

Community Players Monthly Meeting Agenda for November 1, 2023 at 6:30 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

Edgar Allen Poe – Final Update

Pippin

Parking Lot

WorWic Update for Rumors

Performance Space

Other

New Business

Next Meeting – December 6

Other

Committee Reports for November 2023 Meeting

NOTE: If a report is identified as TBA, it means I did not get a report from the chair of that committee, Those can be updated during our meeting.

Facilities Management: TBA

Building: TBA

Grants: Matt Bogdan reported as follows:

1. Working on application for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) FY25 Grants for Organizations (GFO) Off Year, due by Dec. 15, 2023
2. Working on application for MSAC Arts Capital grant, due by Feb. 28, 2024, to help with capital costs.
3. Working on application for Choptank Electric Trust, Inc. grant for purchase of acoustic equipment.
4. Working on application for a Delmarva Power grant for support of Christmas show.
5. Sent a letter of inquiry to Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.
6. Sent a letter of inquiry to Target Foundation.
7. Donation request made to Ollie's Bargain Center.
8. Donation request made to Royal Farms Stores.
9. Explored grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation for creation of summer reading program, targeting Pre-k to 12 grade students who are new readers and below grade level readers and assist readers with learning disabilities. Grant applications to open in January 2024.
10. Applied for a grant from Big Lots Foundation.
11. Applied for financial support from Whole Foods Market.
12. Explored Lowe's grants for nonprofits. We do not meet their criteria.
13. Explored Home Depot grants for nonprofits. We do not meet their criteria.
14. Applied for donation from Acme.

Membership: Melissa Dasher reported as follows:

1. Our 2023-2024 season officially began September 1st. Our Constitution states that due “shall be considered delinquent if not paid by October 31.” Board members, committee chairmen and committee members in particular should take note of this “grace period” and aim to turn in their membership form and dues asap.
2. "Tickets" for this season's Players' Nights are being mailed along with new membership cards. Those attending Pippin Players' Night should bring their ticket for easy admission.

Hospitality: Rusty Mumford reported that we continue to be hospitable.

Social Media: Kate Adkins reported as follows:

1. Our greatest reach is still on facebook but views have dropped a bit. Please remember to like, share, and if you could, leave a comment.
2. Instagram does reach people just at a lower volume.
3. I am still working on adding TikTok to our agenda.
4. I would like to add a Posting “mini series” on the board members that can be expanded to new board members and any other way needed to highlight members. With a photo and a short bio or Q&A “ how did you get involved with players? What show was you first? What is a favorite show you haven’t had the chance to watch to work on yet? Ever seen a show on broadway? What is your favorite show you have worked on? How can people get involved with players?
5. Please send me info to post as early as possible and I’ll post as soon as possible.
6. I am open to suggestions for more ways to reach more people.

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

1. Box Office--will not be purchasing the card reader through OTS. Turns out that it is not specific to OTS and requires registration in another 3rd party system. We will only purchase one printer at this time but reserve the ability to purchase the second if necessary.
2. Tickets--few season ticket orders right now, sell Pippin tickets, reserved seating is going well.
3. The ticket website now includes cast information and merchandise for sale.

Patrons: TBA

Historical: TBA

Concessions: Brenda Allen reported as follows:

1. The next planned concessions at this time will be for Pippin. We will be needing help for those performances. Please let me know if you can help. Cast members : helping with concessions is a great way to get family members involved with Players! We only need about 20-30 minutes of their time. A few minutes before the intermission to get ready, intermission and a few minutes after to cleanup.
2. People who are helping usher may also help with concessions.

Program/Program Advertising: TBA

Publicity: TBA

Nominating: Nothing to report.

House: TBA

Production: TBA

Scholarship: -Lynne Bratten reported that scholarship materials will go out in December.

Lifetime Achievement Award:- Sharon Benchoff reported that selections have been made. Awards and plaque are ready. Presentations scheduled for Pippin's Sunday performance, just prior to the performance.

Newsletter: Rusty Mumford reminded us that the deadline for submitting newsletter content is the 15th of the month.