

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MINUTES March 7,2019

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 5:34. Members present were: Marsha Shull, Fred Dean, Nina Galerstein, Bernie Noeller, Cindy Cinnamon, Roseann Pack, Jill Lewandowski, John Hulse, Richard Huffman & Lorraine Steinhoff. Members absent were Donna deKuyper, Chase Schirmer, Chuck Cutsail,t & Claudius Bowden. “ Also, present were Dawn Conaway, Executive Administrator, H.Barlow, Director of Dixie Swim Club

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING - On motion by Richard Huffman, and second by Bernie Noeller the February minutes were unanimously approved. Chair reminded committee of need for 2nd representative to fill out vacancy created by Beth Howlett resignation. Nina nominated Lorraine Steinhoff, Cindy seconded. All in favor

III. REPORTS

A. SHOW DIRECTORS

1. **Sleuth – Ed Guinan**
2. **How to Succeed in Business - John reported things are moving along well. He suggested for future consideration to schedule a Sat matinees vs Sat pm for 1 performance as our matinees always attract the bigger audiences.**
3. **Dixie Swim Club - H. Barlow reported that Cindy has agreed to do props. She was pleased that over 20 women auditioned and she had so many possibilities of casting. Budget presented. Rosanne moved we accept, Fred seconded. all in favor.**
4. **Arsenic and Old Lace- John expressed concerned about set designs as it relates to the timing of other shows. Discussion of concerns ensued.**
5. **Christmas from the Heart - Discussion about Elf with 2019 instead of 2020 See New Business**

B. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – Dawn reported:

1. 78 people attended the Oscars fundraiser. She thought this worked well for the number of people that were in the lobby and at the party. She thinks the profit may be between 9 and 10 thousand.
2. So far 509 tickets have been sold for How to Succeed.
3. The Distinguished Young Women have chosen Aug. 9th and 10th as their dates to use the Hall. We will get \$700 as rental fee. John Hulse as the director potentially affected by these dates has agreed to same
4. Camp applications are now available. The fee for Camp is \$195 per week and scholarships are available.
5. The double doors into the theater are sometimes left open. This causes heat issues in the building which leads to an increased electric bill. Directors or others should check when closing the building

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES –

1. Roseanne reported that OTE was approved for 2 performances rather than 3. requested. The issue is stress on the techies during all of these “extra” shows. After much discussion, the Committee agreed that deeper conversation is needed about how we plan our seasons with affiliates and fund raisers.

2. Exec committee tentatively approved Annie with Morgan Whittam as director. Performance agreement still needed.

D. ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. POSSUM POINT SHAKESPEARE PLAYERS – Richard reported that the Lewes Library is likely changing the way they do their Shakespeare Festival . They still want PPSP to participate but will not be part of a dinner. “Merry Wives of Windsor” preparing to set audition dates.

2. READING COMMITTEE – Nina reported there are thirteen people on the committee and the first call for play ideas has gone out.

3. On the Edge -After changes requested by Exec and discussion at this meeting, Jill will bring info to OTE about Rimers and discuss same. Will table request at this time.

4. Publicity- Roseanne talked about the great interview Donna DeKuyper did with Michael Sprouse of WRDE. She suggested directors think about someone to put on the air for an interview for all our shows as Michael Sprouse would like to continue to do these interviews. Other publicity ideas discussed for local tv coverage and costs associated with same.

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

A. PJ performance agreement not presented. No PJ present

B. Performance Agreement, OTE – Currently tabled per representative’s request

C. Budget for How to Succeed discussed. \$1000 budgeted for fixed expense moved to set expense. No change to budget totals. Directors of How To Succeed agreed to changes . Jill moved we accept the budget with changes Richard seconded. All in favor.

V. NEW BUSINESS –

A. New password is ticket

B. Elf will soon be available for community theaters. Discussed whether this should be considered for 2019 to get the chance to perform first or 2020. It was pointed out that this was approved for 2020 if it became available. Roseanne as one of the directors of Christmas of the Heart advised that a change to 2019 season would be very disruptive as people have made commitments to do the show. John Hulse moved that we recommend to the Executive Committee that we keep the 2019 schedule as planned and pursue the rights to Elf for 2020. Bernie seconded. All in favor

C. Chair suggested change in meeting time as many of the Artistic Committee are having problems with the 5:30 pm start. It was unanimously agreed to change start time to 6 pm

D. Discussion of PPP President’s e-mail re: appropriate use of executive administrator’s time. Please remember she has many duties and members being considerate of her time and

doing what they can for themselves would be helpful. Above all please remember to be polite and that she answers to the President not to every member of PPP.

E . Nina indicated the is working with Anthony Policastro on a play he wrote. Would like to perform at the Hall . He wants to bring in more people from western Sussex. Will present request all next meeting.

VI. CURRENT ITEMS FOR EC APPROVAL, NOTIFICATION OR INFORMATION

1. How to Succeed budget approved by AC
2. Dixie Swim Club budget approved by AC
3. Recommendation that 2019 season be kept as is and that Elf be pursued for 2020 season.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 11th at 6 pm. Meeting changed to 2nd Thurs due to dress for How to Succeed.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous declaration.

Respectfully submitted

Nina Galerstein, Secretary