

Community Players Monthly Meeting Agenda for October 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports

Facilities Management	Ken Johnson
Building	Joe Benamati
Grants	Matt Bogdan
Membership	Melissa Dasher
Hospitality	Rusty Mumford
Social Media	Kate Adkins
Season Tickets	Darrell Mullins & Rusty Mumford
Box Office	Darrell Mullins & Rusty Mumford
Patrons	Kel Nagel
Historical	Bonnie Bosies
Concessions	Brenda Allen
Program	Tom Robinson
Program Advertising	Tom Robinson
Publicity	Debby Nagel
Nominating	Sharon Benchoff
House	Betsy Metzger
Production	Matt Bogdan
Scholarship	Lynne Bratten
Lifetime Achievement Awards	Pete Cuesta

Old Business

Paths to Freedom – Final Update

Edgar Allen Poe

Pippin

Parking Lot

WorWic Update for Rumors

Performance Space

Other

New Business

Next Meeting – November 1

Other

October 2023 Committee Report

Facilities Management: Ken Johnson reported as follows:

1. Women's Bathroom flooded again with the MASSIVE amounts of rain on Sept 23. Leaking again where the gutter was coming off the building. Possibly clogged? Or was just WAY TOO MUCH RAIN. French Drain apparently couldn't keep up. Rug in hallway will need to be replaced soon.
2. Warehouse Cleaning is still on going!
3. Kitchen sink is fixed! (I hope)
4. Called several places about getting a dumpster for Warehouse Purge. Most places were close in price. Cost is around \$700 for either a 20 or 30 yd Dumpster for a week. Would like to go with Seagull Disposal. Had good reviews and were extremely helpful on the phone.
5. Spoke to Jake about possible conflict with parking lot work. He stated if the dumpster went at the Rear Warehouse Door then it wouldn't interfere with current work on parking lot.
6. Thanks to Pete Cuesta for loan of trailer to take a load of scrap metal to Recycling place later this week. If anyone wants to add to it, feel free. Money should go back into Warehouse Organization.

Building: No Report Submitted

Grants: Matt Bogdan reported as follows:

1. We have been fulfilling the grant requirements from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and Beach to Bay Heritage Area with our production of Paths to Freedom: The Underground Railroad on Maryland's Eastern Shore (with scenes from Uncle Tom's Cabin).
2. We also received over \$1500 in donations, and those funds will go into the building fund.
3. A request for grant funds from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for the purchase of microphones was denied because we already are receiving grant funds for the Paths to Freedom production. We can request again next year.
4. A request for grant funds from the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation was denied, with no explanation besides there were many requests. We can re-apply next year.
5. Matt began taking a class on grant writing at Wor-Wic.
6. The effort to fulfilling the grant requirements for CFES and BBHA with the production of the "Paths to Freedom" production has limited his time in September to search for other grants.

Membership: Melissa Dasher reported as follows:

1. Membership cards, for those who completed forms with payment in September, have been printed and should be in the mail this week.
2. Reminder: All dues paid last season expired Sept 1st (not one year from when last paid.)
3. Dues need to be current for ALL Board members and those serving on committees.

Hospitality: No report received. The Recording Secretary assumes that we plan to remain hospitable.

Social Media: Kate Adkins reported as follows:

1. Facebook is where we reach the most.
2. Instagram does get likes.
3. Kate is looking into doing some TikTok's during "Pippin" more as an experiment to see how they are received.

4. The “Pippin” production team will be featured in upcoming post to show that there are other ways to be involved in theatre while not acting.
5. Please take time to “like, share, and leave a comment.”
6. For any upcoming events (audition, opportunities etc...) please let Kate know asap. For things to be posted on Instagram an image must be a part of the post. Please provide an image or give some context so that one can be created. Kate will work towards having some stock images on hand but variety and individual specific to events images take time.

Season Tickets/Box Office: Rusty Mumford and Darrell Mullins reported as follows:

1. They met with House Manager, Betsy Metzger, to review the seating process as we approach our first show with reserved seating.
2. We agreed that those who come after the show has begun will be seated in rows in the back of the auditorium in order to minimize distraction. Those who come late will be allowed to find their reserved seat at intermission.
3. Rusty Mumford met with Patrons Chair, Kel Nagel to determine how Patrons can get access to preferred seats in our new reserved seating process. We will hold the first six rows in the center for patrons until October 15. After that those rows will be first come first served.
4. Darrell Mullins, in conjunction with “Pippin’s” Director and Producer, has arranged for show merchandise to be available for purchase on our ticketing platform. Items available are t-shirts, coffee mugs, and tote bags.
5. Darrell Mullins is in the process of adding “Pippin” cast/crew names and photos to the ticketing platform.

Patrons: Kel Nagel reported on the agreement, detailed in the Season Ticket/Box Office Committee report above, granting advance notice to Patrons to reserve seats.

Historical: No Report Submitted

Concessions: Brenda Allen reported as follows:

1. Concessions were provided for the two “Paths to Freedom” performances that occurred at our facility. The audience seemed to appreciate the brownies, cookies and drinks. Their donations were added to the money collected at the door.
2. The next planned concessions at this time will be for “Pippin.” We will be needing help for those performances. Please let Brenda know if you can help.

Program/Program Advertising: No Report Submitted

Publicity: No Report Submitted

Nominating: Nothing to report

House: Betsy Metzger reported that she will conduct a training session with usher volunteers on how to seat audience members per our reserved seating system.

Production: No Report Submitted

Scholarship: Lynne Bratten reported that scholarship information will be distributed to counselors, drama teachers and others who are involved with youth drama programs that are in the contact area in December and will be ready for distribution via the newsletter at that time.

Lifetime Achievement Committee: Sharon Benchoff reported that the committee met on Sunday, Oct. 1st to decide this year's recipients.