

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center  
Board Meeting  
August 17, 2022  
Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Meeting was held at the center and on Google Meet

**Board Members Present:** Jenifer Mirin, Craig Ruska 5 minutes late, Susan Baxter Gibson, *Vice President*, Bill DeMare, *President*, Sophia Denicolo

**Online:** Alan Preston *Treasurer*, Evelyn Bless *Secretary*,

**Board Members Absent:** Craig Nowicke, Neil Smith

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

**Guests:** Nancy Manning

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**Call to order**, quorum present, at 11:45 a.m. Bill DeMare, *President*.

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Public Comment:** none

**1. Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion:** Susan Baxter Gibson

**Second:** Jenifer Mirin

**Motion Passed:** unanimous

**2. Consent Agenda Approval:**

**Board Minutes:** June

**Executive Director's Report:**

**Governance Committee- June**

**Motion:** Susan Baxter Gibson

**Second:** Craig Ruska

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**3. Org Values:** Paul Berg made adjustments to the document since the last board meeting. Evelyn stated that she really liked them.

**Motion to adopt:** Jennifer Mirin

**Second,** Craig Ruska

**Passed:** Unanimous

**4. Draft Vision Statement:** Evelyn Bless said this statement needs to be a combination of what we are doing now and what will be doing in the future. The board needs to decide what we will be doing 10 years from now. She asked for comments from the board. Bill was positive about the vision mission. Susan wants specifics taken out. The statement was changed to just mention programs.

**Motion to adopt as corrected:** Susan Baxter Gibson

**Second:** Jennifer Mirin

**Motion passed:** Unanimous

5. **Finance Update:** Alan Preston stated that we have \$122,000 in the bank. The center is about \$80,000 positive. The center is close to the time we need budget for next year, which Paul said that he is working on. The center may not have to borrow money to finish the year, for the first time in history.

6. **Strategic Planning:**

Update: Paul stated the carpet is being installed starting on Aug. 29. It could take 2 days to a full week to install. The second kiln is purchased and installed. Landscapers are putting quotes together. Paul had contacted a second upholsterer for a quote. Paul is working on the monument. Paul reported that the plumbing in the stage bathroom has been repaired, but will need more serious repair.

Bill suggested that Paul submit a request for the county to do this.

Education Plan: no action needed now. 95% of this is staff work, but decisions will have to be made on priorities.

7. **New Business:** Ashley's position is being filled by existing personnel and a part time person will be hired to plan the HOA events.
8. **Unfinished Business:** Craig asked about any updates about the county repaving the roads There are none. Bill said that the board should talk about fund raising at the next meeting. The new ticket program is great.
9. **Round Robin:** Susan talked about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival for the Carrollwood neighborhood.; this is a way to get new people involved in the center. Sophia stated that events need to start earlier if children are involved, there is a need to bring them to the center more. Evelyn said that it is important that everyone is thanked that make donations; she thanked everyone for summer camps. Alan said that Monday would be a good day for the finance meeting. Paul encouraged everyone to go see "First Date" starring Craig Ruska.

10. Adjournment time: 12:50

Submitted by:

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