VCCT Board Meeting 12/17/14

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with 10 members in attendance: Carol Weidmann, Dianne Jenner, Jeani Camplain, Sally Sawicki, Erin Johnson, Amy Frank, Susan Young, Carrie Johnson, Will Mingus, and Doug Kroupa

**Committee Reports**

Secretary - Amy

November minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jeani

Deposits $1565.54
Checks $2105.39
Interest $ .40
CDs remain unchanged

Current balance $4509.69

Check written to Cathy Cook has not been cashed yet. Dianne will make contact.

Check written to Printing Etc. has not been cashed from last year.

Membership – Carol

Prospectuses are in the works.

Resource – Doug

$40 cash received from wrestling event to deposit. Unanimous approval given to continue the agreement with the wrestling club through 2015.

Discussion and agreement that Doug will train additional people on lights and sound.

1 lamp needs to be repaired due to a faulty connection.

Special Events – Diane

Women’s Club Presidential Luncheon will take place at the Beacon on the Green on Feb 5 noon-2pm. $20 tickets on sale after Jan 8. Dianne contacted the author and received the script & rights for $100 (normally $300). Doug will play Jefferson; Carol will play Abigail; Adams is still needed as well as an understudy for narrator.

Lisa Chrisco concert postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

Season – Erin

Spring 2015 – Jeanette Mingus directing Wrong Window Move in March 8; Show March 20-22, 27, 28

Summer 2015 – Jim Doherty directing Ordinary People Move in July 12; Show July 24-26, 31, Aug 1 (Amy currently has the script.)

Fall 2015 – Carrie Johnson directing Escanaba

Erin is talking with Renee Page about directing the next Tuna and to Debby Katzman about directing a “write your own” production.

Doug suggested that the board choose the next several plays and find a director for them. Discussion took place about the need for the director to be invested & have a vision for the production.

Discussion about extending productions to 3 weeks instead of 2 included concern that income would simply be spread out instead of increased. Discussed adding a second matinee and/or opening on Thursday night. Agreement that a Thursday opening would not be viable, but an extra matinee would be up to individual directors.

Additional ideas were brainstormed and discussed including increasing press to other clubs such as Rotary by offering to do vignettes for them and tables at reduced prices, and adding an annual holiday production.

Publicity – Susan

Discussed cooperating with Hub Shuttle or the Senior Center to provide transportation for San Gabriel residents to attend shows.

Social

Everyone was reminded that the Ice Hog’s game is Jan 24 at 7:00pm. Contact Kim by Jan 10 for tickets.

Web/Newsletter – Will

Online ticket purchases are being set up, and Will reminded us that we are charged for each Paypal purchase. Discussion about pricing tickets differently for tables and rows and about advanced purchase discounts resulted in a motion by Doug to increase all tickets to $12 each. Carol seconded. Dianne amended the motion to include a $1 discount for advance purchases. Voted to approve unanimously.

Will has ordered the ticket printer for less than $300, but it’s on backorder so modifications may need to happen for the spring play. Will also found a vendor that will allow us to buy 2000 tickets/purchase.

A holiday edition of the newsletter will be ready to mail soon.

**Old Business**

Menagerie Recap

129 people attended the show

 13 on Friday 10/24

 19 on Saturday 10/25

 17 on Sunday 10/26

 26 on Friday 10/31

 54 on Saturday 11/1

Total income $1260

 $1175 Ticket sales

 $75 Johnson Donation

 $10 Paypal

Total expenses $2639.43

 $564.80 Royalties & Scripts

 $900.00 Room rental

 $0 Costumes

 $52.80 Props

 $322.75 Set Decoration (+$115.84 for cloth – Donated)

 $724.83 Set construction

 $0 Rehearsal space

 $74.25 Misc (soundtrack)

Net loss $1379.43

Advertising expenses $734.19

 $400.00 WRHL

 $50.69 Posters/flyers

 $69.00 Newsleader

 $214.50 Yard signs

0 tickets redeemed from Aurora radio promo

Hub Theatre

Per the Special Meeting, Doug, Kim, and Sally met with the bank to inform them of our interest. They were told they cannot “give” us the building but were strongly encouraged to make a creative offer with a unique pricing package. In order to avoid state approval, the purchase price must be $100,000 because the state is a 2nd lienholder.

VCCT will not take ownership. A new, separate nonprofit will be formed with a separate board to include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, building director, and program director. Attorneys are helping with the correct verbiage for 501c3 status. This new entity will be responsible for developing a business plan.

The bank has done some repairs, but 12 distinct activities need to be done to get the theatre up & running. Monetary donations will be sought for specific projects from various bodies. Dave Ekhart suggested coming to a city council meeting and presenting. A “Friends of the Hub” Facebook page has been created, and a website will be created for donations. Sally has the floor plan, the city’s engineering plan, and the list of signatures that she will forward to the rest of the board for those interested.

Hospital Tickets

With prior approval, Deb together a basket with 2 season tickets for CAN’s Hope for the Holidays.

**New Business**

Videos

DVDs of the Wizard of Oz production will be available for purchase by contacting Doug or Dianne.

Someone sent a request through Facebook to purchase videos of productions from the 1980s. Doug has the tapes and is converting them to DVDs.

Upcoming Meetings

January 28 – Monthly board meeting at Amy’s office: Diversified Services 225 E IL Rt 38, Rochelle

Feb 25 – Monthly board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

**Action Point Summary**

All – Purchase your Ice Hogs tickets through Kim

Dianne – Contact Cathy Cook about check to be cashed

 Send info about Women’s Club Luncheon and Oz DVDs to Will for website & to Renee for

 Facebook

Sally – Email theatre floor plan & engineering plan to VCCT board members

Doug – Train others on lights & sound

 Convert tapes to DVDs to fulfill Facebook request

Will – Add info about Women’s Club luncheon and Oz DVDs for purchase to website