

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MINUTES Oct 3, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 5:36 Members present were: Marsha Shull, Fred Dean, Nina Galerstein, Roseanne Pack, Laura Ochsman (proxy for Jill Lewendowsky), Peter Klotz (proxy for Richard Huffman) Ed Guinan, Donna deKuyper, Diane Counts(props)Anthony Policastro (proxy for Chuck Cutsail) GG Voges. Absent: Claudius Bowden ,Lorraine Steinhoff, John Hulse &Bernie Noeller. Also present was Dawn Conaway, Executive Administrator,

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING - On motion by Anthony Policastro & second by Diane Counts the minutes of the August 1, 2019 were approved as read.

Ila . Fred Dean moved & Diane seconded the approval of e-mail vote to approve Possum Point Shakespeare Player's library performances be confirmed.

III. REPORTS

A. SHOW DIRECTORS

MAIN STAGE

1. Arsenic and Old Lace- John Hulse

2. Christmas from the Heart - Roseanne Pack/Kenney Workman.

Roseanne reported the show is in rehearsals and all is going well.

3. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner- Les Ferguson.

AFFILIATES

1. Merry Wives - Shannon Parks

2. Rimers - Ed Guinan Ed Guinan reported that the show needed to be canceled after a male teen actor dropped out leaving 2 young male roles to be filled with limited time until performance date.

3. Annie - Morgan Wittam

FUND RAISERS & OTHERS

1. Hold the Phone - Nina Galerstein/Anthony Policastro. Nina reported she felt things went well. There was a good turn out. 58 surveys were collected. Anthony handed out the results. He was pleased with the amount of feed back for his play.

2. May Fundraiser - Cheryl Graves chair. Date is still May2nd . Donna D. reported nothing final but they are looking at a country/ barbecue theme.

B. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – Dawn reported:

1. 1099 tickets were sold for Arsenic & Old Lace which represents 92% of available tickets. Approximately 30% were people new to a Possum production. Our ticket sales are now up by 488.

2. The Longwood grant was submitted requesting \$45,000. However, we have been informed the most the grant will give is \$25,000.

3. The team from Miss Young Outstanding Delaware has requested to rent building April 25-26. for their pageant. Discussion ensued over what would be needed from Artistic members, cleaning of backstage areas, time away from Hayfever for set construction vs money for rental fee. Dawn to contact pageant representative for exactly what was needed from us & then give info to chair to allow for e-mail vote on this issue.

4. Dawn was contacted by the League of Woman Voters who have a play they would like us to produce. Cast of 10 men and 1 woman. Nina volunteered to read. Dawn to get further details of group's request.

5. Elizabeth Walter from local Georgetown school requested for people to come in and provide some lessons and activities. Agreed that this might be most appropriate to the PPSP group as they have done this in the past. Peter Klotz to bring the request to PPSP.

6. Dawn also contacted by Clayton Theater in Dagsboro for costumed people to lead their showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show on Oct. 23rd. The person who co-ordinated this in the past has left the area. There was no interest from committee members.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES –

1. Roseanne reported budget for Christmas from the Heart has been approved. Plans for the building addition still being discussed.

D. ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. READING COMMITTEE – Nina reported the reading committee will meet 10/23 to pick the 2021 season.

2. LIGHTS - Ed reported he has been in contact with Guy Hudson about the circuit problem. Guy will have checked as soon as time available in his work schedule. Ed also met with John Moller. They discussed issues with Arsenic & Old Lace. Problems may be related to dimmer pack. Kenney to contact Mid South about same. Some of our problems could be related to age & quality of system. Ed explained possible causes of first night issues at Arsenic & Old Lace.

3. POSSUM POINT SHAKESPEARE PLAYERS- Peter reported they are in rehearsal for their performances October 25th at Milton Library & Nov 23rd at Rehoboth Library.

4. COSTUMES- Marsha has scheduled clean ups with Adults & PJs to cull and organize costume area. Plan to have a Halloween indoor yard sale October 19th. Combination lock has been placed on costume attic.

5. PROPS - Diane reported cleaning & organization of prop area occurred as planned on Sept 26 & 27.

6.SOUND - Anthony reported we have several body mikes but they have lost their tips. These will need to be replaced,

7. PJs - GG reported that they will have a make up and costume work shop at their October meeting.

8 . PUBLICITY - Roseanne reported in general things going well but plans to contact Cape Gazette & ask why submitted photos not used.

9. On The Edge - Laura Ochsman reported they are considering One Act format with possibility of entering One Act Competition in 2020.

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

A. Status of Lights/dimmer repair: See Lights report

B. Consideration of Saturday Matinee: proposal discussed. It was decided the only way to see if this improved audience attendance was to try it. Donna DeKuper moved & Nina seconded recommendation to Exec that we make the 2nd Saturday performance a matinee.. All in favor.

C. Affiliate performances. Discussed plans for Affiliate performances & perhaps having an alternating schedule & how many performances the calendar can handle. Currently only affiliate interested in 2020 is On The Edge. Will discuss further at next meeting.

D. Only tech area needing padlock is props.

V. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Jonathan Sharp has arranged for Brian Palermo to tentatively do a work shop presentation on Nov 2nd. Proposal sent to Artistic members before meeting. Nina optioned we do this workshop. Diane seconded. Motion approved with 1 nay. Chair, President to coordinate with

B. Discussion of need for affiliates to provide updated photos for web site. Same needed for general web site. Nina proposed we should have an archival Page for affiliate, fund raisers etc. Ed moved, and Diane seconded that Nina contact John Zinzi about same. All in favor.

C. Chair reminded committee of upcoming general meeting to approve by law changes on Oct. 15th.

VI. CURRENT ITEMS for EC APPROVAL, NOTIFICATION, or INFORMATION

A. Brian Palermo Workshop approved,

B. Recommendation to consider Saturday matinee for 2nd weekend of Godspell.

C. Awaiting clarification on Young Miss Distinguished Delaware pageants' needs before approval. Concerns demands on tech areas & loss of 2 weekends set construction time for Hayfever.

D. Recommendation to include affiliate , fund raiser in archives, Nina tasked to contact John Zinzi about feasibility. Also noted photos on general page needs updating.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – Nov 7th @ 5:30 pm

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to discuss Ed moved & Roseanne seconded that we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Nina Galerstein, Secretary