

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MINUTES 2-7-19

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 5:40pm. Members present were: Marsha Shull, Braeden Swain, Nina Galerstein, Chase Schirmer, Donna deKuyper, Rosanne Pack, Fred Dean, EJ Panico (for Bernie Noeller), Ed Guinan (for Jill Lewandowski), Chuck Cutsail, Lorraine Steinhoff. Members absent were Cindy Cinnamon, John Hulse, and Richard Huffman. Also attending were Dawn Conaway (Executive Administrator), Helen Barlow, and Morgan Whittam and Connor Hall. (PJ's).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING December 2018 - On motion by Fred, second by Rosanne, the minutes of December were approved by unanimous consent.

At this time Marsha also stated that we needed to elect a new chairperson for 2019, as well as reps to EC and a secretary for AC. For Chair: Fred moved we re-elect Marsha, Donna seconded, all in favor. For secretary, Chase moved we elect Nina, Donna seconded. All in favor. Voting on a second rep to go to EC meetings will be tabled until the next meeting. Rosanne is still a rep and will attend this month.

III. REPORTS

A. Show directors:

Sleuth – Ed Guinan was present but did not have a director report. He will submit this for review for the next AC meeting. He did present the budget that was not approved prior to the show, using the drama template. Donna moved we accept the budget, Rosanne seconded. All in favor.

How To Succeed in Business.... - at the time we discussed this, the directors were not present. John H. sent Marsha a budget and we looked at it. There were some questions, so the budget approval was tabled until Lorraine could talk to John.

Dixie Swim Club - H Barlow reported that she already has some tech people on board. Leslie Snowdon-Jones is her Asst Director, and Mike Barlow is the Stage Manager. H is concerned about make-up for this show, but she was assured that we do have the AC position filled. Auditions are scheduled and on the calendar for early March.

Arsenic and Old Lace - John H was not present to give a report.

Christmas From The Heart - Rosanne reported that they have an audition pianist but are still looking for a music director.

B. Executive Administrator:

1. Dawn reported that 684 tickets sold for Sleuth (one show cancelled due to weather). She feels we need a bad weather policy so that people who purchase tickets know what to expect. She had some issues with people when the one show was cancelled She also

reported that 31 tickets have been sold so far for the Oscars Fundraiser, and 325 sold so far for “How To Succeed....”

2. The popcorn popper sold for \$25 on Facebook.

The Distinguished Young Women want to use the Hall again, either the weekend of Aug 2 and 3, or 9 and 10. John H and Dawn will discuss dates, based on John’s set timing needs for “Arsenic and Old Lace”.

C. *Executive Committee Reps:* No report

D. *Artistic Committee and Affiliate Members:*

1. Makeup – no report
2. Dreamers United – no report
3. New Faces of Shakespeare – no report
4. Reading Committee – Nina reported that she has started the process for creating the Reading Committee for 2021.
5. On The Edge – Ed Guinan (for Jill) reported that OTE would like to present “The Rimers of Eldritch” on Oct. 11, 12 and 13. It has a cast of 17, with Ed Guinan directing. Nina moved we approve this show and dates. Chase seconded. All in favor.
6. Publicity – Rosanne reported that the number of shows has increased but she can only do one at a time. Often the media will not print multiple announcements even if Rosanne sends them in. Dan Foskey has offered to assist with publicity on social media.
7. PJ’s - Morgan, Connor and Braeden presented their summer show for approval. They want to do the musical “Annie” on July 19, 20 and 21. A budget was also presented. After much discussion Fred moved that the PJ’s be allowed to move forward with this choice, the next step being the Performance Agreement. Chase seconded. All in favor.
8. Sound - no report
9. Lights - no report
10. Directing - Donna suggested that directors of Affiliate shows also receive the director packet from her. It was agreed this is a good idea.
11. Radio Theater - EJ reported (for Bernie) that a presentation was done at Groome Church in Lewes on January 27, for which Possums received \$200. They continue to do their radio broadcasts on Sunday nights on 99.1 FM radio Rehoboth at 7pm (which can also be heard at www.radiorehoboth.com - streaming live, or past shows).
12. Sets - Fred said he thought “Sleuth” was a great set, and he discussed the next set building project. Part of the Sleuth set will be used.
13. Costumes - no report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - Marsha stated that although we had discussed having a second PJ on the board, it would give the PJ's 2 votes on the committee. It was agreed by all that this made adding another PJ as a voting member not feasible.

V. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Marsha stated that she felt director reports should come from the Affiliate and fundraiser shows. The committee agreed this should be done.
2. The committee discussed the fact that technical positions (such as light, sound, costumes, etc) should have a team of people that are trained and that everyone knows who they are. The committee agreed to discuss this further.

VI. CURRENT ITEMS FOR EC APPROVAL, NOTIFICATION OR INFORMATION -
For approval - OTE proposal for “Rimers,,,”, PJ proposal for “Annie”, and the belated “Sleuth” budget.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 7, 2019 - 5:30pm

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Having no further business to discuss, Chase moved we adjourn and Donna seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted
Nina Galerstein, Secretary