The Guilds’ Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting
September 22, 2016

Executive Committee Present: Sharon Algeo, Sandy Bass, Louise Costa, Gail Daniels, Karen Fullerton, Sandy Hovanesian, Judy Kelley

Executive Committee Absent: Marjorie Gorum, Jane King, Tony Shloss

Board of Directors Present: Shari Cipolla, Eileen Cirillo, Pat Faust, Susan Kinkade, Linda Miller, Millie Robbins, Mary Shebell, Bonne Wheeler

Board of Directors Absent: Jane King, Patty Olivieri, Terry Thacker, B.J. Van Alstine

Area Guild Chairmen Present: Barbara Benson, Gail Berra, Kay Fukunaga, Carol Kirkwood, Isabel Messinger, Marty Olds, Mary Singer

Area Guild Chairmen Absent: None

Chapter Chairmen Present: Gail Berra, Shari Cipolla, Anne Marie Eckman, Pat Faust, Cathryn Friis, Debra Garnreiter, Heather Gokhman, Sandy Hovanesian, Kaysene Miller, Cathy O’Connell, Betsy Sebade, Mary Singer, Bonne Wheeler

Chapter Chairmen Absent: Karen Marie Buffington, Michela Engle, Joann Gates, Kay Gertz, Barbara Gladden, JoAnn Hoyal, Irene Iverson, Marilyn McCorkle, Kathleen Peterson, Ilana Richmond, Judy and Leigh Ross, Margaret Ann Vincent, Joan Williams

Center Liaison Present: Dianne Howe

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Gail Daniels at 10:05 a.m. in room #201 at National University, 3390 Harbor Boulevard in Costa Mesa, California. Gail welcomed everyone and reminded people to turn off their cell phones and not to look at emails or texts during the meeting. Gail suggested that if you are expecting an
emergency call, please let her know ahead of time. She asked that everyone stand to give their reports, ask or answer questions, and to speak clearly. She suggested that everyone use her home phone first (949-854-0510) for a quicker response. Emails and cell messages are secondary.

Gail asked everyone to call or email the appropriate chairperson(s) if they have questions. Call Dianne Howe for speakers for your events as she is The Guilds’ liaison with the Center. Read your Redbooks for protocols and forms. If you have a question, call the appropriate Guild chairman.

Gail reminded the chapter chairs that the Chairman of The Guilds should receive a complimentary ticket to their chapter events. Chapter event invitations should be sent to the entire Executive Committee, plus The Guilds Historian, Bonne Wheeler.

**Recording Secretary: Judy Kelley - Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting were approved with the correction under the Parliamentarian’s report. The report should read: “*Paperwork needs to be completed on the dissolution of PAJ Chapter.*”

**1st Vice Chairman – Membership: Sandy Hovanesian**

At this time, Sandy has received membership renewal packets from only two chapters. Several chapters are still having membership events and she hopes to see them arriving soon. She attended an event on Tuesday, and 8 or 9 new members signed up.

Pat Faust will be reporting on the Membership Event. It was a terrific success, and many congratulations to Pat.

Sandy is notifying all chapter Chairmen, Membership Chairmen and Treasurers of the need to get their membership information and checks to her prior to October 15th. She urged all those that are preparing the reports to please proof read the forms, and then proof read them again. The proper name should be used on the forms. It is very time consuming to identify questionable information, and then having to follow-up to obtain the correct information.

She hopes to have a complete report for the Board at our October meeting.

**2nd Vice Chairman – Ways and Means: Sharon Algeo**

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To date, total submitted to The Guilds:
$5,669.34

**WM-1 Received:**

Debussy & From the Wings  
Talbot’s Fashion Show & Luncheon  
$1,310.00  
10/06/16  
52%

Flying Dutchman  
Kendra Scott Give Back  
$300.00  
12/01/16  
100%

*Linda Miller moved that the Board accept the WM-1’s for Debussy and From the Wings event and the Flying Dutchman event. Bonne Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Sharon asked for WM-1’s from all chapters for all events, big or small. Louise Costa asked to be copied on WM-1’s so she can put these events on the website.

**3rd Vice Chairman – Special Events: Louise Costa**

Prior to Louise’s report, Gail Daniels announced that the honoree for our Guilds Spring Celebration 2017 will be Pat Poss, Center Board Member. She has always been here to help us and has been a great cheerleader for the Center.

Louise reported that The Guilds Spring Celebration – LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION! will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach. The cost will remain the same at $150 as it was for last year’s Catch Our Wave event.

Amy Larson and Louise have been working on getting the Silent Auction package material together. They have asked The Guilds Area Chairmen to participate on the Silent Auction committee to work with their chapters to get Silent Auction donations. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. Some chapter members have already agreed to work on the committee doing Auction Tracker input, thank you notes and auction item packaging.

We are also asking the chapters to make your annual $300 donation again for our event which we definitely appreciate. Please mail your checks to our Treasurer, Tony Shloss at 18 Melody Lane, Irvine 92614, no later than February 2017.

We are looking to get the word out about our event through social media, publicity and advertising. To start, we’re looking at advertising in the *Orange County Business Journal Charity Event Guide.* We definitely will have information on the Center and Guilds Website as well as our Facebook page.
We’re having a meeting next month with one of our members who has worked with these media before. We really want to get the word out to people in Orange County just like we did with our very successful Membership Event.

We’d also like to have the ability to make our reservations on-line and through emails connecting on-line, just like when you purchase tickets to Center performances through their website.

We will be looking for additional chapter members to help on other committees including set-up the day before and day of the event, registration, and greeters to name a few. We will send out an email when we’re ready to get going with them.

We are still working with the Center on the Save the Date and the logo for our event.

Treasurer: Tony Shloss (Louise Costa reported for Tony)

Treasurer's Report as of September 22, 2016 (see attached). Total income was $3,493.05. Total expense was $11,853.96.

At the last Guilds Board Meeting, Tony distributed copies of the proposed Guilds Budget for the year 2016-2017. He put additional copies on the tables at today’s meeting.

Louise Costa moved that the proposed budget be accepted for the 2016-2017 year. Karen Fullerton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary: Karen Fullerton

Lunch following the September 22 meeting will be at the Culinary Arts School in Macy's Home Store, South Coast Plaza. Karen also announced the November 17th Holiday Luncheon will be at Gulliver’s.

Public Relations: Jane King

If you have an event that is open to the public, you must get approval from the Center for invitations, brochures, etc. before sending those out. The protocol is as follows:
- Send the draft of the invitation or brochure to Jane King, PR chairman
- She will send it to Tim Dunn at the Center for approval
- Tim will respond to the chapter
- When approved, the invitations or brochures may be sent to the public

If you have any questions, call or email Jane (949-733-2034), janesking@sbcglobal.net

Parliamentarian: Sandy Bass and Marjorie Gorum

Since this is the beginning of the 2016-17 fiscal year, Sandy and Marjorie asked everyone to please remember the following items:
• Chapter Chairmen – please remember to send The Guilds Chairman all the invitations to your chapter events (fundraising, fashion shows, etc.) These events should be “comped” for The Guilds Chairman.

• At The Guilds Board Meetings, members of the Board of Directors are the only people who can make motions, second motions, and vote on motions. The chapter Chairmen are “guests” and have no voting privileges.

• Debussy By-Laws – first reading. They will be voted on at the October Guilds Board Meeting.

Center Liaison: Dianne Howe

Please tune in tonight to the PBS (KOCE) documentary “Henry T. Segerstrom: Imagining the future” at 7:00 pm.

Dianne also distributed Center performance schedules for the fall and the Guilds Nights flyers for the Broadway and Dance Series. All tickets are available now, but please be aware of the deadlines for tickets for each show. Guilds Nights tickets are available only through Group Services; please contact them by phone, fax, email noted on the flyer. The box office and Support Groups office cannot assist with these tickets.

