

**POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE – MINUTES,
FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Committee members present were: Jim DeBastiani, Marsha Shull, Ron Pakula, Rosanne Pack, Donna Flomp, Jim Hartzell, Fred Dean, Steve Givens, Bill Ulichney, Nina Galerstein, Claudius Bowden representing Dreamers United, Devon Lynch and Richard Huffman. Also present was Mike Polo, director of “Moon Over the Brewery.”
- Ia. ELECTION OF CHAIR, SECRETARY AND REPRESENTATIVE #2 TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
 - A.** On motion by Richard, second by Jim D., Marsha Shull was unanimously elected Committee chair.
 - B.** On motion by Jim D., second by Nina, Jim Hartzell was unanimously elected Committee secretary.
- Ib.** On motion by Jim H., second by Nina, Rosanne Pack was unanimously elected Representative #2 to the EC.
- Ic.** On motion by Steve, second by Jim D., Claudius Bowden was unanimously accepted as the representative for Dreamers United.
- II. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Minutes of the December 9, 2015, Artistic Committee meeting were approved as printed on motion by Ron, second by Steve with three abstentions**
- III. REPORTS**
 - A. SHOW DIRECTORS –**
 - 1. “The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge” – Jim H. reported the show went very well, had an excellent turnout and he has no recommendations for further consideration.
 - 2. “Harvey” – Linda Killion stated that, by all reports, the show is being well received and she praised her cast.
 - 3. “Moon Over the Brewery” – Mike Polo presented a budget (Copy attached to minutes) which was approved on motion by Jim H. second by Donna. Mike said he will soon be in touch with directorial staff personnel.
 - B. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – In Dawn’s absence, Marsha reported that:**
 - 1. As of 2/2/16, we have sold 588 total tickets for “Harvey”
 - 2. “A Delicate Balance” is scheduled for presentation February 13 and 14. AC members are encouraged to attend.
 - 3. Tryouts for “Moon Over the Brewery” will be held February 28 and 29.
 - 4. It is becoming more difficult to staff our Main Stage shows with ushers and hosts. Dawn encourages each Artistic Committee

member to consider serving for at least one performance of each show.

C. EXEC. COMM. REPRESENTATIVES – No report

D. OTHER AC MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

1. PJ's –

a. Devon Lynch requested approval for PJ's to perform "Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang" as their summer production. He said the cast would be between 15 and 25 and that he had made the determination, given the reduced preparation time for this year, to "go minimal" without sacrificing quality. He stated that he expected virtually no script changes or deviation from the author's intent. He and Steve stated that any changes would be brought before the AC and EC. He presented a budget proposal listing projected income of \$5,465 and projected expenses at \$3,914. On motion by Jim D., second by Rosanne, the budget was approved.

b. Though "Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang" is their first choice, as an alternative in case it was not approved, Devon and Steve, along with Richard Huffman proposed a collaboration between PJ's and NFS to perform "Romeo and Juliet" in the PJ's time slot with NFS withdrawing its proposal to do "Much Ado About Nothing." The collaboration would feature a professional Shakespearean Actress co-directing with a PJ's director, to be announced later, and would cast both adult and teen actors. Discussion centered on presenting both shows to the EC given that there are items not available for "Romeo and Juliet", such as PJ's co-director and a budget. Both PJ's and NFS, in the interest of time, advocated approval of the alternative. On motion by Jim H., second by Nina, a motion passed by majority to approve the collaborative performance if "Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang" was not approved by the EC and if "Romeo and Juliet" was approved by them.

2. On The Edge – Jim Debastiani reported that they would be moving in to the theater this Sunday (February 7) following set strike for "Harvey" in preparation for opening "A Delicate Balance" on Saturday, February 13. He has a cast of 6 and a full crew. Tickets will be \$10 and the show will be presented in the round with some of the seating on stage.

3. Dreamers United – Claudius expressed concern about the lack of publicity for DU efforts, given the desire for more cultural diversity by PPP. He advocated publicity which would attract as many patrons for Dreamers United, as well as our Affiliate

productions as we receive for our Main Stage productions. Since there is no current DU production scheduled, AC resolved to address this issue once a production is in the works.

4. NFS – Richard reported that an August 26 production at the Lewes library has been scheduled and a pending production at the Seaford library is also in the works.
5. Ad Hoc – Ron reported three upcoming productions:
 - a. Methodist Manor House in Seaford – February 25
 - b. Rehoboth Beach library – February 29
 - c. AARP in Georgetown on March 7
6. Sound – Bill Ulichney requested a Trustees Manual. Jim H. promised to send it. He also stated that he needed to take the window out of the light booth so that he could hear the natural sound coming from the stage. It was pointed out that problems with noise from personnel in the booth and from the lighting dimmer packs had necessitated the closings. Bill stated this was unacceptable since the sound operator needed to hear the stage sounds as the audience would hear them. Discussion centered on better control of personnel noise in the booth as well as alternatives to the location of the dimmer packs, a solution which would seem to be cost prohibitive. Bill was asked if he could move the sound equipment outside the booth for performances. He said he would try it. A number of committee members felt we needed to look further into solving this particular issue.

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Storage addition – Doug - No report
- B. Piano donation – Dawn – No report
- C. Matinee starting time – Marsha – Due to the lateness of the hour, on motion by Jim H., second by Nina, this issue was postponed to our March meeting. Motion passed unanimously over the objection of the Chairwoman

V. NEW BUSINESS - None

VI. CURRENT ITEMS FOR EXEC COMM APPROVAL OR NOTIFICATION

- A. Information – Rosanne Pack elected to 2 year term as Representative #2 to the Executive Committee.
- B. Approval – Budget for “Moon Over the Brewery”
- C. Approval – PJ’s show requests, “Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang” or collaboration with NFS for “Romeo and Juliet.”

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 2, 2016 – 6:30.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Richard, second by Steve. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Hartzell, Secretary