

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center
Board Meeting
May 17, 2023
Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Meeting was held at the center and on Google Meet

Board Members Present: Bill DeMare, *President*, Evelyn Bless, *Secretary*, Neil Smith, Sophia Denicolo, Jenifer Mirin. Craig Ruska

Online: none

Board Members Absent, Alan Preston *Treasurer* Susan Baxter Gibson *Vice President*

Staff Members Present: Paul Berg, *Executive Director*

Guests: Nancy Manning

Call to order, quorum present, at 11:15 a.m. Bill DeMare, *President*.

Pledge of allegiance:

Public Comment:

1. Adoption of Agenda

Bill DeMare

Motion: Neil Smith

Second: Jenifer Mirin

Approve: 6-0

2. Consent Agenda Approval:

Bill DeMare

Board Minutes: April

Executive director's Report

Motion: Evelyn Bless, after corrections

Second: Craig Ruska

Motion Passed: 6-0

3. **Finance Update:** Paul said that the center has \$142,000 in the bank. One more \$22,000 will come from the state grant probably in August. Camp is doing well with growing waiting lists
4. **Governance committee** Evelyn Bless discussed the 22-23 self-assessment. She created a summary at the top, ranked from lowest scores which were new member orientation and relationship to the community. There needs to be a date by which things should be done for long-term projects.
5. **Strategic Planning:** Susan not present.
6. **New and old business:** Bill asked the board about making the meetings shorter and bringing in consultants to help the board focus on what is key for the board to set priorities. The board can set parameters. Bill and Paul are asked to explore hiring consultants and board members are asked to

send in suggestions. This will be collated by Paul and done by June 16, 2023. Bill inquired about membership requirements for those taking classes and priority purchase 1st 2 weeks for an event in advance. This was discussed by the board but no decision was made.

Craig reviewed what he had done with the strategic plan. He stated that we were transitioning from “keep the lights on” to growth and development. The board needs to have a clear vision of success and break this into categories. Do goals make sense?

Paul stated that he had 2 applicants for board membership. The process was discussed, and an interview is the next step held with the President, VP and one other board member.

Jenifer brought up the issue of the time board meetings are held and the yearly contribution required to the center. If you are looking to recruit younger members to the board this may be a problem, She also brought up the question of diversity and what that means to the board.

7. **Round Robin:** skipped.

8. **Adjournment time** 1:00

Submitted by:

Linda Delapenha, recording secretary
corrected