Kia Motors has given the Center a Kia Sedona SXL to raffle. The tickets are $100 and only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Hopefully you have already received an email blast on this. It would be great if each chapter would promote this raffle. The Guilds’ chapter credited with selling the most raffle tickets (be sure to have the purchaser write in your chapter’s name on the line: “How did you hear about the raffle”) will receive two (2) tickets to a Center performance to use as you want – for a raffle item at your fundraiser, or a thank you gift, or whatever fits your chapter’s needs. The deadline for tickets is October 25 and the drawing will be on Halloween.

Education Update:
American Ballet Theater William J. Gillespie School at Segerstrom Center opened for year 2 with 236 students. They have added level 5 (pre-professional), and so now the ages covered are 3 -18 years old.

One of the Center’s new programs in its Center without Borders initiative is with Alzheimer’s Association of Orange County – this group wanted to improve the quality of life for their constituents and increase the socialization of this group which is often isolated and lonely. The program the Center is providing is called BrainDance. It is based on our neuroreflexes, and is exercise “plus” that improves cognition and can delay dementia. BrainDance develops core strength, aides balance, reduces stress, improves mood, and boosts energy. It is unique among fitness programs because it stimulates all portions of the brain for life-long benefit. We found that folk songs help this population to connect. Alzheimer’s of OC also has a campus in Santa Ana of
primarily Spanish speaking patients and the Center will replicate the program there in the winter using Spanish language and Mexican folk songs with that population. The reactions to this program have been very positive: Kim Bailey, Program Specialist, Alzheimer’s OC said, “BrainDance was a HUGE HIT. Thank you for bringing such a unique cultural event to our clients! To say that we deeply appreciate your partnership is an understatement. And one of the participants said, "This was a most happy and inspiring class. The music and dance moves lifted the moods of all involved, not to mention how our brains absorbed the new info and expanded our horizons! J & I just loved and enjoyed the new class."

AREA GUILD REPORTS

CENTRAL AREA GUILD: BARBARA BENSON

Alla Gitanna Chapter - Cathy O’Connell, Chairman

The Fun for Lunch Bunch met Tuesday at Taps Restaurant for our kickoff luncheon of the 2016-17 Season. New members were welcomed and old friendships renewed. A good time was had by all and four lucky members went home with special raffle prizes.

We look forward to October when we will have our Halloween Luncheon. Costumes will be encouraged and prizes will be awarded.

Crescendo Chapter - Kaysene Miller, Chairman

Crescendo Chapter recognized the 2015-2016 Board and welcomed the 2016-2017 Board at a joint meeting and luncheon at the home of Kaysene Miller on June 9th. The outgoing officers turned in their reports and the incoming officers assumed their duties. Sandy Bass installed the new officers.

During the summer the Program Committee worked on the programs for the upcoming year. The Play-Bill Co-Chairmen produced our money-making publication that is given out at each Celebrity Series program. The Membership Co-Chairmen worked to keep our membership numbers up for the coming year. Our Corresponding Secretary produced our 2016-2017 Membership Directories.

We are pleased to announce that we have 25 new members for a total of 177 members. We are again offering discount tickets to Bowers Museum members in hopes of increasing the exposure to our Celebrity Series.

On September 1st we had our first Board meeting, and the first Celebrity Series program of the year was held September 15th at the Bowers Museum auditorium featuring singer Lorna Luft, daughter of Judy Garland and Sid Luft. She performed memorable songs and delighted the audience with fun recollections of growing up as the daughter of a Hollywood star.
**HUNTINGTON HARBOR AREA GUILD – CAROL KIRKWOOD**

**Flying Dutchman Chapter – Judy and Leigh Ross, Co-Chairmen**

As reported in August, the Flying Dutchman Chapter will hold its annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the beautiful home of Bob and Gail Sebring. The theme is “the Golden Age of Hollywood”. Invitations have been sent and the is looking forward to an evening of glitz, glamour, friends, raffle prizes and fun.

