

THEATRE WEST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2025

Location: Stardust Theatre

Skit "Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn" started at 1:30 PM, ended at 2 PM

Meeting Start: 2:05 PM

Facilitator: Tammy Wells

Opening Remarks

Tammy Wells welcomed attendees and introduced Kasey Huhta, Recreation Manager. Kasey outlined the meeting guidelines.

Club Business Update

Tammy Wells announced that the March skit would be the final production until the IRS issue affecting the club is resolved. She then presented the roles and nominees for the temporary board, allowing for additional nominations from the membership. The nominees were as follows:

President: Nick Missos and Frederick St. John (nominated by Dick Hermann)

Vice President: Judy Ross (Bonnie Hermann and Valerie Griffith declined nominated by Jenny Kaupu)

Secretary: Tammy Wells (Margi Lang declined)

Treasurer: John Hobold (Deb Neuroth declined)

Each nominee was given the opportunity to present their qualifications.

Voting Process

A voting link will be sent to Theatre West members via email by 8 AM on February 19. The voting period will begin on Wednesday, February 19, at 8 AM and will close on Friday, February 21, at 10 AM. Results will be announced via email before noon on Friday, February 21. To accommodate members who need assistance, a computer will be available for voting in Back40 on February 19 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Membership Questions & Concerns

During the meeting, members raised various concerns. Valerie inquired about reimbursement processes under the temporary board, and Peter Meyer asked when the treasurer's records would be officially transferred, which was confirmed to take place on Friday after the election. Sandra Cook requested a history of resignations, which Kasey

provided. Margie Lang expressed frustration over the length of time it has taken to address issues and the negative impact on the club's membership and volunteers.

Jamie Gunyuz raised concerns about financial issues and Theatre West's ability to remain open. Mary Beth King asked when a working board would be elected, which was confirmed to occur after the IRS issue is resolved. Carol Chesney inquired about measures to prevent similar issues in the future. Kasey emphasized that as the new board investigates the IRS situation, some information will need to remain private. Byron Brothers asked about the cause of the division within the club, clarifying whether it stemmed from Theatre West leadership or its membership, with the response indicating it was an internal membership issue.

Further concerns included financial obligations, as Deb King, the former treasurer and a prior IRS employee, noted that bills were still being sent to her. Kasey confirmed that the new treasurer would handle payments and that the club may have outstanding back taxes. Aletha Dellamo stressed the importance of club transparency to prevent division. Lori Camarata encouraged members to focus on the club's positive aspects, while Fred St. John and Mike Baker expressed support for moving forward with optimism.

Vicky Johnsen voiced concerns over the IRS issue causing division, citing hurtful and misleading communications via text messages, emails, and social media posts. Additionally, some members reported not receiving club emails. Kasey advised them to check their spam folders and contact her, Tia, or Benita if they continue to experience issues.

Meeting adjourned by Kasey Huhta.

Tammy Wells, Secretary