

Community Players Monthly Meeting Agenda for February 5, 2025

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes from January 2025 meeting

Guest speaker: Veronique Diriker

Guest speakers: Craig Williams and Christine Smith from Becker Morgan Group, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports

Concessions: Brenda Allen

Facilities Management: Ken Johnson

Fundraising: Matt Bogdan (report received)

Grants: Matt Bogdan

Historical: Bonnie Bosies

Hospitality: Rusty Mumford

House: Betsy Metzger

Lifetime Achievement Awards: Sharon Benchhoff (report received)

Marketing: Rusty Mumford

Membership: Melissa Dasher (report received)

Nominating: Sharon Benchhoff (report received)

Patrons: Kel Nagel

Performance Space: Kel Nagel

Production: Darrell Mullins (report received)

Program: Tom Robinson

Program Advertising: Tom Robinson

Publicity: Pete Cuesta (report received)

Scholarship: Lynne Bratten (report received)

Season Tickets and Box Office: Rusty Mumford

Social Media: Kate Adkins (report received)

Old Business

1. *A Few Good Men* performances Jan. 31-Feb. 2
2. Prep work to get theater ready
3. Selling beer and wine at performances approved
4. Shore Gives More funds received?
5. Other old business

New Business

1. *A Few Good Men* performances to be held Feb. 7-9
2. Use of Square to take credit card payments
3. Plaque identifying those who donated seats
4. Bartending training: Thursday, Feb. 6, from 6-9 p.m.; \$60 cost per trainee; Players' pay for training?
5. *I Hate Hamlet* auditions to be held Feb. 10-11
6. Director's Pitch Meeting to be held Feb. 21 at 7
7. Meeting with Steven Dow, president of Possum Point Players, February 24 at 6 p.m. in Seaford
8. Auditions for WWII show to be held March 6 at 7 p.m. and March 9 at 2 p.m.
9. Spring Craft and Vendor Fair March 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Silent auction items needed.

10. Wants and needs for the theater (Roof repair, for instance)
11. Name suggestions for theater
12. Other new business

Next Meeting is March 5 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Committee Reports for February 5, 2025

Concessions - Brenda Allen

No report received

Facilities Management - Ken Johnson

No report received

Fundraising - Matt Bogdan

1. Trivia Night fundraisers over the last two years raised \$785.
2. A 50/50 raffle was held at the first four performances of A Few Good Men, raising \$520. Help is needed for the 50/50 raffle for the next four performances of A Few Good Men. Please contact Matt Bogdan if you are interested in helping with the raffle.
3. Dying for Chocolate, a murder mystery which was to be held at the restaurant **Poncho and Lefty's** in West Ocean City on February 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., has been canceled due to low tickets sales. There is a possibility of it being rescheduled for April 27.
4. A Spring Craft and Vendor Fair will be held March 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are selling booth space for \$25. Wendy Stever, Konner Stever, and Shelbie Thompson are coordinating the event. So far, the event has raised \$575. If anyone would like to submit an item which would be part of the silent auction that will take place during the fair, please contact Matt Bogdan or one of the coordinators.
5. In March Matt Bogdan will be holding auditions for the show which honors the men and women of the Eastern Shore who served during WWII. Performances will be held in May at various VFWs and American Legions on the Shore. We have received a \$5000 grant from Beach to Bay Heritage Area to produce the show.
6. A Family Feud fundraiser is in the works. More details to come.
7. If you would like to help with any of these fundraisers, please contact Matt Bogdan.

Grants - Matt Bogdan

No report received

Historical - Bonnie Bosies

No report received

Hospitality - Rusty Mumford

No report received

House - Betsy Metzger

No report received

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Sharon Benchhoff

Nothing to report

Marketing - Rusty Mumford

No report received

Membership - Melissa Dasher

Our current membership numbers include:

91 Patrons

48 Family

41 Individual

18 Student

198 Total Members

170 Total Voting Members

Nominating - Sharon Benchoff

Nothing to report

Patrons - Kel Nagel

No report received

Performance Space - Kel Nagel

No report received

Production - Darrell Mullins

The Production Committee has met twice so far and have discussed the dramas and comedies that were submitted.

We will meet again on February 20 to discuss the musicals.

The Director's Pitch Meeting will take place on February 21 at 7 pm. Members of the Board are strongly encouraged to attend that meeting in order to gain insight in advance of voting on the season.

Program - Tom Robinson

No report received

Program Advertising - Tom Robinson

No report received

Publicity - Pete Cuesta

All goes well, no major changes to report. I will have more in March.

Scholarship - Lynne Bratten

The scholarship application has been distributed to guidance counselors, supervisor of fine arts and to theater teachers. Thank you, Rusty, for printing the entire scholarship application form in the newsletter. Applications will be reviewed in late March by the board members in order to determine the recipients.

Season Tickets & Box Office - Rusty Mumford

No report received

Social Media - Kate Adkins

Please continue to “like, comment and share” CPOS social media posts. Please make sure the cast of all productions are aware of our social and ask them to engage and share. It greatly increases our visibility online.

Our highest interaction in January on **Instagram**: on 1/15, reached 497 people, meet the cast of A Few Good Men.

Our lowest interaction in January on **Instagram**: on 1/ 25, reached people, Craft Fair update.

Our highest interaction in January on **Facebook**: on 1/16 reached 1,673 people, day of A Few Good Men rehearsal photos.

Our lowest interaction in January on **Facebook**: on 1/21, reached 136 people, I Hate Hamlet auditions reminder.

If you have photos to be shared on social media please email Kate at “mariefox18@gmail.com” . Directors, board members please send me what you want to post, I will share it.

If you have info for posting please include an image, if not I will have to create one. (Instagram requires an image to post) Not an issue, it just delays the post being shared.