

**Music Club Board Meeting  
Cimarron Club  
February 20, 2017 – 2:00 PM**

**Present:** B.J. Davis, Spence Videon, Ron Pearson, Nancy Henderson, Jim Ward, Didi Nielsen, Ted Merritt, Judy Snedeker, Janice Bittner, Charlene Chapman-Madden, and Len King. **Guests:** Alan Nielsen, Judy Stuckey, Sherry Bennett, Pamela Weir and MarvMyhre.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Quorum present.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Director Reports**

**Treasurer:** Ron Pearson presented the January 2017 financial report:

	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse)
Income	\$14,285	\$14,285	\$20,105	(\$5,820)
Expense	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$14,589	\$ 2,589
Profit (Loss)	\$ 2,285	\$ 2,285	\$5,516	(\$3,231)

Balance: All Cash at Month End \$31,638.53

The treasurer noted that we currently have 226 members, a decrease from 2016. Those who did not pay dues after the last email blast, will be dropped. Judy Stuckey will be asked to print the roster and cross-check those participating in Grand Singers, to be sure that their dues are current.

Following last month's decision to have the Treasurer to track MC storage keys, he has received none. Janice suggested that we ask George Barilla to do an email blast to the membership, asking all who possess keys, report that information to Treasurer Ron Pearson.

**Band Representative:** Len King reported that two groups reported up-coming activity. The Swing Kings have six planned appearances, including the Annual Free Concert that they will perform at Grand on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. The Gene Iannette Band will perform at the Cimarron Nite Club on March 25 & 26. Both shows are sold out. The Swing Kings have a newly designed website: <http://azswingkings.com>

**Vocal Representative:** Charlene Chapman-Madden reported that the Grand Singers and Desert Divas are rehearsing in preparation for their Spring Concerts. The Divas show will be held in March, which is a change from previous April shows. They need more publicity [underway per J. Bittner] to sell the approximately 80 tickets that remain. The Gospel Singers will sing at Grandview and Orchard Point. The Jukebox Junkies will perform at the MC Annual Meeting.

**Classical Coordinator:** Ted Merritt reported that the Classical Show is almost sold out. Kris Olson will direct and produce the 2018 Classical Concert.

**Showcase Coordinator:** Jean Mc Curdy submitted a report detailing the following:

- The May Showcase was cancelled due to the inability to find a director. May seems to be a difficult month; perhaps another month could be considered.
- Jean met with Linda Messer. They will co-direct. The 2017 COM is set for November 17, 18, 19. Linda will purchase an Irving Berlin Songbook. Most music will be live. A producer is needed. Auditions will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Sherry Bennett has been asked to serve as audition accompanist. Katie Iverson is willing to help as her schedule allows. They need one or a few people to construct & paint a songbook set.
- The storage room is a mess; needs sorting and cleaning. The Board agreed and discussed creating a team to do that. Key people would include: Jean, Anne Scott, Donna Mills, Bob Nix, and a member of the Desert Divas. Bob Doles would be an asset if he is available.

**At-Large Director:** Emphasizing the quality of Nightclub and Grand Cabaret shows, she would like to emphasize that the Music Club is the sponsor those shows.

**Information/Scheduling Coordinator:** Judy Snedeker commented that all CAM set-up's must be submitted two weeks prior to each event. This is a change from past practice.

**Internal Publicity Coordinator:** Janice Bittner reported that her team remains busy creating flyers, ads and Electronic Bulletin Board slide shows. She would like to have a committee for graphics work. An ad for the Classical Concert was in the Grand Lifestyles this month and another publicizing the Desert Divas concert will be included in March. Creation of a big bulletin board similar to the one used by the Drama Club, to feature up-coming events, was suggested. Marv Myhre noted that there is one computer available and "ready-to-go" to either the Treasurer or a graphics person.

**Internet Coordinator:** Bob Nix submitted a report:

- The Sonoran Plaza lighting did not pass inspection by the Fire Marshal. Working with CAM employee Scott Queen, they were able to resolve the issue, and it passed upon the FM's return visit.
- Robotic lights are a major issue. They were originally purchased with CARE funds. Only three of the eight continue to work. Parts are unavailable. We need to consider replacing. The Board tabled discussion until Bob is able to be present.

**Technical Director:** Anticipating his absence, George Barilla submitted his report: all technical requirements for the next few shows are set-up.

**Past President:** No report.

**Vice –President:** In response to last month's Board discussion, Spence Videon provided a motion to clarify Club requirements for attendance at Club sponsored and financially supported events. Because it had not been received by all Board members, it was decided to review, edit and vote at the March meeting.

**President:** President Davis brought up three items for discussion: 1) The MC needs to up-date our policy concerning the change in dues structure. 2) CAM recommends that we have our own Code of Conduct policy. There was discussion of how this would affect our liability, and whether we should make the CAM policy our own policy. Ted Merritt brought the policy recently developed by the Clay [Ceramics] Club. Jim Ward will follow through. 3) BJ and Jim Ward met with CAM staff to discuss the problem created when they decided to do only one Singers rehearsal set-up. It was clear that CAM is unwilling to make accommodations that the Singers and Board feel are necessary.

### **Old Business**

Revision of MC policy on dues and submit to CAM. See President's report, #1.

### **New Business**

Alan Nielsen reported that he was the original donor of a monitor used for Karaoke. Since that is no longer a Music Club activity, he has taken that back.

Sherry Bennett asked the Board to approve participation on a non-Grand resident for the Spring Concert. They would like to have a cellist, and there are none in Grand. Approved.

Pamela Weir, Sherry Bennett and Judy Stuckey asked the Board to allow them to explore outside venues for Grand Singers concerts. They feel that one set-up does not allow sufficient time to

practice auditorium entrance and exit, and onto the risers. Board members felt that the logistics of getting both members and guests to an outside venue would be difficult, an outside venue would be cost prohibitive, and our concerts raise the community feel within Grand, a key to creating the atmosphere we appreciate. There were several suggestions for taking advantage of the one-day set-up, including having members on hand to assist others in getting onto and off of the risers. There was no support for looking at outside venues, which was accepted by the GS representatives.

### **Announcements:**

The next Music Club Meeting will be held at the Cimarron Club on March 20, 2017 at **3:00 PM**. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Sonoran Plaza on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

### **Adjournment**

Ron Pearson made a motion to adjourn; Janice Bittner seconded the motion, which passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Nancy Henderson  
Secretary