

Theatre West Membership Meeting October 21, 2025

Board Members Present

Jim Roch, President

Aletha Dellamo, Publicity Chair

Judy Ross, Vice President

Mary Wright, Program Chair

Deb Neuroth, Treasurer

Tammy Wells, Outreach Chair

Suzanne Graf, Secretary

Nina Scozzari, Membership Co-Chair

Pat Martin, Membership Co-Chair

Board Members Not Present

none

Called to Order at 1:30 P.M. by Jim Roch, President

Pledge of Allegiance

President's Remarks

Jim asked that all members review the sign-up sheets located at the table in the entry hall. This is your club and it welcomes your participation. We will capture your interest and as these committees are newly established you will be contacted.

Many thanks to Benita Howe for her work in creating, maintaining, and modifying our website. She has been instrumental in helping the new board members get up and running.

Also, many thanks to Alan Wedertz for volunteering his time and talent in taking the headshots of the board for the website.

Our current membership is 133 and we hope to at least double that number quickly by creating more ways in which members can get involved, have fun and develop new skills.

We will be voting today on two issues which must be decided by the majority of club members present. He reminded the non-members that they are not eligible to vote.

Approval of Minutes: None to approve

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

Program Chair, Mary Wright: it is her committee's role to identify and assist in the development of the skits presented at the membership meetings. She asked for suggestions of both published and unpublished works that could be performed within 30-40 minutes. Today's performance was written by Jenny Kaupu and will be performed 'script in hand' enabling more people to take part on stage. It is 'Color Me Happy' and was performed throughout the summer at retirement facilities. Allowing for unpublished works and 'script in hand' are revisions to previous policies. In November we will be performing 'Red Carnations', which was prepared earlier in the season but was not performed.

Vice President, Judy Ross: she chairs the Interim Play Selection Committee who establishes the main stage performances to be performed and selects the director. If this is a committee you may be interested in please sign-up. Committee members will be selected based on their qualifications. In January the board has approved the recommendation of 'Love Letters' with Jenny Kaupu directing. The committee is considering 'Plaza Suite' for March 2026 with Judy Ross directing and 'Guys and Doll' for October 2026 with Margie Lang directing. There is more work to be done and licensing to be obtained so these are tentative only and subject to change. Audition dates will be on the website when confirmed.

Treasurer, Deb Neuroth: has reconciled the club's financial accounts and records, updated, and confirmed that the IRS has the correct addresses and mailing instructions. She has created a new approach to booking income and expenses so that we will receive complete and timely reporting of each main stage production. Beginning in November she will provide complete financial reports which will be included with other reporting using the large overhead screen.

Membership Co-Chair, Nina Scozarri: along with her Co-chair Pat Martin are identifying ways to generate more interest. They ask that everyone indicate their areas of interest when joining or renewing their membership.

Publicity Chair, Aletha Dellamo: asks for input from members on the publications that are routinely read by the residents as potential places to advertise the club's activities. She also urged everyone to 'talk it up', letting everyone know that Theatre West 'is back in business' and ready to have fun.

Outreach Chair, Tammy Wells: shared her plans for the Newcomer's Expo on October 25. She is proposing that the Holiday Party on December 11 be a festive Karaoke experience. This was well received and was approved with a majority vote of the members.

Secretary, Suzanne Graf: reported that new handbooks were created for each board member. She intends that the minutes of each meeting be clear and convey both the intent and considerations for each board action as well as the decisions. She invites your constructive feedback.

Sunshine Chair, Valerie Griffen: updated the health status of several members.

Member Questions: a lively discussion on the merits of reducing the annual dues from \$15 to \$5 resulted in a majority vote to reduce the fee to \$5. Key issues raised: everyone must pay the same, currently our working capital exceeds \$100,000, we will revisit this at the end of the year after we know how well our season did financially, at present it is advisable to keep everything on a calendar basis as that is how the Rec Center requires we report.

Adjournment

Introduction of Today's Program: 'Color Me Happy'