

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 5, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 5:30. Members present were: Marsha Shull, Nina Galerstein, Bernie Noeller, Claudius Bowden, Jr., Jill Lewandowski, Beth Howlett, Jim Hartzell, Rosanne Pack, Cindy Cinnamon, Chuck Cutsail, Fred Dean, Richard Huffman and Lorraine Steinhoff. Members absent were Abby Ruark, Chase Schirmer, Tara Wisely and Ashlie Workman. Also present were Dawn Conaway, Executive Administrator; Jerry Gietka, Director for It's A Wonderful Life; Russell Stiles, Director for Our Town; Tara Megee, and John Hulse, Director for Arsenic and Old Lace.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING, JUNE 7, 2018. On motion by Bernie, second by Cindy, the corrected minutes of June 7 were approved unanimously. (Copy attached)

Ila. CERTIFICATION OF E-VOTE AND DIRECTOR APPROVAL – On motion by Fred, second by Beth, unanimous approval was given to a previously taken E-vote on directors Ed Guinan for Sleuth, Helen Barlow for Dixie Swim Club and John Hulse for Arsenic and Old Lace; and to approve Lorraine Steinhoff and John Hulse as directors for How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.

III. REPORTS

A. Show directors

1. **Our Town** – Russell Stiles stated he had a great turnout and has cast the show except for one role. He has been in contact with directorial staff.
2. **It's A Wonderful Life** – Jerry Gietka has a set designer and has talked with Claudius Bowden, Jr. and has been in touch with Michael Murnin on sharing facilities during their somewhat overlapping shows.
3. **Sleuth** – Ed Guinan will consult AC roster to obtain a directorial staff.
4. **Arsenic and Old Lace** – John Hulse is grateful for the opportunity to direct the show and is excited about it.
5. **How To Succeed in Business.....** John Hulse and Lorraine Steinhoff are also excited about this show and will be looking for a musical director and a choreographer.

6. **Christmas From the Heart** – Rosanne Pack and Ken Workman will be meeting with a potential music director soon.

B. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – Dawn reported:

- * only two tickets had been sold for Bus Stop.
- * Theater Academy has an enrollment of 36 and Drama Camp has 10
- * Our Town has 224 tickets sold, including season tickets. Dawn inquired about a \$10 ticket price for students to attend the closing Saturday show. A motion by Nina, second by Rosanne, passed by majority vote to recommend to the Executive

Committee that we offer \$10 tickets to students for the second Saturday performance of Our Town.

* The 2019 Calendar was unanimously approved after show dates were altered to have Christmas From the Heart start on November 29 and close on December 8 and Arsenic and Old Lace start on September 13 and close on September 22. The motion was made by Jim and seconded by Beth.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES – No report.

D. ARTISTIC COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS

1. Sound/EFX - Chuck reported that, primarily through the courtesy of the cast and crew of Hello Dolly, he and Chase have been able to make more major improvements to our sound system.

2. Publicity – Rosanne reported;

a. An on-air radio spot has been set up for Bus Stop

b. She would like discussion on creating a sustaining members category where members could pay their dues, for any level of membership, in regular installments. The category could also provide for automatic deduction from a member's bank account or credit card.

c. There was discussion about publicizing information on individual PPP alumni and members. Perhaps a newsletter or providing media outlets with teaser information.

3. Reading Committee – Nina said the RC has chosen, and are reading a number of shows before meeting to make a final selection. Discussion followed on the difficulty of limiting the number of members on the committee.

4. NFS – Richard submitted a Performance Approval and Usage Agreement for NFS's performance at "Dinner in the Stacks" being held September 21 at the Lewes Library. The Agreement was approved unanimously on motion by Bernie, second by Jill.

5. Dreamers United – Claudius reported that, for their Motown review, he has a cast of 28 and rehearsals will be held at the music director's home.

6. Set construction – Fred stated that Connor Hall is in charge of set construction for the PJ's show and things are going well and they are constructing on weekend evenings.

7. PJ's – Lorraine stated that PJ's is a great group and things are going very well. She stated that the group of PJs' (Sarah Aleman, Gigi Voges, Blaire Williams and Braeden Swain) who discussed performing "The Enchanted Workshop" on the Thursday preceding the performances of Bus Stop, have decided to do further research and collect more information and perhaps perform the piece at some future date.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fall/January show swap – On motion by Jim, second by Fred a motion passed unanimously to move Sleuth to the January/February time slot and move Arsenic and Old Lace to the September time slot for 2018. Both directors have agreed to the swap.

B. Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder – No action taken on substituting Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder for How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.

VI. CURRENT ITEMS FOR EC APPROVAL, NOTIFICATION OR INFORMATION

*Approval – John Hulse and Lorraine Steinhoff to direct How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.

*Approval – Swap of Arsenic and Old Lace (To September) and Sleuth (To January/February. (Both directors are in agreement.)

*Approval – AC recommendation for \$10 closing Saturday tickets for students for Our Town.

*Approval – 2019 Calendar (Copy coming from Dawn)

*Approval – NFS Performance Agreement and Facilities Usage form for "Dinner in the Stacks" at the Lewes Library on 9/21/18. (Copy attached.)

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 2 – 5:30

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNED – There being no further business the motion to adjourn by Rosanne with second by Bernie passed at 7:04.