

## Music Club Board Meeting

3:00 PM - April 17, 2017

**Present:** B.J. Davis, Spence Videon, Ron Pearson, Jim Ward, Didi Nielsen, Ted Merritt, Judy Snedeker, Janice Bittner, Charlene Chapman-Madden, Bob Nix, Jean Mc Curdy and Len King. **Guests:** Marilyn Book, Richard Coles, Marv Myhre, Kristyne Olson (arrived 3:28 pm), Terry Pierce.

### Call to Order and Roll Call

**President BJ Davis** called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes were approved as revised, moved by **Jim Ward**, seconded by **Charlene Chapman-Madden**.

### Director Reports

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

	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse)
Income	\$8,927	\$34,470	\$31,519	\$ 2,951
Expense	\$10,516	\$30,272	\$32,601	\$32,601
Profit (Loss)	(\$1,589)	\$ 4,198	(\$1,082)	\$ 5,280

Balance: All Cash at Month End \$33,572

Club Members: **247**

**Jim Ward** made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, it was seconded by **Jean Mc Curdy**. The motion was approved.

**Band Representative: Len King** presented a written report.

ROADRUNNERS - Bud Merkel: Nothing to report

GENE IANNETE BAND: Nothing to report

SONORAN SKIES - Sherry Bennett (new band): Nothing yet to report

AZ SWING KINGS - Len King:

**April 30**, Sunday, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Concert, "**Swingtime**," Willowbrook United Methodist Church, 19390 N 99th Ave, Sun City 85373. Admission \$5, open to public. Info: call [623-974-5637 x15](tel:623-974-5637) <http://www.willowbrookumc.org/>

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**May 24**, Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, 8th Annual Free Concert, "**Swing is Here**", Sonoran Plaza Ballroom, Sun City Grand, 19753 N. Remington Dr., Surprise 85374. Free Admission, but tickets are required. Tickets may be picked up at the Sun City Grand Activities Office (address above); or ordered online at: <https://goo.gl/SzoZ2n> <http://azswingkings.com>

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**June 12 & 13**, Monday-Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Concert (two nights), "**Big Band Swingtime**," Stardust Theatre at Kuentz Recreation Center, 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West AZ 85375, Doors open at 6:30, Info: call [623-544-6583](tel:623-544-6583). This concert is part of a Summer Series of performances in Sun City West. The individual ticket sales for each show will be \$10.00 each and not available until May 16th. All tickets be available online at: <http://www.suncitywest.com> or in

person at the SCW Box Office located at 19803 R H Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375, in the Membership Services building. Info: Call Box Office [623-544-6093](tel:623-544-6093).

**Vocal Representative:** Charlene Chapman-Madden presented a written report.

**Grand Singers-** Successful spring concerts were performed April 8 and 9 to full houses  
**and Chorale** Cast party followed April 9th show and was much appreciated by the singers, director, and support crew  
Chorale sang for the Colonnade residents on April 11th. About 100 people attended and enjoyed the performance. As of May, Donna Mills, will be the contact person for the Grand Singers as leader of the Grand Singers Council

**Desert Divas-** Spring Concert was very well received by a sold out audience on March 31st.  
Thirty-three women sang accompanied by instrumentalists.  
Cast party followed on April 7th, a luncheon in a Colonnade Room. Singers had to supplement the allowed music club budget, \$5.25 per person.

**Gospel Singers-**Last engagement of the season occurred on March 27th at Orchard Point facility.

**Kingston Konnection**—No activity since 3 events in March that were reported at last music club board meeting.

**Jukebox Junkies**---Heritage Traditions, April 15th Glendale Lions Club, April 22nd

**Jazzmatazz**---No events in April but a performance is planned at the Heritage on May 2nd

**Acoustic Instrument Group** -Members put on Hootenanny show April 12th to a sold out audience that enjoyed participating very much. Singing along to a variety of popular tunes is something a large number of people like to do. The AIG continues to meet twice a month.

**Sonoran Skies**---Continuing to practice at Cimarron each week. Request for a show to be considered by Board as New Business today.

**Classical Coordinator:** Ted Merritt reported in writing that there has been no action in this area during the past month and no approvals are needed at the moment.

**Showcase Coordinator:** Jean Mc Curdy reported that she continues to work on the Celebration of Music. She is still looking for a stage manager and requested suggestions. She stated that the first act was set and the tech crew is pretty well set, however, there is still a need for additional stage crew.

**At-Large Director:** Didi Nielsen – Cimarron Nightclub and Grand Cabaret Coordinator, said she was working on the flyer which she thinks should be disseminated as widely as possible particularly to newcomers. She said the Americana concert was sold out as is the Dan Reed /Bobby Van Rooy show at Cimarron Nightclub. The Manhattan Dolls perform Jun 16/17 at the Cimarron Nightclub while the Grand Cabaret presents Marmalade Skies on 8 July which is a challenging month for ticket sales. Judy Snedeker noted that there are only 4 cabarets per year, January, April, July and October.

**Information/Scheduling Coordinator:** Judy Snedeker requested assistance from Marv Myhre to complete the organization chart which he agreed to provide.

Judy reported that she has sent all program setups to CAM thru May 2017 Events. She expressed concern regarding related construction this summer at the Chaparral Center. She stated that she submitted a request for October 2017 to CAM but it is not yet official owing to the uncertainty related to the potential construction which may or may not be extended.

Didi said that the July contract with entertainers has been signed. Bob Nix pointed out that tickets for the July Cabaret go on sale May 1 so if there are any adjustments to be made to that show, we must be made aware of them before May 1.

Jim Ward will contact Jeff Hochman regarding the issue of the Café maybe utilizing the Palo Verde room during this construction as the Music Club concerns are the Grand Cabarets scheduled for Saturdays - July 8, 2017 and October 7, 2017.

As a point of information regarding logistics, B.J. Davis mentioned that the 'riser issue', setting up once per show vs. the CAM understanding of setting up once per year, has not yet been resolved with CAM.

Judy stated that she, Bob Nix and Jean Mc Curdy took inventory at the off-site storage unit. Bob Nix has a list of potentially surplus equipment that he is reviewing with the lighting crew. One good option is to offer surplus equipment at an auction.

**Internal Publicity Coordinator: Janice Bittner** reported that all recent events have been sold out. With regard to the upcoming issues of Grand Lifestyles, two half page ads have been placed on one page.

Janice said she attended a newcomers meeting, along with Judy and Jean, where she had a table. They passed out brochures regarding the different MC groups, a listing of upcoming events and ran a slide show on her computer. Janice reported that the events was attended by more people than the last one and was more successful than the previous one. Judy interjected that they circulated and talked a lot to people, the biggest issue is that folks don't know how and when to buy tickets and that shows are often sold out.

Janice expressed concern that potential construction at the Chaparral Center may impact MC publicity displayed on the electronic bulletin board located in the lobby and this could be out of service for several months. Janice checked on prices for a banner the deluxe configuration is \$269 and the more reasonably priced version is \$169. Prices include the printing of the banner, the stand and the installation. The banner could be changed in the fall and spring with list of all shows. The cost to replace a banner is \$105. Janice suggested that if need be this could serve as a substitute for the electronic bulletin board but it would require CAM agreement on a location.

**Technical Liaison:** (Incoming) **Bob Nix** reported that he received DVD's for both the Grand Singers and the Desert Divas. The Divas DVD's are reproduced and ready to be picked up, the Grand Singers he just received and will reproduce once he determines how many are needed he has that master as well.

For the past month the technical staff have been having problems with the lights in the auditorium, periodically part of them would not turn off. The service firm responsible had a look at them and advised that the filters must be changed once per month. CAM maintenance was not aware of this and the filters had not been changed since they were installed 18 months ago. Bob thinks that as a result of this some of the boards may have been 'over stressed' because even though they changed the filters and replaced one board the tech crew is still experiencing odd events. Ron asked if CAM maintenance is responsible, Bob said yes and maintenance staff have signs now reading replace filters every two weeks.

Robotic lights - one on stage that did not work was moved to replace the one off stage that did not work. However, when the contractor did this instead of taking it in for repair, the contractor left on the stage the one from over the audience, that did not work. Bob sent an e-mail asking the contractor why it was not taken for repair, apparently one of the contractor's employees indicated that it was not repairable, although Bob wondered how he could know this without taking it back to the shop.

The control panel right outside the kitchen door that functions via WiFi periodically does not connect or goes out or sometimes will not release from the wall holder to allow function in mobile mode. Bob advised CAM that it is an essential component for the control of many components in that room and should be repaired or replaced.

Reporting on the lighting issue carried over from the March meeting particularly to who was going to pay for the repair of the old light board, Bob stated that an agreement had been reached and approved via e-mail by the MC executive. The MC and Drama Club are to pay ¼ each and CAM will pay the remaining ½ of the total cost. Bob submitted this arrangement to Mark over a month ago who indicated to Bob this week that he had not processed it yet. The total cost cannot be determined until the repairs are done. If the motherboard requires replacement because of the loose plug, Bob estimates the cost to be slightly under \$1,000. However, it could be much less if the motherboard does not have to be replaced and the MC would be responsible for ¼ of the resulting total amount.

Ron asked about the cost of replacing the robotic lights that are slowly failing. Bob said that initially CARE funds were used to install 8 robotic lights but currently only 4 are working. Bob's view is that the MC and CAM really only need 4.

**Internet Coordinator:** (Incoming) **Kristyne Olson** indicated that she received a renewal charge that is due on 26 April, amounting to \$95.88 from Go Daddy to host the MC internet platform for the coming year. Jim Ward advised her to proceed with this expenditure for next year.

**Past President:** **Jim Ward** noted that before we change the dues structure we have to change some things in chapter's 12 & 13 of the Club Specific additions to the CAM Board approved Charter Club Policies and Procedures (CC P & P's). Anything we revise in chapters 12 & 13 have to be approved by the MC Board and also by a majority vote of the membership at a general meeting. Any changes also have to be approved by the CAM Lifestyles Manager.

Jim also advised incoming executive members Terry, Ron and Richard that he would coordinate with them on a date/time to sign the banking documents for the coming year.

**Vice –President:** **Spence Videon**

No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

1. Re-designate Sonoran Skies as a band vs a vocal group.
2. Grant approval for Sonoran Skies to stage a concert at Sonoran Plaza subject to Judy Snedeker gaining approval for a date in October.

Motion to approve these items moved by Bob Nix and seconded by Jim Ward. Discussion included concerns about the additional burden placed on the tech crew/support people and the need to have all elements in place 2 months before show time. Board approved this motion by a vote of 11 -1.

**President:** B.J. Davis complimented board members for their work on behalf of the MC and thanked all present for their support during his term as President.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Announcements:**

The next Music Club Meeting will be held at the Cimarron Club on **May 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM.**

**Adjournment:**

Ron Pearson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Len King. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Richard Coles

Jim Ward

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Acting Secretary for Nancy Henderson

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