The next event for Flying Dutchman will be a dinner meeting at Prego Restaurant on November 9, 2016.

**Pas de Deux Chapter – Heather Gokhman and Kathleen Peterson, Co-Chairmen**

The chapter’s fall membership luncheon is this Friday, September 23, 2016 at the Shady Canyon Club. Over thirty guests are expected including the three scholarship recipients. The final event for the year will be at the full dress rehearsal of *The Nutcracker*, tentatively set for December 9, 2016.

**LAGUNA AREA GUILD – GAIL BERRA**

**Debussy Chapter – Sandy Hovanesian, Chairman**

Debussy Chapter is very excited about our upcoming venture with From the Wings which will be a Talbots fashion show and delicious lunch served by La Cuisine in Macy’s Home Store. The cost is $45.00 and all are invited to attend. In October, Debussy will take a bus trip to San Diego to visit the USS Midway.

**From The Wings Chapter – Gail Berra**

From the Wings opened up their new year by having a Membership Tea. They had 18 guests and so far have 5 new members with another 5 ready to join! The tea was perfect. Everyone enjoyed a parade of lovely hats with the winner being Nancy Field. On December 3rd, the chapter will have a Winter Boutique from 10:30 to 3:30 at the United Methodist Church in El Toro.

**Mozart Chapter – Debra Garnreiter, Chairman**

Mozart Chapter had one board meeting and one general meeting. They are ready for fall! Their August 10th speaker was an architect who talked about the history of Laguna Niguel. He was very interesting. The chapter has many new board members who are excited about their new jobs. The Mozart Chapter fundraiser is scheduled for September 30th at El Niguel Country Club. The next general meeting will be on October 12th with Courtney Greenough from the Education Department at SCFTA speaking to us.
NEWPORT HARBOR AREA GUILD – KAY FUKUNAGA

Cabaret Chapter – Joan Hill, Chairman

Cabaret Chapter was very busy all of July and August. Their goal for the coming 2016 – 2017 year is to grow their membership by offering single professionals more events and mini fundraisers. As of this date the chapter has 20 members.

Over the summer Cabaret’s events included a Rock’n 50s dinner dance, a picnic at Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre to hear Pacific Symphony’s “The Spy Who Loved Me,” a visit to the Irvine Museum of Arts followed by a Happy Hour at Bistango’s, two monthly social mixers with guest speakers, two happy hours at the Center Club, and movie nights at the Segerstrom Center.

Going forward, they are planning two fundraisers. The first will take place in a private home with an ocean view in Laguna Beach and the other at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club to celebrate the Annual Christmas Boat Parade in December.

Camelot Chapter – Joan Williams, Chairman

On September 7th, Camelot Chapter enjoyed a well attended first meeting of the 2016-2017 year at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. The BCYC chef prepared a special luncheon for Camelot’s members, served in the private library on the top floor where they had a full view of the bay and the sailboats.

The Board reported and discussed current membership status, renewal Information, and the members discussed possible activities for the coming chapter year. Membership is enthusiastic about coming events and activities.

South Pacific Chapter – Cathryn Friis, Chairman

The South Pacific Chapter has started its 36th year this September. South Pacific is a chapter with the purpose of working within the structure of The Guilds to promote and support the goals of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

South Pacific Chapter is a group of approximately 70 lovely ladies who meet the 3rd Monday of the month from September through May to play bridge. South Pacific Chapter has been recognized as one of the two top fundraising chapters. South Pacific Chapter is involved in Toys for Tots, the Bus-In Program for children and our own non-event fundraiser.

All the members of the South Pacific Chapter are very proud to part of this wonderful organization.
NORTH CENTRAL COUNTY AREA GUILD – MARY SINGER

Arthur Fiedler Chapter – Mary Singer, Chairman

Arthur Fiedler Chapter meets twice a month to play duplicate bridge. Cash prizes are awarded. On the 4th Sunday of the month, they meet as couples to play bridge.

