

COMMUNITY PLAYERS of SALISBURY

Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2018

Attendees - Tom Robinson, Susan Robinson, Sherri Hynes, Andy Nyland, Sammy Barnes, Bonnie Bosies, Charlie Linton, Melissa Dasher, Alanna Phillips, Megan Davis, Tony Broadbent, Ed Duvall, Hunter Adkins, Robin Finley, Matt Bogdan, Steve Culver, Judy Hearn, Sharon Benchoff, Kel Nagel, David Allen, Pete Cuesta, Ken Johnson, Matt Hatfield, Krista Kirkendall, Ben Reavis, Kim Szentes, Nicole Martin

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Tom Robinson.

Last meeting's Minutes approved – motion Charlie, second Sharon.

Treasurer's report – accepted as is, the report was approved as submitted by Charlie Linton. We received two donations from local groups that rented set pieces and costumes for a total of \$800.

AGENDA:

Committee Reports:

Facilities – front area: the next project will be organizing the prop room

Facilities – scene shop/warehouse: not cleaned up, Ken will schedule a day or two for heavy duty work and setting up shelves. He also noted that people continue to borrow things without asking, please shoot him an email or text if you wish to borrow something. And NO MORE COUCHES.

Membership – nothing new to report

Newsletter – submit any articles and/or announcements to Robin. Always looking for things to improve it, send your ideas to Robin. And it doesn't just have to be about the season, or the shows, it can be other theatrical endeavors, and general information.

Nominations – Sharon will be sending out an email looking for possible officers and/or board members, just a reminder that they will start their term July 1.

Production – Ken distributed the list of shows submitted for the 2018/19 season, 3 large stage musicals, 1 small stage musical, and 8 plays. If anyone is interested in being on the Production Committee, please contact Kenny.

Publicity – nothing new to report

Scholarship – The scholarship application and letter of information was emailed to the 3 local county School Counselor Supervisors, drama and/or music teachers at the local private schools. Applications are due by 4/6 to be voted on at the May meeting. In addition, this will be the last year Sherri will be in charge of the Scholarships, and we are looking for someone to take over.

Season Tickets/Patrons – grand total of 888 tickets sold for Death of a Salesman, with an average of 19% no shows. Our largest "audience/ticket buyer" is the Senior 4 Show Season ticket. Lots of data to review....

Social Media – there were 2800 people who viewed or likes our posts for Death of a Salesman, 86 people bought tickets from social media. Very effective tool.

OLD BUSINESS:

Death of a Salesman – Matt thanked everyone including the board and group as a whole for allowing him to do this show. He was very proud of what took place and even with the heavy drama of the show itself, everyone had fun. Rave reviews.

Calendar Girls – auditions scheduled for Sunday – Tuesday, scripts are available. Her team is ready to start our next project.

Possible show for next year – Robin and Sharon have scripts for Love Lost and What I Wore available for a possible show to coincide with Women's month next March (2019). It could be done at SU or even at our building. There are 5 women who play all the different parts.

Watercooler – the parts are still not in.... work in progress....

NEW BUSINESS:

Nutters Care – Tom pointed out (again) that no one is taking care of the building. No one is sweeping or taking out the trash and the last thing we want is it to turn out like the Glen Ave property. So, he is asking that the Stage Manager for the current show be the person responsible for making sure the room is swept, the trash is taken to the curb on Thursday nights, etc. He will write up a check list. We just need to be mindful of the bugs, etc.

Hospitality – Rusty asked Tom for clarification on the Hospitality committee duties, discussion followed with Cast parties, special events, patrons, kick off dinners, etc. The "committee" will work with each director and/or person in charge of the event.

Non-profit Partnership and Calendar Girls – since this show deals with Leukemia, Sharon asked if we could partner with a local leukemia foundation or support group. There was discussion about giving away tickets and/or offering a special performance for those employed by medical oncology facilities, etc. Judy motioned that 10% of ticket sales be donated to a local Leukemia group. Ken second. Motion approved.

Show Survey – Sharon brought up the show survey of cast and crew that was done several years ago, and shouldn't we do again? It would give us an opportunity to see what worked, what didn't, good and bad so we can learn from it. There was discussion that when we did this in the past it caused a lot of hurt feelings and angst among the members. Matt Bogdan and Sharon will come up with a possible survey.

SWAC – is moving and has asked for our help. They award us a grant every year, so we should help them move. Dates are 3/1 – 3/3 and again 3/25 – 3/29. To help, contact David Allen, he will be the point person.

Summer Workshops – Megan announced that she was stepping down from the Summer workshop series and that she will gladly assist someone with the process and information. It should be a "board" function and not just one person.

Tony Broadbent mentioned that the Civic Center has been bringing in more touring companies lately, and they are always looking for help with the technical side, lighting, stage work, and/or costumes. He said to go to their website to fill out an application.

Fall Folk Festival - Sherri Hynes brought up the Fall Folk Festival that is happening in Salisbury's Downtown area on September 8 – 9. We have been asked to provide some form of theatrical experience – ie storytelling, improvisation, interactive theatre for the family area (near Market Street) on those two days. There will be crafts, musicians, dancing, and other arts presenting. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Sherri at shynes@wcboe.org or Andrea Berstler at aberstler@wicomico.org

Next Meeting - scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

There being no new business, meeting was adjourned – Charlie motioned, Matt H second.

Submitted by Sherri Hynes, Recording Secretary.