

**POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE – MINUTES,  
APRIL 6, 2016**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Committee members present were: Marsha Shull, Rosanne Pack, Fred Dean, Steve Givens, Bill Ulichney, Claudius Bowden, and Richard Huffman. Committee members absent were: Donna Flomp, Beth Howlett, Devon Lynch, Doug Friend Nina Galerstein and Jim Hartzell. Also present was Executive Administrator, Dawn Conaway
- II. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – Minutes of the March 2, 2016 Artistic Committee meeting were corrected by Rosanne re IV: Old Business. C: Matinee starting time: “motion passed with a majority with one abstention.” Motion to accept change and minutes: Steve Givens; seconded by Bill Ulichney. Passed.
- III. REPORTS**
  - A. SHOW DIRECTORS –**
    - 1. MOON OVER THE BREWERY –Mike Polo Absent**
    - 2. RAISIN IN THE SUN – John Marino - Casting complete. Very pleased with results. Thanks to**  
Claudius we have been working on this for 6 to 7 months. Set: Design in progress working concept of “confinement” in this Chicago tenement. Will probably be able to use a number of the platforms from the MOON set. Props: many needed; especially period kitchen appliances and washing machine. Lights: Logan Lynch designing; operator to be determined. Make up: Beth will be working with him. Costumes: Marsha will be working on period dress. Sound: Bill will be doing sound. Publicity: hope to do a video similar to one done for MOON. Dawn volunteered that her husband did the video and plans to do one for each of the shows. 4/25 is first read through as John is having knee surgery soon.
    - 3. INTO THE WOODS –Kenney Workman; absent; though Rosanne reported that Derrick Dutton is the light designer.**
    - 4. “Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, The Musical” – Jim Hartzell: still looking for a choreographer; have musical director Jan Glasscock.**
  - B. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – Dawn reported that:**
    - 1. 355 tickets sold for MOON; most, 82, for Sunday 4/17. Video on You Tube has had 115 views. Ad for WSCL Starts Friday; more Constant Contacts will go out.**
    - 2. Distinguished Young Women of Delaware submitted form and check for use of facility August 12 and 13. Have asked for a quote**

for usage on 8/10 and 11. Kenny working up a number. Michael Phillips will be the tech/building person on hand as he has done it for years. Motion to approve: Rosanne; second, Richard. Passed.

3. NFS form for performance using PPP costumes on May 23, 2016 for Seaford Library Annual Meeting of Friends of the Library.

Motion to approve: Steve; second: Fred. Passed.

4. Announced Reminder Delaware Arts Alliance at Possum Hall, Friday, April 8, 4 to 6.

5. Announced: received from PJ's Devon Lynch calendar of desired facility use.

6. Announced: intention to emphasize PPP policy of directors using standard PPP

card/paper audition forms that director would return to office for archival purposes. Directors would supply additional information relevant to production in process to those auditioning. Marsha requested that the costume measurement portion of form be removed as people lie and change.

7. Requested PPP AC meeting date change: she is off on Wed and has to come in for this meeting; since she is part of On the Edge, which has changed its meeting date (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, with weekly meetings continuing on Thursday) that the now open first Thursday date is available PPP AC could move to that spot. Bill moved to accept; Steve seconded. Richard commented that some people may have already 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday commitments that may have to be maintained occasionally. Motion passed.

C. EXEC. COMM. REPRESENTATIVES – Rosanne reported that EC voted down the proposal to change Sunday matinee times from 2:00 to 3:00 because:

1. Best-selling days of the run; afraid to change it
2. Mid-Winter shows with the time change, daylight driving important for many patrons
3. On last day, cast kept later for strike.
4. On last day, next director wants to use space in the evening

D. OTHER AC MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES – Publicity: Rosanne reported we have done a publicity blitz on media outlets as we have had MOON publicity, RAISIN auditions, MUCH ADO auditions. She expressed her concern about overloading media outlets and causing them to pick and choose what they promote for us. Discussion followed: this perhaps is an unusual time as NFS, for example only does a production every other year. Perhaps affiliates could combine their material or request Rosanne to combine it into one press release.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS –**

- A. Storage addition – Doug – No new information.**
- B. Trap Pond Center: Healthy Kids Day 6/19/16: Steve and Lorraine to plan re promoting interest in our summer theatre camps**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Jim Debastiani's resignation as On The Edge representative was accepted on motion by Steve, second by Bill. Fred Dean was approved as On The Edge representative with Jim Debastiani as backup on motion by Bill, second by Rosanne. Discussion followed: Claudius reported he knew a candidate who was interested and was told for him to contact Jim H.**
- B. Steve Givens' resignation from advisor for PJ's was accepted with regret on motion by Rosanne and second by Bill. Steve reported he had been in conversations for his replacement with about 6 people, 4 of whom were willing to help. Two, Abby Chesney and Deni Robinson willing to take over the position and attend AC meetings. Discussion followed about how candidates would be interviewed. Steve indicated he had been interviewed by the entire committee and would like to see this done at next Artistic. Chair advised this was a possibility but decision on same would not be taken until further consideration of procedure to be followed.**

**VI. CURRENT ITEMS FOR EXEC COMM APPROVAL OR NOTIFICATION - Approvals for Distinguished Young Women of Delaware and NFS performance at Seaford Library**

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, May 5 @ 6:30**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Steve, seconded by Richard**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Richard Huffman, Acting Secretary**