

QUAIL CREEK PERFORMING ARTS GUILD

Minutes of the QCPAG General Meeting of November 27, 2018

Board members present: Cyndy Gierada, Davey Jones, Dodie Prescott, Sydney Ranney, Sandy Boyer, Frank Gunn, Tal Middleton, Diana Paul and Sandy Haegele

President Cyndy Gierada: Cyndy called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Sandy noted that the Board had approved the October minutes via e-mail and that they had been posted to the PAG website. Tal reminded all that the website address is quailcreekpag.com.

Treasurer Sydney Ranney: Sydney reported that our current assets are \$23,109.49 but that includes Christmas Show ticket sales. She is pleased that there are 15 vendors signed up already for the February 2nd Business Expo. She explained to membership that this will be the third year PAG has run the Business Expo. It typically nets around \$8500.00 and usually features 60+ vendors. The income earned has helped PAG purchase head mics that can be used instead of renting the equipment which saves approximately \$2000 for each PAG performance event.

Membership Chair, Frank Gunn: Frank announced that current membership is at 86. New member Gordon Noraine introduced himself. He is from Portland OR plays the piano and has sung in a Barbershop Quartet. Joyce Smerick, another new member is interested in acting and set production. Dennis Fellner would like to help in any way backstage.

The Board members introduced themselves and listed their duties.

Publicity: Tal Middleton: Tal has submitted a Business Expo article to the Quail Creek Crossing and will continue to post Christmas Show ticket sales information in What's Happening.

VP Variety/Music, Dodie Prescott: Dodie announced that the Christmas Show rehearsals are in full swing. The Show dates are December 6, 7 and 8th and ticket sales are strong with 516 sold to date. She said the Show typically breaks even and costume costs this year were higher. The large stuffed bear which will be used as a prop for the set will be donated to Toys 4 Tots. The videographer will record the Thursday performance. Anyone who would like a DVD should sign up on the list Davey has provided. The cost is \$5.00 per DVD.

VP Comedy/Drama, Davey Jones announced that the PAG April play will be "4 Weddings and an Elvis" by Nancy Frick. The play will run on April 11, 12 and 13th and characters include 7 men and 4 women. The Play consists of four vignettes which will make it easier to have separate rehearsals. Davey complemented the Play committee: Holly Crombie, Ray Hebert, Jay Hockstein, Emilie Ortega, and Diana Paul who read several plays before deciding on "4 Weddings and an Elvis". Davey provided a sign-up list for those who would like to read the script. He expects to have January auditions and rehearsals will start in February. He encouraged all to read the script and is looking for a Director.

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Members at Large, Diana Paul and Sandy Haegele: Sandy Haegele gave an update on the proposed PAG polo shirt. She has contracted with the Antigua shirt company based in Phoenix. The polo shirts are excellent quality and will be black with the purple PAG logo on the front. Sandy expects the men's shirts will be \$25 and \$23 for women's size which includes a \$1.00 per shirt upload because of the thread count. A prototype will be sent to us soon. Sandy and Diana will take orders from members once the prototype has been approved. The Company does have a back-log so ordering may be delayed until the first of the year.

Diana talked about the Christmas Show Cast Party which will be held after the Saturday night performance in the Copper Lounge (lounge area) of the Madera Clubhouse. All cast members, backstage workers, ushers and their spouses are invited.

Old Business: Cyndy talked about the December after-meeting event which will be held on December 18th, a week early due to Christmas. The Christmas party will include a \$5.00 optional gift exchange, Christmas carols and refreshments.

Cyndy also asked if members had any ideas for after-meeting events for the months of February, March and May 2019.

New Business: Cyndy announced that the Board had approved a permanent PAG Choral Group. The Chorus will perform all year and during the first year (2019) will not charge for performances. Prerequisites for joining are an audition, the ability to read music and commit to attending rehearsals and performances. The current 2018 Christmas Show Chorus group has been grandfathered in.

Davey announced that tickets for his February 5, 6 and 7th Murder Mystery will be available on December 10th. The mystery is called "Stolen Copper Caper" and includes a two-course dinner. There are several PAG members in the Mystery including Pam Campbell, Cyndy Gierada, Sandi Hrovatin, Davey Jones, Dodie Prescott, and Mike Vance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

** Following the meeting, six PAG members had their poems read by another member and Cyndy judged the contest. The theme was "Giving Thanks" and all poems were either heartfelt, patriotic, and/or FUNNY! Davey Jones was the winner and received a prize donated by Cyndy. Others who participated were Jay Hockstein, Sandi Hrovatin, Muriel Larson, Noreen Melchert and Emilie Ortega. Pam Campbell joined in the fun by singing a very funny thankful poem acapella.

Cyndy was so impressed by the poems that she will award prizes to all the participants.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Boyer