Arturo Toscanini Chapter – Shari Cipolla and Marilyn McCorkle, Co-Chairman

The Toscanini Chapter has planned a fun year of luncheons. On October 6th, they will have Bunco at the home of Gini Castellano. This will be a great opportunity for the members to bring their silent auction items for our major fundraiser, A Taste of Christmas, at the Summit House on December 1st. Please plan to join us for Bunco and/or A Taste of Christmas.

Carmen Dragon Chapter – Karen Reed Buffington, Chairman (absent)

Karen has had a knee replacement. She will be contacted when she is well to reform and reorganize the chapter for a one-year trial.

SOUTH COUNTY AREA GUILD – ISABEL MESSINGER

Beverly Sills Chapter - Anne Marie Eckman and Bonne Wheeler, Co-Chairmen

Beverly Sills held their annual Garden Party Membership meeting Sept. 20th. They had more than 60 members and guests attending. It was a wonderful event, held at the home of Linda Miller in Nellie Gail Ranch. Judy Morr, Executive V.P. of Segerstrom Center was the guest speaker. Dianne Howe and Tim Dunn also were there from the Center. Gail Daniels, Sandy Hovanesian, Betsy Sebade and Isabel Messinger were guest from our Guilds Board.

After our meeting we adjourned for a buffet luncheon of salads and desserts. Everyone had a great time. Nine new members joined that day, with other guests taking the information from our Membership Chairmen. Beverly Sills Chapter is looking forward to an amazing year.

Irving Berlin Chapter - Joanne Gates and Bev Stavro, Co-Chairmen

Members gathered for their first business luncheon meeting at Peking Dragon Restaurant in Dana Point, which is a favorite to all. Even with the membership decreasing each year, the attendance was fantastic. All seemed eager to get The Guild’s year rolling. The upcoming productions at the Center were presented which excited everyone. Matinees will be the avenue for this chapter nowadays, unfortunately, and they hope to see many Guilds’ members there.
Placido Domingo Chapter – Ilana Richmond, Chairman

On Sunday, September 11th, Placido Domingo Chapter held a luncheon and fashion show at the Mission Viejo Country Club. Our chapter members, Josie Alvarado, Gerrie Goodreau, Cinthia Lindholm, Mary Jedynak, and Rachel Rochford modeled Chico’s autumn line showing the main colors of burgundy, oatmeal and brown. The chapter tried a new spin on the 50-50 raffle. Instead of one winner, they gave half to the chapter and the other half was divided between two winners. The next event is a Halloween party on October 30th.

Richard Rodgers Chapter – Betsy Sebade, Chairman

Richard Rodgers Chapter had a busy summer. The Board attended The Guild’s workshops on the 1st and 2nd of June. On September 8th, several members invited a guest to attend The Guilds membership event at the Mesa Verde Country Club.

The first membership luncheon was held at Mozart Café in San Juan Capistrano with 44 women in attendance. Their scholarship winners provided the entertainment and they were honored to have Marjorie Gorum welcome members and discuss the Summer at the Center program and the Disney Musicals in the Schools program. The chapter has added 5 new members and is anticipating more.

Betsy was sad to report the Betty Jean Bowers passed away this past year.

WEST COUNTY AREA GUILD – MARTY OLDS

Carmen Chapter - Pat Faust, Chairman

Carmen’s first meeting was at Ruby’s, a wonderful restaurant in downtown Orange with great food. Then they went to the Hubert Museum across the street to see California art.

At the beginning of October they will have a bus trip to the Getty Museum as one of their fundraisers. There are still a few seats left, if anyone is interested.

Then in November Carmen members are off to the new Farmhouse restaurant for lunch and a seminar on fall plants at Rogers Gardens in Newport Beach. Carmen Chapter is happy to say that they picked up many new members at the Membership event and are working on expanding the chapter.

