

COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SSALISBURY

BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dasher, presiding, K Nagel, C. Linton, D. Mullins (via Zoom), R. Mumford, S. Benchoff, T. Robinson, S. Barnes, K. Johnson, B. Calloway, K. Adkins, S. Thompson, R. Finley, D. Allen

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Broadbent, P. Cuesta, B. Bosies, C. Dasher, M. Bogdan, G. Finley, E. Duvall, K. Hayes, L. Bratten,

Guests: Wendy Richmond, Erica Dennis

Meeting was called to order by President Dasher at 7:06

Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved. Note was made that Streetcar made between three and seven thousand dollars, depending on how patron donations were allocated. We have received \$650 so far in patron donations for the upcoming season. We also received \$500 in donations from a Facebook fundraiser.

President's report: We hope that we will be able to do Noises Off in November. Covid cases are currently rising. All are encouraged to get vaccinated and take precautions with mask, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities: Thanks to Kenny for painting the rehearsal space. It looks great. Floor will be stripped and waxed soon. Warehouse is also looking good. Thanks to Ken and those who have been helping him.

Google calendar for managing the facility schedule will be ready to go soon.

Hospitality: Rusty hopes to hold a Kickoff event in early October. Reminds everyone to get Newsletter items in by the fifteenth of the month. He plans to sign up for an online publishing account. (CANVA)

Membership: Forms are available on the table.

Patrons: We have received a few donations for next season, apparently from people who got the new form from the newsletter. We will get a patron letter out once the ticket platform issue is decided. We will encourage the advertisers who were given patron status last season, because we didn't print programs for the missed shows, to continue on as advertisers and make a separate patron donation if they wish. We hope to get started soon planning an 85th anniversary event.

Grants: G. Finley is developing an application for the Maryland State Arts Council. He wants to invite their program director to visit, tour our facility and have a lunch meeting with Gray and some members on Sept 1. \$200 was approved for lunch expense. (Motion, Nagel, second, Benchoff). Gary is also applying for a grant of a thousand dollars from the Realtors Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ticket Platform: Information was distributed regarding several vendors. Pros and cons were reviewed. The board was asked to forward any comments to Darrell. The committee will meet and send a formal recommendation to the board, who agreed to do a mail vote so that we can contract with the selected vendor before the September meeting.

The Civic Center fundraiser netted \$775. Matt Bogdan is thanked for organizing.

Furnace Town show will be Aug 21 and 22. Rehearsals are fun. The show is "silly, not stupid."

Stevensville show is cancelled due to covid.

Royalty free concert: Darrell is awaiting more information. Available dates are Nov 12 to 14. We are looking for venues. Streaming is also an option.

Poe show is in development. Will be done at the Brick Room on Oct 28. Suggested donation of ten dollars at the door. Other venues are being sought.

Outdoor musical review: Rusty will ask Tom to inquire what dates the flat bed trailer is available.

Rusty suggested the Civic Center, but Tony Broadbent indicated that they are actively soliciting national shows.

NEW BUSINESS:

Noises Off auditions are Aug 24, 25, 26. Performances at Wi-Hi on Nov 5, 6 7. Kenny would like to invite former active players to the show.

Ticket prices need to be set for next season. Multiple options were brain-stormed. President was asked to form an ad hoc committee to bring a recommendation to the board. (Motion, Mumford, second, Adkins)

Rusty informed the board that he got a call on the Players phone line saying that there was interest in buying our property. Supposedly a written proposal will be submitted.

Rusty reported on the state of our make up supplies. He was authorized to spend up to \$650 to replace or supplement our make up supplies. (Motion, Mumford, second, Calloway.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Kel Nagel, Vice-President