

COMMUNITY PAYERS OF SALISBURY

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: K. Johnson, presiding, K. Nagel, S. Benchoff, D. Mullins, R. Finley, S. Barnes, C. Linton, D. Allen, M. Hatfield, M. Dasher, T. Robinson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: P. Cuesta, E. Duvall, B. Bosies, L. Bratten, R. Mumford, M. Bogdan, N. Martin

GUESTS: Mary Mahler, Hunter Adkins

The meeting was called to order by President K. Johnson

Minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as distributed.

President's report: Plumbing issues have been resolved. Rest rooms are now in working order.

Committee reports:

Facilities: Much work has been done to organize the scene shop/storage area, and it looks great. Thanks to Ken and those who helped him. Reminder was made that the stage manager is in charge of keeping the main room in order during the rehearsal/production process.

Hospitality: Rusty would like to have holiday type snacks after the December board meeting. Motion made by S. Benchoff, second by T. Robinson and approved to have refreshments including soft drinks after the next board meeting. Attendees may bring their own alcoholic beverages, and all are reminded that the bylaws forbid consumption of alcohol on site during meetings.

Rusty will plan and host a New Year's Eve party (approved, motion D. Allen, second T. Robinson). Party will be covered dish. Players will provide a champagne toast at midnight. Other alcoholic beverages are BYOB. Rusty will send out a blast email to publicize the event.

Rusty is considering a NYC trip in April. Discussion was held as to whether Broadway tickets would be purchased, only bus tickets or a mixture of both. Discussion will be resumed in the future after more information is gathered.

Newsletter: Robin is looking for articles for the December newsletter.

Production: Darrell needs volunteers for the production committee, ideally a mix of on-stage and off-stage members. Those who plan to propose a show, or their spouses, should not be on the committee. Shows will be submitted in December, with a report to the board in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy Hearn was introduced as the new board member who will fill out the remainder of Darrell Mullins's term since he has become vice-president.

South Pacific went very well, had good attendance and very enthusiastic audiences. Financials are not complete yet. The silent auction netted approximately \$3,000.

The Snow Hill Dickens Village in December needs characters.

Love Loss and What I wore has dates of March 15 and 30 with SWAC. Sharon and Robin are trying to arrange additional dates at UMES.

Third Friday needs volunteers for Nov 16.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Mahler, a former Players performer, was introduced. She is running the Theater Academy of Delmarva, children's theater which performs at various venues on Delmarva. They are not a non-profit, but need help in finding rehearsal space. They offered to pay up to \$50 dollars a week for weekly use of our space. After consideration of the group's mission, and the mission of Players to support theater development, and particularly children's theater in the community, motion was made by Robinson, seconded by D. Allen and approved, to grant use of our rehearsal space for two to three hours weekly at no charge from Jan 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019. They will have to provide a certificate of liability insurance and coordinate times with the director who is currently rehearsing our production.

Auditions for The Dining Room are scheduled for Nov 11 and 12. Help is needed for various production team areas, except for lighting and set decoration.

Rusty needs to upgrade the wigs and wig room. Approval was given to spend up to \$300 for heads, etc. Motion K. Nagel, second T. Robinson.

T. Robinson noted that refrigerator magnets are for sale at \$5. Approval was given to give magnets as a gift to those with higher levels of membership. Motion, Robinson, second, Benchoff.

Lynne Bratten noted that with the increase in audience members using walkers we might find a way to check them to help keep aisles clear.

Question was raised as to whether we should start our shows earlier. Because of the consideration that most of our participants are working, no action was taken.

Tony Broadbent suggested that we consider seeking directed donations for things such as microphones. He also suggested that we consider program inserts or announcements suggesting how our audience members can be involved as members, volunteers, etc.

Question was raised as to whether concession stands should be open prior to shows. Note was made that none of our venues allow food or drink in the theaters. No action was taken.

Matt Bogdan stated that he did not have enough volunteers to help him with the silent auction, but it was a success.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Kel Nagel, Recording Secretary