Center Stage Chapter – Margaret Ann Vincent, Chairman

Center Stage welcomed summer with a July 4th party at the home of Louise Costa. Louise had set up stations for people to indulge in games of their choosing. They munched their way through appetizers, barbequed hamburgers and brats. The evening ended watching the Back Bay fireworks.
The August event was a “summer clambake” at the home of Margaret Ann Vincent. People sat at tables on the lawn and were serenaded by Joanne Kurman. The chapter was honored by the attendance of Marty Olds and her husband Bob, and also the mayor of Irvine, Steven Choi, who was a guest of Yumiko Blashko. He is very interested in our work to promote the arts for our community.

September brings the harvest of the grapes and Center Stage is not forgetting that. Hallie Whelen is having a wine representative to share and explain his winery products. This fun event is happening on Sept 17, 2016 at her home. Wine and hors d’oeuvres are on the menu, accompanied by chit-chat.

Stage Door Chapter - Irene Iverson, Chairman

Stage Door got a good start at Zov’s in Newport Beach on Sunday, September 11th with a membership event. They welcomed 6 new members, bringing the chapter to 28 active members, 3 associates and 11 patrons.

The special event chairs, Jim and Gail Daniels, have planned a great year of events to raise money for the Center. On October 26th, the chapter will have lunch at Tangata's at Bowers Museum followed by a guided tour through the "Virgin of Guadalupe, Images of Colonial Mexico" exhibit. Everyone is welcome to join them. They're also planning and looking forward to Mardi Gras, the West County fundraiser, along with the Carmen and Center Stage chapters in February. Louise Costa and Marty Olds are co-chairs.

Membership Event: Pat Faust

The Guilds of Segerstrom Center for the Arts Membership Event on Thursday, September 9 at the Mesa Verde Country Club was a success. Over 110 performing arts lovers including both current and prospective members of The Guilds, showed up to find out more about The Guilds and their support role for Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

Pat gave welcoming remarks, followed by Gail Daniels, Chairman of The Guilds, who spoke about the history of The Guilds and Carol Wilken, Center Board Vice Chairman of Support Groups, who addressed Orange County’s vision for a music center just like that of our neighbors to the north.

Attendees heard from Gail Sugamura, past Principal of Stanley Elementary School, who enthralled all with her recounting of what the Disney Musicals in Schools Program meant to students at her school. The attendees heard from Sandy Bass, Parliamentarian of The Guilds, who addressed important education and community programs which Segerstrom Center provides and The Guilds supports in important ways.

Finally, Sandra Hovanesian, Membership Chairman of The Guilds, delivered closing remarks to encourage prospective members to join one of the nation’s most respected
Guilds supporting an internationally acclaimed arts institution. Sandy talked about the pride of affiliation, meeting like-minded, theater-going friends, special ticket offers for performances, prime seating with invitations to exclusive Guilds and Center events. Sandy and Pat awarded raffle prizes - tickets to "Beautiful, The Carole King Musical" and American Ballet Theatre's holiday performance of "The Nutcracker." Enthusiasm was visible in the room as the meeting broke up. Everyone was engaged in talking about all they had heard. Organizing committee members were pleased as prospective members mixed with current members and explored their options of choosing which of the 21 chapters to join – which one best met their needs and interests.

Pat collected 18 applications. At least 5 guests have joined groups without filling out applications. Many of the chapters picked up new members. It would be difficult for Pat to give an exact count of the new members until next month after she can talk with all the chapters. She is following up with phone calls to guests who attended, and will be checking the PO Box weekly to see if new applications were mailed to her. The event came in under budget.

**Roster: Susan Kinkade**

The 2016-2017 Roster is getting the finishing touches with proofreading. When it is approved, it will go to the printers. Susan thanked everyone who provided her with information on the new Guilds officers in all the chapters. When she receives the newly printed rosters, she will arrange for everyone to receive theirs. She thanked everyone for their patience.

**Website Chairman: Louise Costa**

The Guilds website has been updated with a new link to our event photos. The first event shown is the membership event on September 8, 2016. To see this information, go on the Center’s website and click on Support Groups and then The Guilds. Then page down past About The Guilds and Events until you reach Guilds Event Photos and under that click here for pictures of Guilds Events Open to the Public.

