

**POSSUM POINT PLAYERS**  
**TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

January 12, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Kenney Workman called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM. Members present were: Kenney Workman, Rosanne Pack, Anthony M PolICASTRO, Louise Hartzell, Jim Hartzell, Cheryl Graves, Nina Galerstein, Chase Schirmer, Fred Dean, Les Ferguson, Scott Beadle, Marsha Shull, Sandra Browning, Steven Perry and Steven Dow. Quorum was confirmed.

**II. TWELVE ANGRY JURORS**

A. Les Ferguson, Director of Twelve Angry Jurors, reported that he has an enthusiastic cast. However, COVID-19 infections have been an issue. Seven of the thirteen cast members have been infected. Despite the obstacles caused by this the play is in pretty good shape. **INFO**

B. Dr Anthony M PolICASTRO reported on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic. The current Omicron surge began in South Africa. It waned in about 42 days. The United Kingdom was the second country to face a surge. They are now 29 days into it and numbers appear to be dropping significantly. If the same thing were to happen in the U.S., the current surge would be waning by the end of January. That coincides with the opening of Twelve Angry Jurors. **INFO**

C. There are three groups of individuals to be considered for planning purposes:

1. Cast - all have been vaccinated. Over half have recently had a COVID infection. In line with previous Delaware emergency orders there are three options for performing before an audience:

- a. Wearing a mask - cast prefers not to do this
- b. Social distancing of at least 6 feet (down from previously recommended 13 feet). The nature of the play is for people to be confrontational so this would not be ideal
- c. Using face shields - other theater companies have done this successfully. It is not clear if this would work for the current production.

2. Audience - Delaware Governor's mandate that went into effect at 8 AM on January 11th, 2022 makes it clear that indoor gatherings require masking of all individuals while present.

## APPROVED

3. Bar - Delaware Governor's mandate indicated that masks could be removed in bars for individuals drinking or eating. That should be the directive for the bar area. What would then need to be decided is whether to allow food and drink into the theater area.

### INFO

At this point the original Zoom meeting was cut off. A second meeting was started at 5:39 PM. The same attendees signed on with the addition of Claudius Bowden.

D. Timing of the play - working on the assumption that the current surge will decline by the end of January, it appeared prudent to think about moving the production to a later date. After discussion of cast availability, Marsha Shull made a motion that Twelve Angry Jurors be moved to the last two weekends in February (18th - 20th and 25th - 27th) and that availability of cast members should determine the timing of the shows such that we do have six performances during that period. Motion was seconded by Nina Galerstein and approved. **CLOSED**

**III. GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER** - was originally scheduled for early April. It too will need to be moved to allow time for it to be the production to take place. Marsha Shull made a motion seconded by Jim Hartzell that the dates for the play be moved to the weekends of April 22nd - 24th and April 19th - May 1st. Motion was approved. **CLOSED**

**IV. PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION** - for attendance at productions. This topic was raised about whether this made sense. Kenney Workman reported on the numbers of tickets already sold for Twelve Angry Jurors. It was unclear how many of these were season ticket holders. All would need to be contacted already due to the change in dates for the play. The question is whether that contact also include a request for proof of COVID vaccination status. Dawn Conaway would be in charge of carrying out that plan. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on January 18th. We will continue the discussion at that time when Dawn will be present. **OPEN**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** - Jim Hartzell made a motion seconded by Nina Galerstein for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM