

COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SALISBURY

BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Benchoff, presiding, K. Nagel, R. Mumford, C. Linton, M. Hatfield, K. Johnson, S. Thompson, T. Robinson, S. Barnes, B. Calloway. Attending via teleconference: M. Dasher, D. Mullins, N. Drehmer, D. Allen

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Ilczuk, K. Adkins, B. Bosies, T. Broadbent. Via teleconference: T. Welsh

Meeting was called to order by President Benchoff.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after the addition of K. Johnson attending the September meeting and explanation that the \$8,000.00 meal cost shown on invoice for Civic Center performance was the cost for capacity seating. Motion, Hatfield, second, Johnson

Treasurer's report was accepted. Note was made that we have received an anonymous gift of ten thousand dollars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities: The scene shop, warehouse is a mess because we have been doing shows. Kenny will be working there Saturday mornings at ten and would like some help.

Hospitality: A cast and crew party celebrating our Weekends on the Lawn series will be held Sunday, Oct 11, at six. Light fare and soft drinks will be served. Bring your own adult beverages. With good weather, the event will be held outdoors.

Membership: Melissa needs more membership forms. Some members have not paid their dues yet. You can see if you are up to date by looking at the mailing label of your newsletter. We will need a new chairman next year. Chris Pali and Debbie Dawson won the latest swag drawing.

Newsletter: Items for publication are due by the fifteenth of the month. Newsletter will be sent to the printer on the twenty-second. The newsletter has been printed by Christ United for over ten years. A new printing service is needed. Various vendors have been looked at for performing some or all of the printing and mailing functions. It was decided that we should find and use the least expensive full service option. Moton, Robinson, second, Mumford.

Patrons: We have thirty-six patrons this year, down from seventy last year. This is considered an excellent response since we have not been able to do our usual season. Kel will send out a follow-up patron letter when we are able to schedule new shows.

Publicity: Matt Bogdan has volunteered to seek individual sponsors for specific shows. Please let Nate Drehmer know if you have comments on the new logo he used for "Weekends."

Social Media: We will now be able to receive donations via Facebook. We will be able to do birthday fundraisers, etc.

Tickets: Our prior ticket vendor has gone out of business. David and Darrell are looking at new options.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pay Pal: David has set up links to pay membership dues or patron donations. He will set up a link for membership and patron forms.

Weekends on the Lawn showed total receipts of \$1,880. Many donations above ticket prices or patron donations were received.

Alarm system has been repaired, and new cameras have been installed. Final cost is not yet known.

Venues: Wor-Wic will not set up their calendar until Jan.1. Tom informed them that we will be seeking January and April dates. School Board will not determine a calendar until students are back in the classroom.

Delmarva Public Radio would like us to perform Love Letters as a radio play. Unfortunately, rights are not available. Rights for Hate Mail are available if they wish to consider that.

Streaming: Melissa will be looking at scripts that might be available for streaming as an alternative to live indoor performances.

St. Peter's Church is doing a telethon Nov. 20. They are interested in having us perform some songs we did in the Film to Broadway concert. Church personnel will film our performers at Players. Rusty will follow up with his cast members.

ESBT would like to use our facility to film fourteen dancers on Nov 6 and 7 to record parts of Nutcracker. We will waive the fee but require the rental form and Covid precautions. Rusty and Sharon will be present to take temps and have participants complete release forms. Motion, Dasher, second, Mullins.

Sharon received a hearty round of in-person and virtual applause for the tremendous job she did coordinating the four weekends on the lawn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kel Nagel, Recording Secretary