Louise took an inventory from the historian’s file and found that a number of chapters have not sent in their newsletters to be posted to their websites. Carmen, Center Stage, Richard Rodgers and Stage Door have already been sending their newsletters and those are posted. She also now has Beverly Sills, Crescendo and Debussy. She is still waiting to hear from Alla Gitana, Irving Berlin and Mozart.

The website has now been updated for all the officers for all the chapters as well as The Guilds Board and Executive Committee. The meetings have been added to The Guilds Event calendar on the website. All Guilds Night performances have also been added. If you want something posted on the website event calendar, just email Louise.

She has also added a Face book page. Go to [www.facebook.com/theguildsofSCFTA](http://www.facebook.com/theguildsofSCFTA). Click “Like.”
Informally Yours Chairman:  B.J. Van Alstine (absent)

Program Chairman:  Millie Robbins

This message is to all Area Guild Chairman, chapter Chairman and chapter Members. PLEASE be sure that your chapter Program Chairman knows that the new and improved Program Book is on the Guilds' Website! This is as up to date as possible, but, Millie needs the Chapters help to keep it that way. If you find a wrong or out of service number please let Millie know. Also let her know of any speakers or musicians who have retired or a restaurant that has closed so those listings can be removed. Also let her know of any great new speakers or wonderful new restaurants for meetings so they may be added to the list. This message will be repeated off and on all year.

The Circuit Editor – Shari Cipolla

No report.

By-Laws:  Terry Thacker

As By-Laws Chairman, Terry has read the submitted revised by-laws of the Debussy Chapter. In doing so, she determined that the changes made conform with the By-Laws of The Guilds of The Segerstrom Center for the Arts by-laws. As such, she recommends they be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Debussy changes attached.

Children at the Center Chairman:  Eileen Cirillo

Eileen is contacting chapter Chairs to recruit volunteers. She is suggesting that each chapter pick one or two days to volunteer as a group.

Bus-In schedule attached.

Historian:  Bonne Wheeler

Newsletters are being sent, mostly by email. Bonne would appreciate chapter newsletters coming through the mail so she won’t have to print out so many. Bonne also asked Area Guild Chairs to send her their reports.

Toy Drive Chairman:  Linda Miller and Patty Olivieri

The Toys for Tots correspondence will be submitted for approval to Dianne Howe and Jane King this week. Once approved, the information advertising the Toys for Tots campaign will be going out to the chapters by the end of the month.
Each Guilds member donating one or more toys will receive a ticket for a chance to win four tickets to the December 14, 2016 American Ballet Theater's production of *The Nutcracker*.

Drop-off dates for the Toys for Tots are December 6th and 7th between 10:00 and 2:00. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help December 6th and 7th will be passed out at the October and November Board Meetings.

**In-Store Events: Mary Shebell**

The in-store events scheduled so far are Talbots – South Coast Plaza, Bear Street, 2nd floor, Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 3 to 6 p.m. Talbots will give back 10 percent of sales to The Guilds. Members can pre-shop and the sale will be rung up that day.

The committee is considering returning to Bloomingdales during the holiday. If so, the Talbots date may change to December 1, 2016, if Bloomingdales a pre-Christmas event is planned.

Mary is exploring events at Sur La Table and Ermenegildo Zenga for an evening with men. She is also completing the application for the Anaheim White House Charity Luncheon Give Away. They will give a luncheon gratis to 100 charitable organizations. If The Guilds are selected, we can decide how we would like to use the luncheon. The application is due October 1st.

**Festival of Children: Shari Cipolla**

Shari reported that the date to ride the carousel is November 9th. Riders will be finished by 9 a.m. Shari is the Team Captain. She needs 4 team members to join her to solicit donations. Louise Costa volunteered. She needs 3 more.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Kelley, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting – Thursday, October 27, 2016 at National University, 3390 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa**