google Meet

**Board Members Present:** Bill DeMare, *President*, Neil Smith, Jenifer Mirin, Craig Ruska, Sophia Denicolo; Alan Preston, *Treasurer* arrived at 12:15

Online: Evelyn Bless, *Secretary*, part of the time on line

**Board Members Absent:** Susan Baxter Gibson, *Vice President*, Craig Nowicke

**Staff Members Present:** Paul Berg, *Executive Director*,

**Guests:** Nancy Manning, online

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

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Public Comment:** none

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Bill asked for the motion to include adjusting the order of the agenda

**Motion:** Craig Ruska

**Second:** Jenifer Mirin

**Approve:** 6-0

2. **Consent Agenda Approval:**  
**Board Minutes: May**

**Motion:** Craig Ruska

**Second:** Jenifer Mirin

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

3. **Audit Report:** The auditors, presenting online, gave a summary of the cultural center's financials. They compared 2020 to previous years. The impact of COVID is reported in the audit. Bill stated that this report will be posted on the center's website. He thanked Jerry for his sponsorship of the cultural center, as did Alan.

**Motion to accept the audit:** Neil Smith

**Second:** Sophia Denicolo

**Motion Passed:** 7-0

4. **Executive Director's Report:** Camp is going on now, and the kids are great. Tickets are handed out for Friday's Share program and it is working so well they the center will continue this in the future.

Three young men from the school system are doing an “internship” at the center paid by the county for several weeks, and doing a good job. Paul explained about the equipment that Richard Haether left for us. He is working to make a “deal” with others for equipment that the center would need. Bill announced that there is approval to have a concert at the park by the Florida Wind Band on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They want to make this an annual event so they can be better known. Paul said that the center is fully staffed now, Ashley Lord is new hire.

5. **Finance Update:** Alan Preston reported that Monday morning the center had \$85,000 in the bank. The center probably will not have to borrow money to complete the year for the first time in years.
6. **Covid Safety Plan: (Reopening Plan):** Paul explained what the county wanted included in the plan Bill reported that the basis is the CDC guidelines; if you follow their recommendations, you are compliant. The board asked questions about the plan. Bill talked about the fishing tournament being held at the park this Saturday. Food trucks will be present. He explained the county’s new rules about food trucks.

**Motion to adopt the Covid Safety Plan (Reopening plan):** Craig Ruska

**Second:** Jennifer Mirin

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

7. **New Business:** Bill DeMare that there would not be enough people attending the July board meeting. He would like to cancel it, but have the Finance Committee meet and send out minutes. He also wants the ED to send out a report to board members.

**Motion to cancel July Meeting with other reports to be sent out:** Craig Ruska

**Second:** Jenifer Mirin

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

8. **Unfinished Business:** none
9. **Round Robin:** Craig was concerned about the size of stage, but asked about taking baby steps toward improving the stage. Paul explained that many of these things are in the master plan. Sophia is excited that the market is coming back. Bill mentioned that the village is changing now and younger families are moving in; it is important for us to put programs in place to suit the problem. Neil liked that we are moving ahead and gaining traction and speed. Linda is eager to meet the new person in charge of volunteers.
10. **Adjournment time:** 1:05  
Submitted by:  
Linda Delapenha, recording secretary