

Community Players Monthly Meeting Agenda for March 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports

Concessions	Brenda Allen
Facilities Management	Ken Johnson
Fundraising	Matt Bogdan
Grants	Matt Bogdan
Historical	Bonnie Bosies
Hospitality	Rusty Mumford
House	Betsy Metzger
Lifetime Achievement Awards	Sharon Benchoff
Marketing	Rusty Mumford
Membership	Melissa Dasher
Nominating	Sharon Benchoff
Patrons	Kel Nagel
Performance Space	Kel Nagel
Production	Matt Bogdan
Program	Tom Robinson
Program Advertising	Tom Robinson
Publicity	Debby Nagel
Scholarship	Lynne Bratten
Season Tickets & Box Office	Darrell Mullins & Rusty Mumford
Social Media	Kate Adkins

Old Business

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike – Update

Harlem Renaissance – Update

Bordeleau Chili Cook-Off

Smoke Detectors

Front Rooms

Septic Tank

Other

New Business

Children's Summer Theatre Camp

Mics

Other

Next Meeting – April 3 at 6:30 PM

Committee Reports for March 2024 Meeting

Facilities Management: TBA

Building: TBA

Fundraising: Matt Bogdan reported as follows:

The fundraising committee met on February 28. Members included Sammy Barnes, Matt Bogdan, Rusty Mumford, Debbie Nagel, Kel Nagel, and Pat Oberholtzer. The following was discussed:

1. One of the March fundraisers will be Movie Night, to be held Saturday, March 16, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Players. The public domain movie to be shown is *Pot o' Gold*, starring Jimmy Stewart. Social hour with games and prizes from 6 to 7. Movie starts at 7. BYOB. 50/50 raffle. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Admission: \$10.
2. Another March fundraiser will be our manning the "gate" at Bordeleau Vineyards and Winery at their Chili Cookoff and Spring Festival on March 30. Entry fee is \$5 per car, and Players gets 100% of the entry fee. Last year Players made over \$600. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to man the gate. Contact Matt Bogdan to volunteer.
3. One of the April fundraisers will be the 50/50 raffle at the performances of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Volunteers are needed for each show. Contact Matt Bogdan to volunteer.
4. Another April fundraiser will be The Harlem Renaissance: A Celebration of the Arts will be performed on April 26 and April 27 at 7 p.m. and April 28 at 2 p.m. at Players. Admission: \$10. Ernie Matthews is sponsoring the show. Other sponsors and program advertisers are needed. If you would like to help find sponsors and program advertisers, contact Matt Bogdan.
5. The May fundraiser will be Movie Night. Trivia Nights will be held throughout the summer.
6. The June fundraiser will be the Guest Bartender fundraiser on June 6 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Brew River. The group with the highest sales will receive a \$2000 grand prize. Shelbie Thompson is the coordinator. Devin Bradley La Femina will provide entertainment, and we hope to promote *Kiss Me, Kate* during this fundraiser, perhaps with some songs from the show being sung at Brew River.
7. Another June fundraiser will be the 50/50 raffle at Kiss Me, Kate performances.
8. The July fundraiser will be the New Directors' One-Act Play Showcase, coordinated by Rusty Mumford.
9. The August fundraiser will be Movie Night.
10. The September fundraiser will be a show based on some aspect of Eastern Shore heritage. Matt Bogdan is the coordinator. More details to follow.
11. The October fundraiser will be the 4th annual Poe show. Performances will be at Possum Point Players on Friday, October 18, from 7-9 p.m., at Snow Hill Firehouse on Saturday, October 19, from 7- 9 p.m., and Poplar Hill Mansion on Saturday, October 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Other venues and dates to follow.
12. The November fundraiser will be Giving Tuesday, coordinated by Sharon Benchoff.

13. The December fundraiser will be the radio play It's a Wonderful Life.

Grants: Matt Bogdan reported as follows:

1. I submitted a FY24 Community Needs grant application to Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES), asking for a grant of \$10K. I met with George Whitehead of CFES on February 29 and gave him a tour of the building, explaining the renovations we want to make. He asked for quotes for renovations that would be under 10K, so I sent him the quotes for the fire door (\$6,435), acoustic panels (\$7,684.90), gutter guard (\$7,995) and floor scrubber (\$3,999). Notification of grant acceptance to take place in April.
2. I applied for and received a grant of \$500 from Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) to be applied to the Children's Theater workshop to be held this summer at Players. I am attending the check presentation at the CAR office in Berlin on March 8. The initial grant request was for \$1000.
3. I submitted an Arts Capital Campaign grant application to the Maryland State Arts Council, asking for a grant of \$222,864 in order for us to purchase the following: risers, seating, stage platforms, sound equipment, lighting equipment, curtains and hardware, concession equipment, floor polisher, and gutter guard installation. Notification of grant acceptance to take place in April.
4. I submitted a grant application to the Maryland Area Heritage Authority, asking for \$96,753 for renovations to the Players' building. Notification of grant acceptance will take place in April.
5. I am working on the Operating Grant for SWAC, which is due June 7, as well as the final report for our current SWAC grant, which is due June 30. I will be attending the SWAC luncheon in June.
6. I submitted a grant application to the Peoples Bank Foundation, asking for \$10,000 to help fund the production of The Harlem Renaissance: A Celebration of the Arts.

Membership: TBA

Hospitality: Rusty Mumford reported that we continue to be hospitable.

Social Media: Kate Adkins reported as follows:

1. We continue to post on Facebook and Instagram.
2. Posts regarding Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike are going well. The cast and production team are all being featured.
3. Throwback Thursdays have been our most engaged posts. But we are not seeing the same results for others. If you see a post, please "like" "comment" and "share", any of these help boost the algorithms and we reach more people in our community.
4. The publicity committee is meeting Sunday if there are any pertinent updates I will share them at the meeting

Season Tickets/Box Office: TBA

Patrons: TBA

Historical: TBA

Concessions: Brenda Allen reported as follows:

1. Concessions are planned for *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* in April. We have also been asked to have concessions for each of the fundraising events.
2. This will require some additional volunteers as there has been a request to serve popcorn.
3. We will need a minimum of two floor sweepers to clean up after the event. Please volunteer if you are able and willing.

Program/Program Advertising: TBA

Publicity: TBA

Nominating: TBA

Lifetime Achievement Award: TBA

House: Nothing to Report

Production: TBA

Scholarship: Lynne Bratten reported as follows:

1. Scholarship information has been distributed.
2. Board members will receive the applications for review by end of March.
3. At this time one completed application has been submitted.

Newsletter: TBA

Children's Theatre Summer Workshop: Matt Bogdan reported as follows:

The Children's Summer Workshop Committee met on Thursday, February 29, with the following in attendance: Matt Bogdan, Cass Dasher, Kyle Hayes, and Rusty Mumford. Two members unable to attend the meeting were Debbie Nagel and Alexa Nastasi.

The following decisions were made:

1. This summer it was agreed that there should be four counselors, each receiving a stipend of \$600 (\$150 per day).
2. Dates for the workshop will be July 8-12. Student Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Staff hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday performance TBA.
3. Same ages as last year: going into grades 3-8
4. Same curriculum as last year: Theater, Musical Theater, Tech, Acting, Singing, Dancing
5. Same cost as last year: \$200 with \$50 discount for Players' Family or Patron Membership. Scholarship money will be available on a first come basis, same as last year.

6. Same provisions as last year: one t-shirt (not two) to be given out on Friday; make up kit; daily snacks and water
7. Same lunch regulation as last year: Student brings own lunch.
8. Same medication regulation as last year: All medications must be administered by a parent/guardian.
9. Same performance regulation: All students will participate in acting, singing, and dancing, but no one will have a solo if he or she is not comfortable and willing to do so.
10. Number of participants: 25 (not 30, as it was last year)
11. Same registration requirements: Spot is secured with completed registration form and payment.
12. Registration begins April 1 and ends June 15 (giving time to order t-shirts).
13. There is an immediate need to publicize the positions of counselors and musical director/pianist (who will be paid a stipend at \$15 per hour).
14. Next meeting will be March 21 at 7 p.m.

Note: Board approval needed for paying the musical director/pianist and the four counselors.