

COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SALISBURY

BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING COVID PANDEMIC, THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Benchoff, presiding, M. Dasher, K. Nagel, R. Mumford, C. Linton, D. Mullins, K. Johnson, S. Thompson, D. Allen, P. Cuesta, B. Calloway

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Welsh, L. Bratten, C. Dasher, J. Gietka, T. Broadbent, K. Adkins

GUEST: Jacob Nall

Meeting was called to order by President Benchoff at 7:03

Minutes of the January meeting were approved. (Motion, Linton, second, Mumford)

Treasurer's report was reviewed. We received \$125 in member dues, \$1100 in patron donations, \$1100 in grants, and \$250 in a sponsorship for Almost Maine. Financial status is good.

President's report.: Tom Robinson is out of town. He asked Sharon to report that he had contacted Wor-Wic and the school board about venues. Both said they would not be available for the April or June shows. BOE said to check in May about availability in November. Sharon brought up the possibility of creating a new committee charged with finding new fund-raising opportunities such as Giving Tuesdays, getting sponsors for shows etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities: help will be needed to strike the Almost Maine set and do some other re-arranging in the warehouse and the props room.

Hospitality: Still no in person events. Is anyone interested in perhaps a game night via Zoom?

Grants: Rusty wishes to stop chairing but is willing to serve on the committee under a new chairperson.

Patrons: Several more advertisers have sent patron donations

Production: Have several submissions to consider. They need one more member.

Scholarship: Application info has been sent to all the schools

Social Media: Scholarship info has been posted of Facebook. We have received much positive feedback regarding what has been posted and shared about Almost Maine.

OLD BUSINESS:

ShowTix4 u has so far been described as user friendly once you get used to it. So far nineteen tickets have been sold and seven patrons have gotten tickets.

Building name: 62% of those voting want to call the building "Players." So, we will.

Almost Maine: Videography has been completed. Editing is underway. Publicity has been excellent, with a story on Travels With Charlie, articles in the Independent and Go in the Daily Times, and PSAs on public radio. Cast and crew did a great job.

Since we have no venue for Streetcar, Rusty has obtained streaming rights and would like to do the show in April or May. Lester will build the set. Jeremy Mumford will be stage manager if back from deployment with the national Guard. Cass Dasher said they would be willing to help out with stage management if needed. We have no videographer yet. Several possibilities were raised, including other students at SU, videographers from PAC-14, possibly folks from the Ocean City Film Festival and others. Possibility of paying a videographer was raised, but not encouraged. Question was brought up regarding Covid impact on auditions and rehearsals.

It was decided to proceed with Streetcar, depending on resolution of the above problems. (Motion, Mullins, second, Allen) The show will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Eastern Shore Ballet would like to use the building on May 8. This was deferred until we have a definite plan for what we might be doing then.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kel Nagel, Recording Secretary.