

COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SALISBURY

BOARD MINUTES

MAY 6 2020

DUE TO THE CONTINUING RESTRICTIONS CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC, THE MEETING WAS HELD BY TELECONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mullins, presiding, S. Benchoff, K. Nagel, K. Johnson, C. Linton, T. Robinson M. Hatfield, N. Drehmer, J. Hearn, K. Adkins, M. Dasher, B. Calloway, P. Cuesta. R. Finley was unable to log on due to technical problems

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Bratten, D. Allen, R. Mumford, T. Welsh, C. Dasher, S. Thompson

The meeting was called to order by President Mullins at 7:05.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities. Ken reports that organizing the warehouse is progressing nicely, but more shelving is needed. Three hundred dollars was approved for this purpose. (Motion, Johnson, second, Robinson)

Scholarship: Awards have been given to Lyndsay Gabbard and Alana Troxell. They will be announced in the newsletter, website, and social media.

Tickets: So far two sets of tickets have been refunded for Senior Follies. We will have to offer refunds officially to those who have purchased them for Follies and Kiss Me Kate. It was noted that both Clear Space and Salisbury University have had to cancel shows due to the current epidemic. Both asked that their ticket buyers consider not taking refunds and regarding the expense as a donation. An email from Clear Space indicates that only a few of their ticket holders requested cash refunds, and a few requested credits for future performances. We will take the same approach in offering refunds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by T. Robinson, second by K. Johnson to change evening curtains to 7 PM. Discussion, including review of audience surveys, was held. Apparently half of the audience favored 7, while the remainder favored either staying at 8 or switching to 7:30. SU has recently changed its evening curtain to 7:30. T. Robinson withdrew his motion and then made a motion, seconded by B. Calloway, and carried, to start our evening shows at 7:30.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for officers and board were announced. No new nominations were received from the floor. Nominations were closed. (Motion, Robinson, second, Johnson) Nominees are:

Vice President

Melissa Dasher

Recording Secretary	Kel Nagel
Corresponding Secretary	Rusty Mumford
Treasurer	Charlie Linton

For Board Members, term expiring in 2023:

Kate Adkins

David Allen

Cass Dasher

Britni Drehmer

Robin Finley

Judy Hearn

Ken Johnson

Shelbie Thompson

Vice President Sharon Benchhoff will accede to the presidency, and President Darrell Mullins will continue on the board as immediate past president

Changes in the Constitution and bylaws were suggested by M. Dasher. The constitutional amendment was a change in language to reflect current practice, stating that the annual membership meeting with election of officers and board members be in June rather than May

The proposed bylaws amendment (attached) changes the memberships we have been using for several tiers to merely having individual and family memberships, Families include children up to age 18 (22 if in active military or full time students). Voting age will remain 18.

The changes were passed on first reading (Motion, Dasher, second, Robinson). They will be distributed in the upcoming newsletter and placed on the agenda for final passage at the June meeting.

Discussion was again held as to whether members attending board meetings should be allowed to vote. It was noted that the constitution allows voting by board members only.

Voting for the 2020-2021 season was held electronically. Results were:

Fall Musical: Cabaret directed by Matt Hatfield

Winter show: Leading Ladies, directed by Matt Bogdan

Spring show: A Streetcar Named Desire, directed by Rusty Mumford

Summer Show: Jesus Christ Superstar, directed by Sharon Benchhoff

It is obvious that we currently do not know when attendance restrictions will be lifted, and that announcement of the season will have to be tentative, but we are confident that we have a good season and hope that we get to do it.

A sub-committee of the ad hoc planning committee has met via Zoom with the SU student consultants. Their final report will be distributed to the entire planning committee who will schedule a virtual meeting to discuss the recommendations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kel Nagel, Recording Secretary