

Culture Vultures' Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - 3:30 PM – Reunion Center, Meeting Room 1

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 by President Jim Stelzel. Jim welcomed members and introduced 4 new guests 3 of which became new members after the meeting. There were 24 members, and 4 guests present at the meeting.

1. Patricia noted there were no minutes from the June 20th meeting as it was an unofficial meeting because there wasn't a quorum of the board. The April meeting minutes were approved and will be added to the Culture Vultures book. Mark gave the Treasurer's report. The present balance is \$4,120.09. Jim reviewed the Excel spread sheet of the Southern Express Event. Mark commented that Jim took care of the books while he was away for the month. Everything balanced. Membership as of the meeting was 98.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. Jim summarized the Sothern Express Band performance on Sunday, August 6th. He thanked the many volunteers who made this event happen. It was a big success, and the board will consider having a similar event in the future. At the night of the performance, the Southern Express Band was given a check in the amount of \$1,078.43. Jim had written a personal check in the amount of \$578.43. Checks over \$500 must be approved by the membership. Mary Mattson made a motion to approve the check and Barbara Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - B. It was noted that 3 additional ticket sales were discovered and that Mark will forward the additional \$36 (80% of \$45 = \$36) to the band. This will bring the total amount of the donation to \$1,114.43.
3. **NEW BUSINESS - 2023 - REMAINING EVENTS:**
 - A. Jim reported on the Lifestyle Expo on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, from 2-4 pm. This event showcases all the clubs and interest groups. Our table will be manned by board members and Jim will have flyers of what our club has done and what is happening in the future.

- B. Jim and Bruce discussed the upcoming Culture Vultures Expo on Thursday, September 7th from 3:30-5:30 pm. Bruce gave the number of organizations that will be present featuring many cultural events. A volunteer sheet was sent around for set-up and take down of the table.
- C. Jim discussed the Thrill-A-Palooza Event - Saturday, October 7th – Ballroom from 6:00 – 8:30pm. This event is being directed by our Spa Director. The charity that received the donations from this event was the Domestic Violence Center. Since Cheri works for First Residential, she cannot sponsor the event. This is the reason why Culture Vulture is sponsoring it. The board received news that the center was closed. The board had to investigate charities and looked at the financials of 16 charities. They narrowed it two charities- the Boys and Girls Club of Ocala which has three locations in Ocala and Bikers Against Abused Children. The board is still waiting for more information from the Boys and Girls Club before they choose a charity. It has been a long process which needed to be completed in a short time. Popcorn is served at this event. This year, the board investigated Giggles Popcorn and Cheri was able to get it wholesale. Barbara Kaplan is the Popcorn Lady. People give donations for the popcorn. **Patricia** will investigate packaging for the popcorn and report it to the board.

Jim requested a motion that Culture Vultures agree to donate 80% of ticket sales after expenses and 100% of all floor sales to Culture Vultures' designated charity. Jim also requested that the Dance Club of Ocala (who has always volunteered their time talents) be given a \$200 donation. John McCormick made the motion and Gloria Salvaggio seconded. The motion was passed.

A sheet was sent around for setup on October 6th from 4-8 pm, and clean-up on Saturday after the performance or on Sunday at noon.

- D. Bruce gave a report on the upcoming event at the **College of Central FL's Jazz Band - Sunday November 5th at 2:30pm - 5:00pm.** Bruce is working closely with Kelly Ryan to finalize these plans. Kathy Stelzel suggested we send out an email after this meeting to get volunteers to sell tickets for this event.

4. NEW BUSINESS - OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2024-2025

- A.** Nomination for the positions of Vice President and President are now open until CV's October 17th meeting. Voting for new Officers will occur at our December meeting.
- 1) **President's position** - Per CV's Bylaws, officers shall serve a two-year term. Jim Stelzel, current President will be resigning December 31, 2023, after serving as President for two years.
 - 2) **Vice President's position** - Bruce Kaplan after serving a one-year term will be resigning on December 31, 2023. Bruce will then be seeking the office of President's for the years of 2024-2025. Bruce commented that he has contacted Manley Cobia. Bruce has shared that Mr. Cobia would consider running for Vice-President.
 - 3) Mark Labadia Treasurer, and Patricia Gizzi Secretary, will continue serving in their respective positions until December 2024.

4. OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR? There was no other business, but Bruce wanted to thank Gloria Salvaggio for offering to help Bruce in any way. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Submitted by,
Patricia Gizzi

**IF THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
THEN THE MEETING STANDS ADJOURNED**