

COMMUNITY PLAYERS of SALISBURY

Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2017

Attendees - Tom Robinson, Alanna Phillips, Crista Kirkendall, Ken Johnson, Sharon Benchoff, Sherri Hynes, Bobbie Calloway, Steve Culver, Rusty Mumford, Edward Duvall, Mary Veise, Ben Reavis, Pete Cuesta, Bonnie Bosies, Kate Adkins, Britni Ikzuk, Charlie Linton, Darrell Mullins, Kim Szentesi, Judy Hearn, Robin Finley, Kel Nagel, Ernie Matthews, David Allen, Megan Davis, Yoshi

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Tom Robinson. Tom pointed out how clean and beautiful the floors were, and maybe we could be a little more careful when painting in this room.

Last meeting's Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report – accepted as is, the report was approved as submitted by Charlie Linton. There was a question about the \$3000+ for concessions for B & B, yes it was the roses, and yes we still have a lot of them....

Expenses are higher in the new building, but that is to be expected due to size, use, insurance and taxes.

AGENDA:

Committee Reports:

Facilities – work still progressing. The warehouse is very organized but more work to be done. After auditions, Megan will set up work days but she was having issues with the Calendar app. We need to buy paint supplies from capital expense funds.

Lifetime Achievement – Pete said we had 2 nominees but it's a secret.

Membership – new chairperson is Megan Davis. We have a new format and system with 3 tiers – Mezzanine, Orchestra, and Center Stage. The form and information will be in the next newsletter. She is asking that for this time around, each person send in the form/check so she can register everyone. Next year, people can do it themselves on line. There was discussion about a membership drive to get more people involved, and having food vendors (Flannery's, Vittles, etc) participate. Any ideas, forward to Megan. She also suggested having a membership table at each show.

Production – anyone who wishes to submit a show contact Ken Johnson. If you wish to serve on the committee, contact him as well. It's never too soon to think about next year.

Program Advertising – we do not have dates for Wor Wic or summer dates for Wi Hi so Tom is waiting to send out letter. Hope to do so around August 15th.

Publicity – Pete is working on the billboards for Into the Woods. He brought up the question about NPR and if anyone heard our ads. He is going to check on rates/costs/air time with them. Sherri Hynes suggested using the local radio stations "current events" calendars for free. Tom Robinson suggested looking into WBOC and Comcast to buy ads. Kel Nagel mentioned PAC – TV is free, but then again, no one watches it.

Season Tickets/Patrons – We can't send out these letters until we have dates as well. Megan/David wish to purchase a new ticket printer as there was a bit of a back-up, especially with the fall musical. Cost is approximately \$500. Megan made the motion, Kel second, approved to purchase a ticket printer.

3rd Friday – need someone to take on this area, Kim explained what was involved, it's a lot of work with set up, especially since you have to carry tables, etc.... it's good exposure for the group and if anyone is interested, please let Tom know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning – nothing new to report

Arsenic and Old Lace – Rusty gave attendance numbers for the show – 889. Everyone had fun and it was a great show.

NYC Bus Trip – Everyone had a great time at the show, Bette was amazing. There were approximately 12 seats on the bus not sold so we did lose some money. Discussion about offering more bus/show tickets next time.

Summer Workshop Series – Megan said that this year was a success, that there were anywhere from 17 – 20 people at each session. Everyone seemed to like the new small group format. We are hoping this will encourage new members. She wants to add one more for dance/movement next week. Thank you Megan (and friends) for all your hard work.

Constitution/By-Laws – Tom stated that we are “up to date” but he would like to propose a change to the dates the officers take over from June to July. It seems to him that it makes more sense to follow the season of shows. He will present his proposal at the next meeting in September.

Rick Byrd – Kel talked to him and he is up and moving around with a walker and crutches, and is improving. Thanks everyone for their well wishes and concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

Into The Woods – Auditions are August 13 – 15, possible call backs that week. Kenny had early auditions on Tuesday. Show dates are Nov 3 – 5.

JMB High School Award program – Megan explained to us about an awards program that Alison Sahler has developed and asked CPOS to sponsor, nominate, judge and award in categories set up by us. In doing so we would have to commit to seeing all the shows in the county schools, public and private. There was much discussion about the pros and cons. Some loved the idea, some wanted more info, some felt that by CPOS sponsoring we should have more say, some expressed concerns about equity between schools/performances, etc. Darrell wanted to go on record saying he thought it has potential.

Purchase strip lighting – Sharon Benchoff asked to buy two new LED strip lights. It's been probably 10 years since we bought any major lighting equipment. The cost ranged from \$400 to \$3600. We are postponing until September due to budget.

Purchase 2 used microphones – Tom has two used microphones from CUMC that he would like to sell to us. Again, postponed until September.

Wig Room floor – We have tiles for the wig room, and a proposal of \$300 to have the tile replaced. Ken moved, Rusty 2nd. Approved

Donation for Dinner – We received a lovely letter and donation of \$500 thanking CPOS for all our hard working volunteers. The purpose of the check was to buy everyone “dinner”. Since we have not had a

“kickoff dinner” since Fiddler (2014) we will use that money to pay for that. Rusty volunteered to “host”.

Other – Ben Reavis announced that Chris Reavis and family were moving to PA in September.

Next Meeting - is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6 at 7pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no new business, meeting was adjourned – Darrell motioned, Ken second.

Submitted by Sherri Hynes, Recording Secretary.