

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
YUMA COMMUNITY THEATER
June 14, 2021

- I. I. Call meeting to order at 7:00 pm
 - A. Board members in attendance: Mike Finch (President), Ralph Gray (Vice President), Susan Lauer (Treasurer), Eva Cervantes (Secretary), Mark Henrikson, Mary Ellen Finch, Sam Cervantes, Kevin Irr
 - 1. Not present: Patti Perry
 - B. Recognize guests/lifetime members in attendance: Fred Brown, Sandy Brown
- II. II. Approval of May 10, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes.
 - A. Moved to accept by Ralph. Seconded by Mark. Minutes accepted.
- III. III. Treasurer's Report – Susan Lauer (May 2021 & June 2021 Financial Reports)
 - A. Sue corrected the errors from the comments in last month's report.
 - B. ***see attached***
 - C. Mary Ellen moved to pay the \$117 to cover our insurance through the end of July. Mark seconded. Motion passed.
 - D. Discussion ensued.
 - E. Mary Ellen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Kevin seconded. Minutes accepted.
- IV. IV. Presidents Report – Mike Finch
 - A. None
- V. V. Season Shows 2021
 - A. Songs For a New World – Eva Cervantes & Kevin Irr
 - 1. We cannot close the show until we receive the \$400 for the materials.
- VI. VI. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. YCT Building – Everyone Clean Up May 29, 7 -10AM
 - 1. A lot got done.
 - 2. A very special thank you to Mary Henrikson for coming out during her own time on the weekends and during the week.
 - 3. We need to work on the costume closet. It's too hot to work outside or the warehouse during the heat.
 - 4. Are we going to keep the shed outside? The door has already been replaced.
 - B. Season Advertising Committee – Mary Ellen Finch (tabled)
 - C. Fundraising – Everyone (tabled)
 - D. Social Media Committee – Eva Cervantes & Kevin Irr
 - 1. Facebook
 - a) Posts and engagements are down, but we still have new page likes and visits.
 - 2. Webpage
 - a) We will be adding the approved minutes to the page.
 - b) We would like to have some historical components to our page.
 - E. YCT Historian – Fred & Sandy Brown

1. We continue to maintain as much history as is given. We need something to put into it. Things need to be printed for all shows, including digital.
2. If anyone asks for information related to the history pieces of YCT's past shows, please forward to the Brown's.
3. SD card for Songs for a New World is with Mike to provide a copy of the show to Fred.

VII.

VII. Old Business

A. ACF Grant – Mike Finch

1. The meeting went well. We shared all we purchased using the grant.
2. Mike and Mary Ellen will send a thank you to them for the grant.

B. Shuttered Venue Grant – Mike & Mary Ellen Finch

1. We have no employees, so we are not eligible.

C. All Together Now – Everyone

1. MTI sent out a listing of songs. 36 songs of which we choose 15. We should be able to apply for the rights any day now.
2. 12-15 November, no royalties, no cost for music accompaniment, streaming/in person/ any combination, we can use any ticketing platform.
3. 70 minute performance.
4. There is no limit on the number of performances during those dates.
5. We may be able to use the Black Box, and we may be able to stream from a live show. \$45.77 per hour rate. It seats 100 people.

D. YCT Annual Meeting – Mike Finch

1. August 14, 12-2 pm. Location TBA.
2. Look for new members for 3 people to replace the outgoing people.
3. Possible location is Stoneridge Church.

VIII.VIII. New Business

A. YCT Cellphone

1. Joanne needs to give up the phone on her plan. What do we do? In August, she will no longer carry it on her plan.
2. Fred suggested we look into The Jewish Community. It's just an answering machine, and it's \$10 a year.

B. Yuma Art Center Fellowship

1. They're looking for directors.
2. Mike asked if they're willing to have our organization direct it.
3. Small cast. They'll provide costumes, scripts, props, and sets.
4. \$2500 stipend, \$500 per month.
5. Submit proposals to the board by June 30.
6. Needed to give interest to the city by July 30 by 4 pm.

IX. Good of the Order:

- A. Fred: He would like to suggest that we do something HUGE (one big \$35,000 musical) well-known show for the 2022-2023 season in February 2023 at the Historic Yuma Theater for 2 weekends, then book one of the high schools for 2 weekends, need to have a paid musical talent, he would produce AND direct the show, the set would need to be visually incredible because it is what

brings in the audience along with the talent; Ralph: July 4, his church (Foothills Assembly of God) is doing a patriotic celebration of songs; Sue: moving dad back to Colorado to get out of the heat; Sam: His mom is moving to Hisperia, California to move closer to her mom; Mark: Making progress in the yard of the YCT property with Mary doing most of the hard work.

X.

XI.– Next board meeting July 12, 2021, 2021 at the YCT building @ 7:00 P.M.

Adjourned at 8:22 pm.