

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS
ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 2, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Zoom meeting. Chairwoman Marsha Shull called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM Members present were: Marsha Shull, Jill Lewandowski, Chase Schirmer,. John Hulse, Lorraine Steinhoff, Bernie Noeller, Diane Counts, and Anthony Policastro. Absent were Claudius Bowden, Nina Galerstein, Rosanne Pack, Donna Flomp, Richard Huffman, Fred Dean, Gina Voges, GG Voges, Dawn Conaway and Donna Dekuyper

Quorum was confirmed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ELECTIONS

A. Approval of agenda - agenda had been reviewed by committee members. It was approved as presented **CLOSED**

B. Approval of minutes - Minutes of August 5, 2020 were reviewed. After properly moving (Jill Lewandowski) and seconding (Diane Counts) the minutes were approved. **CLOSED**

III. REPORTS

A EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

1. Total tickets sold for GODSPELL IS 601. Saturday matinees are (currently) our smaller audiences – 90 and 48 respectively. **INFO**

2. Instagram page is up. May be accessed by anyone (even if they don't have an account) by scanning the QR code using their phone camera. **INFO**

3. Still looking for volunteers for GODSPELL. Those interested should contact Gail. Bar volunteers should contact Kenney Workman directly. **INFO**

4. Delaware Community Foundation Grant - no report this month **OPEN**

B SHOW DIRECTORS

MAIN STAGE

1. Godspell - John Hulse reported the following:

a. Parking lot has been mapped out into bubbles. Volunteers will be directing people to access their location. Volunteer coordinators have been chosen. There is still a need for additional volunteers to help both with seating and with the bar. **INFO**

b. Casting change is going well **INFO**

c. Folding chairs will be available to use. **INFO**

d. WBOC provided advertising for the event. **INFO**

e. Parking of cars will be across the street. **INFO**

f. Town of Georgetown and Marvel Museum have donated the stage. **INFO**

g. The current Possum sound system will be taken outdoors and used. This will obviate the need for renting of additional sound equipment. Body mikes have been purchased for the production. **INFO**

h. PJ's will be providing pre-show entertainment for guests. The selections will include those from school plays that have been canceled. These include "Guys and Dolls" and "Chicago". There will also be selections from "Back to the 80's" which is the show that the PJ's were to perform in July. They will be using pre-recorded music and are working on that with Chase Schirmer. **INFO**

i. Restrooms will be one way into the building and another out. **INFO**

i. Dawn has sent out a letter of directions for the event. **INFO**

2. Elf - See New Business

AFFILIATES & FUNDRAISERS

1. Possum Juniors - are having repeat Drive-In performance of Hamilton on Friday September 4th at 8 PM. **INFO**

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE - Information provided by Artistic chair in the absence of rep

1. Current financial status is stable. **INFO**
2. Discussion took place about Elf performance. See New Business
3. We will no longer be using brown paper tickets. We will be looking for a new provider to replace them. **INFO**
4. The Instagram page is up and running (see Executive Administrator's report Item IIIA2 above) **INFO**
5. All the Fixins' Fund Raiser was approved **INFO**
6. Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA) Newsletter will feature Possum Point Players in September edition. **INFO**
7. Diversity statement on the website has been addressed. **INFO**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Addition of fundraisers, cabaret shows, etc to archives on the website. This item remains open. **OPEN**

B. Rental responsibilities - Michael Murnin is working on guidelines for events such as this. **OPEN**

C. Virtual Performances - Diane Counts had her committee report the following:

1. Jill Lewandowski looked into using Eventbrite for tickets for performances. It appears that the web site is relatively easy to manipulate. Eventbrite takes a commission for each ticket sold using their web site. **INFO**

2. Bernie Noeller reported that the Radio Theater will be doing a virtual show on September 10th, 11th and 12th. It will serve as a kind of trial run for this type of performance. It will be part of the 2020 Lewes Chautauqua program. Advertising for it is on the Possum Point home page. **OPEN**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elf was due to be performed in December 2020. Given the uncertainty of the status of COVID restrictions at that time, it could present a financial problem. Executive Committee had suggested that we consider moving Elf to 2021 since Dawn Conaway had determined the rights would still be available at that time. After discussion, the committee determined that this move indeed made sense. After properly moving (Chase Schirmer) and seconding (Bernie Noeller) the proposal to move Elf to December 2021 was approved. In addition there was discussion about Kenney

Workman creating a Christmas show for 2020. After properly moving (Diane Counts) and seconding (Chase Schirmer) this concept was also approved. **CLOSED**

VI. ARTISTIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. Marsha Shull reported that costume cleanup continues. They had given some materials to Tina's Timeless Threads located on Lockerman St in Dover. The expectation is that we will receive a donation in return. **INFO**

B. Marsha Shull also reported that they are looking at replacing the floor in the costumes area. **OPEN**

C. Chase Schirmer reported that with the purchase of the body mikes and the lighting changes the funds from the grant had been properly used in the lights and sound areas. **CLOSED**

D. John Hulse reported that Godspell would be using the stage for makeup instead of the makeup room to help with proper social distancing. Most of the makeup will be street makeup. **INFO**

VII. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL, NOTIFICATION OR INFORMATION

A. Elf was approved to be moved to 2021

B. It was approved for Kenney Workman to work on developing a Christmas show for 2020

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday October 1st, 2020 at 6:00 PM INFO

IX. Announcements and Adjournment -There being no further business a motion was made (Bernie Noeller) and properly seconded (Lorraine Steinhoff) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM **CLOSED**