

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS

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Possum Point Players Executive Committee
December 22, 2020 Minutes

Meeting was conducted by Zoom. Called to order by EC President Kenney Workman at 4:30 pm. Those attending included Cheryl Graves, Louise Hartzell, Jim Hartzell, Andrew Hertzberg, Michael Murnin, Rosanne Pack, Dawn Conaway and Gwyneth Sharp.

Louise H moved to approve minutes of November 2020 meeting; Gwyneth S seconded and minutes were approved.

Treasurer Louise H reported on the financial status.

Checking - \$17,960

MMA - \$77,419

Remaining on mortgage - \$30,000

Remaining on roof work - \$11,000

Jim H raised question of paying off mortgage. Decision was best to wait.

Executive Administrator Dawn Conaway reported that approximately 114 paid reservations are recorded for the 2020 Christmas show, Sweet Sounds of the Season. Some of that number were season ticket holders, therefore, the money was already collected from those. Of the season ticket holders who confirmed that they would be attending the show, there were still several no-shows, making it difficult to determine the amount of money made from attendees. Approximately \$600 came from bar/refreshment sales.

There was discussion regarding eliminating “season” tickets for 2021 since it could be a show to show decision of which productions will be performed when. Consensus is that prior season ticket holders will be given ample notification and somewhat “favored” treatment in reserving tickets for individual shows. This will be explained in some detail in an abbreviated season brochure.

Jim H recommended that the brochure be issued electronically as well as hard copy mailing. He will use extensive email lists compiled from those who have entered requests for emails over the years. Some of these lists include media emails as well. Information can also be sent show by show to these lists.

There was discussion of intricacies of rehearsing and blocking shows with best Covid safety practices and issues of cast size. Jim H made the motion and Cheryl G seconded to change A Murder Is Announced to Vanya, Sonja, Masha and Spike, keeping the same director, Peter Cuesta. The motion was approved.

Andrew H reported that Possum Point Players Radio Theatre continues to meet and read plays through Zoom. (They continue to record shows for local public radio.??)

Kenney W reported on the difficulty of planning productions and dates because the Governor’s directives were complicated and subject to change. Clarification often requires visits to several websites and calls to other government offices and elected officials.

There was discussion of the possibility of moving the production of Cobb to mid-spring with the idea of outdoor performances and capitalizing on the baseball theme with team shirts and refreshments. Consensus was to swap Cobb and Vanya & Co, announce play titles, but dates to be announced. Jim H so moved and Andrew H seconded, motion approved.

Jim H also pointed out potential of increasing membership and donations by electronically utilizing the flyer explanation regarding the change of eliminating season tickets and emphasizing the importance of continued donations.

Kenney W and Dawn C will work on the message and format of the flyer.

The updated Building Use form prepared by Michael M was discussed and approved after Jim H moved and Andrew H and Rosanne P co-seconded. 😊

Fundraising Chair Cheryl G reported that the June 26 date is reserved, so far. The directors have been notified and will notify her of the status of the cast which was selected last spring, pre-Covid regulations. It remains to be determined what auction items are still available.

On separate attachment, Jim H submitted a list of Buildings and Grounds items, those completed and those for future completion.

Kenney W made a brief report on Sweet Sounds of the Season, thanks for supportive and talented cast, positive reaction of audience. There was some discussion of making a link to the tape of the show available for a donation. Dawn C will investigate possibility.

It was agreed upon that the Annual Meeting would be Friday, January 8 by Zoom.

Andrew H introduced a PPP Radio Theatre desire to have an in-theatre performance of radio scripts in 2021. This is a practice that PPP has followed in the past. He outlined a quick and simple stage set-up, the possibility of including PJs and period music corresponding with the script selection. It was agreed that Andrew should organize and prepare a proposal.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.

Rosanne Pack