

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS – ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 5:37. Members present were: Marsha Shull, Nina Galerstein, Beth Howlett, Jim Hartzell, Rosanne Pack, Lorraine Steinhoff, Bernie Noeller and Chase Schirmer. Members absent were Cindy Cinnamon, Chuck Cutsail, Ashlie Workman, Braeden Swain, Fred Dean, Richard Huffman, Jill Lewandowski and Claudius Bowden, Jr. Also present were Dawn Conaway, Executive Administrator and Jerry Gietka, Director of It's A Wonderful Life.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING, On motion by Beth, second by Bernie, the minutes of September 13, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. REPORTS

A. SHOW DIRECTORS

1. **It's A Wonderful Life** – Jerry stated he has cast the show and rehearsals are well underway. He has talked with all tech personnel with the exception of Sound/EFX and he said that space and time coordination with The Motown Review is going well.

B. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR – Dawn reported:

1. 868 tickets sold for Our Town. And 162 for the Motown Review
2. A post card is ready to be mailed for Sleuth tryouts and the Motown Review Fundraiser.
3. We still could use additional help for Return Day, Thursday; November 8. Jim and Louise Hartzell will set up and break down. Others who could help should contact Dawn.
4. Approximately 432 tickets have been sold for It's A Wonderful Life.
5. Nita Gary has offered a keyboard to PPP. Dawn will collect further information.
6. The Annual Brochure for 2019 is almost ready and Dawn expects it to be out by Return Day.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES – Rosanne reported on several items of interest on the EC agenda for September.

D. ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Reading Committee –
 - a Nina reported on the final meeting of the Reading Committee for the 2020 main stage shows: On Motion by Jim, second by Nina, unanimous approval was given to the following calendar and show list:
 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – Jan/Feb dramedy
 - Godspell – Spring musical
 - Hay Fever – Summer Comedy
 - The Producers – Fall musical
 - The Homecoming – Christmas show
 - b The Reading Committee also recommended:

(1) That Second Samuel be considered if either Hay Fever or Godspell were not available.

(2) That we ask to be notified by Music Theater International (MTI) when and if, Elf, The Musical and/or Come From Away, also a musical, became available for licensing, and that we immediately contract for these shows replacing The Homecoming and The Producers respectively.

c Following discussion of 1 and 2 above the following motions were made:

(1) Motion by Jim, second by Nina - That we instruct the Executive Administrator to request notification from MTI concerning licensing of Elf, the Musical and that she immediately contract for that musical for the Christmas show 2020 (in place of The Homecoming).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(2a) Motion by Nina, second by Rosanne - That we instruct our Executive Administrator to request notification from MTI concerning licensing of Come From Away and, when notified of its availability, that she immediately contract for Come From Away for the Fall of 2020. (In place of The Producers). MOTION AMENDED:

(2b) A motion by Jim second by Beth to amend the motion concerning Come From Away by deleting: “contract for Come From Away for the Fall of 2020. (In place of The Producers).” and replace it with: “notify the Board of Trustees of the availability of Come From Away.” PROPOSED AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(2C) The amended motion: “That we instruct the Executive Administrator to request notification from MTI concerning licensing of Come From Away and that she immediately notify the Board of Trustees of the availability of Come From Away.” AMENDED
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PPP READERS THEATER – Bernie reported that they had performed at the Lewes Chatauqua program at the Lewes Historical Society to 60+ people and they have scheduled performances October 13 at The Ridings at Rehoboth; October 27 at Sea Witch Festival in the Rehoboth Beach Museum at 7 PM when they will be doing The Devil’s Saint and Arsenic and Old Lace; He also stated that they are livestreaming on radiorehoboth.com (99.1FM) on Sundays at 7 PM.

3. PJ’S – Lorraine reported a great first meeting with over 25 young people attending. They are exploring shows for approval for next Summer as well as planning their annual Christmas Caroling.

4. MAKEUP – Beth is still looking for people to volunteer to do hair and makeup for shows, particularly It’s A Wonderful Life due to conflicts with Southern Delaware Choral Society.

5. LIGHTS – Chase reported that the light booth has been restored. At Chase's request, a short discussion ensued concerning lighting issues expressed in Russell Stiles' interim show report for Our Town.

6. COSTUMES – Marsha is still cleaning up the costume areas and inventory.

7. NFS – Marsha stated that NFS is exploring a name change. They would like to incorporate "Possum Point Players" into their title. Marsha also reported that their Lewes Library performance went well.

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

A. Policy on PJ/AC member relationship during show – Chase presented a concept. He and Jim will work on adding substance.

B. Performance Agreement, OTE – No action

V. NEW BUSINESS – None

VI. CURRENT ITEMS FOR EC APPROVAL, NOTIFICATION OR INFORMATION

*APPROVAL – 2020 season

*APPROVAL – 2 Motions concerning notifications on Elf, The Musical and Come From Away.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – November 1, 2018 5:30 PM

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:06.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Hartzell, Secretary