

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Meeting was held at the center and on Google Meet

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

**Online:**

**Board Members Absent** Jenifer Mirin

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

**Guests:** Mya Fernandez, Nancy Manning

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

**Pledge of allegiance:**

**Public Comment:** Mya wants to bring her work to the cultural center

**1. Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion:** Alan Preston with change of agenda change swapping new business for old business

**Second:** Craig Ruska

**Approve:** -8-0

**2. Consent Agenda Approval:**

**Board Minutes:** November

**Executive director's Report**

**Motion:** Susan Baxter Gibson

**Second:** Craig Ruska

**Motion Passed:** 8-0

**3. BOD Handbook:** Evelyn gave a report of the results.

**Motion:** Susan Baxter Gibson moved to change the amended version

**Second:** Evelyn Bless

**Approved:** 8-0

**4. Finance Report:** Alan stated that Though Dec. 30 the center was positive \$103,000

**5. Executive Director's Report:** Craig reported that the committee was going to look at 3 areas of improvement, and what could the board do for Paul. Bill commented that it was a good review.

6. **Strategic Planning:** Update: Susan wants to meet and discuss staff salaries, and the last raises they received. Paul said that we have quotes for the studio carpet and a new light board

7. Motion: Bill DeMare moved to approve up to \$14,000 for the light and sound system  
Second: Craig Ruska  
Approved: 8-0

8. **Unfinished Business:**

Evelyn reviewed board responsibilities. She passed out copies of the list of responsibilities. Bill, Evelyn and Neil can continue on as officers in their term.

**New Business:** A fund raiser is being held for Richard Haerther this Sunday so that he can have a liver transplant. Donation is voluntary at the door.

9. **Round Robin:** Alan had to leave but said that we are doing really well. Craig explained the priorities of the strategic planning. Nancy said that it is really great that the board approved the handbook. Sophia is glad to see the classes begin. Bill encouraged board members to seek out younger members who can bring new ideas to the group. Neil said that it's the same old thinking and he doesn't want to jinx the operation

Adjournment time: 12:45

Submitted by:

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