

## VCCT Board Meeting 6/25/15

Meeting called to order at Doug Kroupa's home with 8 members present: Will Mingus, Amy Frank, Jeani Camplain, Doug Kroupa, Dianne Jenner, Sally Sawicki, Carol Weidmann, and Susan Young. Ken Manning and Jim Doherty also present.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Secretary - Amy

May minutes approved

#### Treasurer – Jeani

May Deposits \$200.00

May Checks \$358.86

May Interest \$.43

Balance of \$5717.28

CDs remain unchanged at \$6339.72 and \$6205.88

Outstanding check for Printing Etc will be added back into our account in the new fiscal year.

Unpaid \$200 bill reminder came from Printing Etc. for yard signs from Wizard of Oz. Bill is now paid.

Our bank sent a new account fee schedule indicating a \$10 charge for special statements (includes images of cashed checks) as of June 1. Possible to change bank account with new board, switch banks, or use a different type of account to avoid the fee.

Matching check from AT&T came to Jeani for \$1801.55 and was deposited Friday (not in the current balance).

A \$150 bill arrived for renewing our membership as a nonprofit with the Chamber of Commerce. Discussion occurred regarding the value of this membership. We no longer receive their newsletter. Sally volunteered to contact the Chamber to find out why. Dianne made the motion to renew our membership. Doug seconded. Voted to approve.

#### Resource – Doug

Microphones have been ordered online (same kind we currently have) so that we will have 8 mics. They should arrive in a week.

LED lights now have a golden color option, which is more natural compared to the harsh blue undertone. Doug is currently pricing.

Hickory Grove has had 2-4 events each weekend so we haven't had time to install the metalwork. 4<sup>th</sup> of July week will have more availability so hoping to get it done then. 12-15' of chain is needed (\$0.89/foot) that will hold 800 lbs. Doug will donate and plans to have it in place for Ordinary People to be able to drape 92' of fabric horizontally to mask the stage.

Carol suggested we purchase an Altman 3.5 mini ellipsoidal to act as a small spotlight for Ordinary People. Approximate cost of \$210 + \$15 lamp + plug. Doug suggested using our

moveable head LED. Dianne made the motion to spend up to \$250 on the Altman if what we have won't work. Jeani seconded. Voted to approve.

#### Newsletter/Web – Will

The newsletter will go out in the next few weeks. Send Will info to include.

Will needs names, headshots, etc. for Ordinary People to put on the website. The seating layout was established for ticket sales, and pricing was agreed on (\$12/ticket with a \$1 discount online).

#### Season (Erin not present)

Summer 2015 – Ordinary People directed by Jim Doherty: Move in July 12; Show July 24-26, 31-Aug 1

Fall 2015 – Escanaba '39 directed by Carrie Johnson: Move in Oct 4; Show set for Oct 16-18, 23-24. Will need a black male in his early 20s willing to play a runaway slave.

Spring 2016 – Kim decided on Legend of Robin Hood ...Sort Of (flexible cast – 3 guys, 2 girls, + others)

Summer 2016 – Discussed waiting to do Joseph at the Hub Theater since Mike believes it will be ready in 1 year and would love to have Joseph as part of the grand opening. Decision was made to stick with Summer 2016.

#### Publicity – Susan

\$500 budget for publicity for Ordinary People. Yard signs were discussed and determined they won't be very effective for this particular show.

Dianne will contact Mike McCarty who recently purchased the Hub Theater to ask if he'll put show info on the Hub Theater marquee. Dianne will also email Jim a list of local clubs (Lions, Rotary, etc) and when they meet so he can pitch the show to each.

### **Old Business**

#### Season Tickets

Discussion about Season Ticket options resulted in Doug making a motion to sell 2015-2016 Season Tickets for \$25 each. Dianne seconded. Voted to approve. We will need a separate ticket booth for season ticket sales.

#### Ordinary People

Jim Doherty shared that rehearsals have started & are coming along. He is still looking to fill 1 role. Discussed show budget with the end in mind, expecting to sell about 300 tickets. Jeani will email Jim line items used for previous shows that he can use as a general guideline. Jim will email the board his proposed budget for approval.

Discussed changing the show schedule to a singular weekend but dates have already been published. Briefly discussed adding a Saturday matinee.

The set has been designed but might be redesigned to lower the budget & simplify. Looking for a set of lockers to use but can do without. Construction crew for the set is needed. Jim prefers a simplified set over hiring someone. Sally's husband, Steve, has volunteered to construct. Long discussion about who can help. Brainstormed list of additional, qualified people Deb can contact for help.

Decision made to hang the sign at Hickory Grove when tickets go on sale (July 1-7).

Sally volunteered to drive the bus again for San Gabriel residents.

Jim suggested naming "Table Captains" – people responsible for selling a table.

Doug suggested purchasing an 8' table to use as the ticket table so that we can design & build an enclosure to fit it. Doug will measure the tablecloth we currently use. Amy will measure tables her office can donate. Enough room is needed for the laptop, printer, cash box, and a ledge for signing checks will be incorporated.

#### NICNE

Sally shared Pam's email response, explaining that we need to submit a paragraph to be considered for the students' fall projects. Jim offered to supervise the project & act as the contact person. Sally will call Michelle Pease to write the paragraph.

### **New Business**

#### Renaissance Program

\$50 was donated last year. Approved to donate the same amount again.

#### Focus House

Sent a thank you for the Season Tickets

#### Robert Merrill plays

Sally shared info about 2 unpublished plays – both farces. Sally will request free preview copies.

#### Upcoming Meetings

July 29 – Board Meeting at Sally Sawicki's home

Aug 27 – Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm