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POSSUM POINT PLAYERS

TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Zoom meeting. President Michael Murnin called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Members present were Michael Murnin, Marsha Shull, Kenney Workman, Rosanne Pack, Andrew Hertzberg, Gwyneth Sharp, Jim Hartzell, Anthony Policastro, Scott Beadle, Chase Schirmer, Donna Flomp, Fred Dean, Jill Lewandowski, John Hulse, Lorraine Steinhoff-Leavel, Nina Galerstein, Richard Huffman, Diane Counts and Louise Hartzell. Also present was Executive Administrator Dawn Conaway. Michael Murnin indicated that he had proxies from Cheryl Graves and Donna deKuyper. Absent were Bernie Noeller, Claudius Bowden and Ashlie Workman.
- II. STATUS OF COBB FOR 2021 SEASON** - The director for Cobb Les Ferguson has requested that the play Cobb be removed from the 2021 schedule. There were concerns about COVID-19 transmission from one of the cast members. Concern about whether we would just cancel it or postpone it to another time was left for discussion at a later time. After properly moving (Jim Hartzell) and seconding (Rosanne Pack) the motion to cancel Cobb for the 2021 season was carried with a unanimous vote. **CLOSED**
- III. BUILDING USE FORM FOR BROADWAY SPRINGS BACK PRODUCTION** - The Building Use Form for Broadway Springs back can be found at Attachment 1 to the minutes of the Executive Committee e-mail on February 2, 2021. The proposed budget can be found as Attachment 2 to those minutes. Michael Murnin had discussed the performance with the director Steven Dow. The proposed April dates were preferable to moving the show to a later time. The directors were amenable to an outdoor performance. If the show was not approved by Possum Point Players, they would look for another venue instead.
 - A.** An initial motion was made by Jim Hartzell and seconded by Rosanne Pack to approve the performance and have it held indoors. After some discussion the motion was amended to approve the play without deciding on the venue. The amended motion was voted on and approved with two Nay votes. **CLOSED**
 - B.** Discussion then took place about whether to do the performance as an indoor or outdoor location. The possibility of doing some performances inside and some outside would create too much effort for connecting and disconnecting sound equipment wiring. Governor Carney had just modified the order addressing performances in the State of Delaware. Under the old requirements, face shields were the preferable method for presenters regardless of whether it was indoors or outdoors. The new requirements take place on February 12, 2021 at 8:00 AM. The requirement for face shields or 13 foot distancing indoors will remain in effect. However the requirement for outdoor masking has been lifted. Since Lorraine Steinhoff-Leavel had performed using a face shield with Clear Space Productions, her input was requested. She explained that the shield provide a

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good coverage for the face and allowed performances to take place without spacing limitations. She indicated that the shields were easy to clean between performances. They were not very costly.

The specifics of the State requirements are published as follows:

1. When individuals are speaking, reading, or singing to an audience, including through a camera in a location where any other person shares the space, face coverings or face shields must be worn or one of the following precautions must be taken: the speaker, reader, or singer shall face away from the audience, maintain at least thirteen (13) feet of distance between themselves and the audience and any other person in the space, or stand behind a physical barrier or partition, such as a sneeze guard. The speaker, reader, or singer must put the face covering back on immediately after speaking, reading or singing.

2. Face coverings are not required in an outdoor space open to the public when an individual can maintain at least six (6) feet of social distance between members of separate households, unless otherwise specified.

After further discussion the motion that was made by Richard Huffman and seconded by Marsha Shull to have the production of Broadway Springs Back take place outdoors was approved with 3 Nay votes and 4 Abstentions. **CLOSED**

IV. INDOOR VS OUTDOOR LOCATION FOR UPCOMING POSSUM POINT

PRODUCTIONS - An initial motion (Jim Hartzell) that was seconded by Richard Huffman to adjourn the meeting and have the discussion at a later time was voted upon and defeated. Discussion took place about the upcoming productions of Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike as well as Hay Fever and All the Fixins as to whether they should be held indoors or outdoors. To this point the directors have been planning to do them outdoors. There is an opportunity for increased number of attendees outdoors. Outdoors are safer from the COVID-19 standpoint. The State requirements for outdoor productions related to COVID-19 are less strict. For all these reasons a motion was made by Marsha Shull and seconded by Chase Schirmer to conduct all three productions at an outdoor location. Motion was approved with 5 Nay votes. **CLOSED**

V. RADIO THEATER PRODUCTION - this production is scheduled for later in February. Lorraine Steinhoff-Leavel explained how Clear Space Theater was using face shields in accordance with the guidance provided by the State of Delaware for indoor productions. Andrew Hertzberg would research that possibility prior to the production. **OPEN**

VI. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Nina Galerstein moved with Lorraine Steinhoff-Leavel seconding a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried and meeting ended at 7:06 PM

Respectfully submitted

Anthony M Policastro
Secretary