

YUMA COMMUNITY THEATER  
AUGUST 13, 2022  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNAPPROVED MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER @ 12:35 pm
- II. HONOR ANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS – Kevin Irr
  - A. Lifetime Members: Fred Brown, Mark Henrikson, Ralph Gray
  - B. Board Members: Kevin Irr, Ralph Gray, Susan Lauer, Eva Cervantes, Sam Cervantes, Chris Fowler, Michael Fowler, Mark Henrikson, (Patti Perry, not present)
- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING (Approved in regular board meeting in August 8, 2022) – Eva Cervantes
  - A. Eva read the minutes from last year’s annual meeting.
  - B. Susan moved to accept last year’s annual meeting minutes. Ralph seconded. minutes accepted.
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT – Susan Lauer
  - A. Ralph moved to accept. Michael seconded. Report accepted.
- V. PRESIDENTS REPORT – Kevin Irr
  - A. Bldg. Committee-Kevin Irr / Fundraising- Irr / **COVID-19 – Kevin Irr** / YCT Historians – Fred & Sandy Brown
  - B. We had to clean the warehouse part of the building as well as the front office. We will continue to do some additional work to keep going with inventory with our electronics, costumes, set pieces, etc.
  - C. We will also continue with weed abatement to keep control. We are working with Sage & Sand for the front area for them to use the front parking area.
  - D. A special thank you to Mark and Mary Henrikson for their weeks long work on the weeds on the property.
  - E. We had wonderful support from community business for our Taste of Broadway (TOB) Event. I believe we took in over \$5000 in donor sponsorship. Without them this would have not been successful. Also thank you to Chris and Mike Fowler for their wonderful donation of art for this event.
    1. Two new directors leading this event- Justin Davis and Melanie Alameda.
    2. Big thank you to all the board and volunteers during TOB.
  - F. We put a handrail by the stairs area in the front of the building. Thanks to Mark Henrikson, Sam Cervantes and Kevin Irr. A ramp is hopefully going to be coming in the not-so-far-off future.
  - G. Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) grant submitted to help this upcoming opportunity to host a program to bring kids 9-16 years of age. The grant will help with scholarships and bring in professional presenters.
    1. Proposed by Daniela Ayala.
    2. This will be a program over a period of 8 weeks with different guest presenters.
    3. Venue TBD; however, we are looking at either the YCT building and/or Gila Vista Jr. High.

VI. 2021 - 2022 SEASON SHOWS

- A. All Together Now! Performed at the BlackBox
  - 1. MTI (Music Theater International) gave us the opportunity to utilize a selection of their choosing of music to present.
  - 2. They allowed us to use their music without royalty costs. It was a worldwide event of 15 songs that had to be performed on specific days.
  - 3. We performed as a theater in the round setting.
  - 4. We had some obstacles that we overcame.
- B. Taste of Broadway 5 – Eva Cervantes & Kevin Irr
  - 1. Thank you Melanie Alameda and Justin Davis
  - 2. Held at AWC Schoening Auditorium. The food was a delicious buffet style setting.
  - 3. We made a profit of over \$5000 with the help of corporate sponsorships.
  - 4. Sold out show.
- C. Bite of Broadway 5- Eva Cervantes & Kevin Irr
  - 1. 12-13 March with a sold out show of 80 tickets sold.
  - 2. Held at The Yuma Dome (Thank you Henrikson family and residents)
  - 3. It was well received.

VII. 2022 – 2023 SEASON SHOWS:

- A. We are planning on using the Gila Vista Jr. High auditorium. The school received a grant to upgrade their stage and theater department.
- B. October / November/December
  - 1. Monstersongs (Oct/Nov)- Justin Davis (director)
    - a) It is a rock concert cabaret with a graphic novel. It's about a little boy who finds a scary book, and monsters start to come to life telling their side of the story. Each monster has their own adaptation and song.
    - b) Auditions this coming week and next.
  - 2. AWC Theater collaboration of A Christmas Carol (Nov/Dec)- Ann Wilkenson
    - a) This is going to be fun. We are looking to keep this as simple as we can so that it fits between all of our productions. Minimal set.
    - b) Possibly doing it as a reader's theater, sort of like a rehearsal piece with costumes and changes on stage, performed at Arizona Western College theater.
    - c) Ann took the piece radio version written by Jonathan Close and tweaked it to fit our performance piece approach.
    - d) Open audition, community piece with Yuma Community Theater with her students. She is looking for a director and assistant director from YCT.
    - e) YCT will take care of ticketing with a 50/50 split as a type of fundraiser for both of us.
    - f) Auditions are October 8. Rehearsals will run after Squirrel Girl closes at the end of October.
    - g) Performances Dec. 1- 4. (Thurs-Sun)
  - 3. Taste of Broadway/Bite of Broadway- Justin Davis (director)

- a) The Yuma Dome will be the venue for both shows.
    - b) We're looking at a January/February timeframe.
  - C. Fred Brown raised a concern about not having enough advertising about the shows and/or auditions (out of order question requesting to be addressed).
    - 1. He said we need to do something more to attract more people to YCT.
    - 2. Facebook and the website isn't enough. We need to use the free areas within the city to advertise.
    - 3. Daniela Ayala volunteered to be the coordinator with Sam Cervantes assisting as part of the committee for helping the shows with advertising.
      - a) They will get together with each production team to determine publicity.
      - b) The committee can help direct the producers as to the direction for advertising their shows.
    - 4. Discussion ensued.
  - D. February /March
    - 1. Into The Woods- Daniela Ayala & Eva Cervantes (co-directors)
      - a) A beautiful classic musical by Stephen Sondheim telling the different fairy tales (Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, etc.), a witch that causes chaos, and a happily ever after in the end. The beauty of it what happens after the happily ever after that people don't usually talk about.
      - b) We plan on bringing it in its entirety, so we're hoping to have a lot of people and hope to have a great turn out for this large cast.
      - c) Roles are for all ages (8-120).

VIII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Ralph Gray

- A. Nominations from committee
  - 1. Three seats open
    - a) Mark Henrikson, Kevin Irr, and Susan Lauer have their seats open.
      - (1) Mark Henrikson and Kevin Irr would like to remain on the board.
      - (2) Justin Davis would like to be considered to be on the board.
      - (3) Daniela Ayala- withdrew nomination
- B. Open Nominations from floor

IX. ELECTIONS

X. Membership Discussion during new board elections

- A. Fred Brown said that it is the Producer's job to send out information regarding shows.
- B. Ann Wilkenson is glad we're finally working together.
- C. Members were asking about how to be involved.

XI. Election Results/Dismiss new board members to elect officers

- A. New Board
  - 1. Kevin Irr, Chris Fowler, Michael Fowler (ratified), Mark Henrikson, Sam Cervantes, Eva Cervantes, Justin Davis, Ralph Gray, Patti Perry
- B. New Officers
  - 1. Kevin Irr (president), Ralph Gray (vice president), Eva Cervantes (secretary), Chris Fowler (treasurer)

- XII. Direction To The Board From The Membership – NEW YCT President (Kevin Irr)  
A. See above for the question posed out of order (VII,C)
- XIII. Good of the Order  
A. Kevin Irr- Jason Irr (son) was nominated for an award (Arizonee); Chris Fowler- I've been a bookkeeper for 45 years, so taking over as treasurer; Mark Henrikson- Happy to be back on the board; Sam Cervantes- excited to see where this new year leads; Eva Cervantes- same; Ralph Gray- thank you for coming today and being here today and for your input, it helps drive us; Justin Davis- I'm excited to be on the board; Susan Lauer- looking forward to being an active member in a different way; Fred Brown- I hope to continue to serve as historian, suggests to have the 5 non-officers to be assigned other duties, still advocate the producers (not directors) keep the historians up to date on the shows, we're available by email; Sandy Brown- our daughter was very active in YCT just returned from living overseas and our son who was in the first Fiddler here with YCT just retired from Army, heard from Gary Gleeson asked if we are collecting materials from old shows and is mailing it to the Browns for archives; Terry Grant- happy now at a new school and looking to start a drama club there; Laurie Mondragon- been in Yuma since 1976 and did theater all through high school and college in a traveling theater program, heart is with theater, and teaching art with jr. high who are starving to do theater so will encourage them to work with YCT; Daniela Ayala- I'm so thankful to work with this organization and will be working with AWC; Ann Wilkenson- I'm really tickled that we're finally able to work collaboratively, looking forward to a fun and busy year; Diane Grider- I'm glad you came here and are utilizing our space.
- XIV. Next regular board meeting will be September 19th, 2022 at Yuma Community Theater Building, 2874 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St. @ 7:00 P.M.
- XV. ADJOURNMENT @ 2:16 pm