

VCCT Board Meeting 1/25/17

Meeting called to order at Amy's office at 7:00pm. Members present: Amy Frank, Jeani Camplain, Kimberly Ekes, Ken Manning, Rebecca Manning, John Whitaker, Doug Kroupa, Dianne Jenner, Carol Weidmann, Sally Sawicki, Will Mingus. Special Guest: Debby Katzman

Treasurer's Report

November:

Deposits= \$9731.86

Checks= -\$1720.25

Interest= \$1.17

Balance to date in November \$19,712.48

December:

Deposits= \$2128.70

Checks= -\$4595.95

Interest= \$1.52

Balance to date in December \$17,246.75

CDs remain unchanged at \$6371.52 and \$6221.40

~"A Few Good Men" needs box office people.

"Exit Laughing" Recap

509 tickets were sold. It was a great show and had rave reviews. \$348 was used for publicity and did not use RNL for any ads. The paper did run some good articles.

Treasurer Notes

If you need check, email or text Jeani so she can have it ready at the meeting. Also, have your receipt - no receipt, no check. This runs like a business, and Jeani needs to keep track of every transaction. A line on your credit card bill is not a receipt.

Jeani can give you what's needed for donations.

And, show recaps will be every two months after each show.

Christmas Event

Two guests got a charge they didn't understand and rejected it, then found out it was VCCT's Paypal charge. So, it hopefully will be reimbursed. The Paypal charges do look a little odd when run.

Kimberly & Robin had a lunch to discuss the event and have already started planning for next year.

They have a list of pros and cons from the event, but overall, it went surprisingly well. The feedback has been good and there were already guests asking when the tickets for next year go on sale. Only a few people tried to buy tickets at the door or after the ticket sale ended. So, the system is working very well in that regard.

Also, many of the cast members were new to the group and have been interested in coming back and joining in more productions.

Lighted Parade

800 candy canes and a lot of flyers were passed out along the route. Everyone looked good, the sled and Santa looked great.

The child was in the parade because of a call from the mother, and Sally wasn't sure how to respond.

Next time, we are sorry but the group can't accept the liability.

Middle School Art Camp

Dianne will ask, but we don't have enough information to make a decision.

President Show

It will be cancelled. Dianne couldn't find enough volunteers. Kimberly did bring up the idea of holding auditions next time, and when asking people to be a part of it, don't rescind the offer when accepted. It also has issues of being during the day when most are working, a lot of people are already working on "A Few Good Men", and if there were auditions, no one knew about them. We should be making more use of our social media outlets.

Amazon Smile

The bank account needs to be linked to get the money which has already been donated. Jeani will set it up with Will. Everyone spread the word! It doesn't cost the buyer anything and takes no time to sign up.

Save the Dates

RACF had a great success buying out the night of "Exit Laughing" and wants to buy out a night of this Fall's show.

Amy has a list of Rochelle Events which you could be a part of.

Kimberly will sign us up for the Irish Hooley parade and information booth. We just need helpers.

(Kimberly will have a table next door with Creativity Unhinged so won't be able to actually man the VCCT booth the whole time.)

Farmer's Market would be nice to appear at again this Summer.

Rochelle Museum (Sally)

The museum is holding a Wine and Cheese Event February 25th. They would like people in any period costume to appear. Email Sally if interested.

After March, the 'Curiosity Cabinet' will feature VCCT. Dianne and Carol have some things to show (scrapbooks, photos, props). Any more ideas and items we could display, please let Sally know.

United Way

The website wevolunteer.org is a resource we could use for finding volunteers and help. They will be sent to our contact information. Amy will look into it. Lori and the paper wants to start a small column about non-profits.

RACF Grant

Doug would like a new PC, which was already approved by the board to buy. [agreed]

Bank Luncheon

Wednesday February 25th the First National Bank asked for a reader's theater entertainment for their luncheon. Sally, Doug, and Terry will get together to perform "Can't Hear You When the Water is Running". This is not a public event.

Skydeck Restaurant

The skydiving group has done a mystery dinner a couple of times, and Dianne happened to talk with one of the people who run it. They didn't know Rochelle had a theater group and may contact us for

actors next time.

Ticket Program Training

Noon on a Sunday in February for at least 2 hours, Will will train board members to use the program. John and Rebecca will learn on the 26th, and Amy and Dianne will learn on the 19th. Kimberly will check her schedule.

“A Few Good Men” Update

The production is going well, 17 people were cast, Will needs crew members, 2 dressers for backstage, and a booth “reader” for lights and sound. It is a very quick moving show and needs someone who can follow the script and give cues.

[Discussion] We need to have a useful headset system. We’d only need the sets, and they really are necessary to communicate during shows.

Will’s proposed budget has costumes being the largest expense. There is a possible donation from the Army Recruiter in Dekalb. They may take out an ad in the program and have a booth at the performance. Will is trying to sell ads in the program - contact him to get in.

The park district and golf course can do ads.

The set is minimal and may need to rent some tables.

Doug recommends going to \$250 for set and round table, bringing the budget for the show to \$5000.

Offer to San Gabriel to bring guests and the driver will get two tickets.

[VOTE] The \$5000 total budget for “A Few Good Men”. [PASSED]

“Ave Q”

The advertising will have to be very clear as to the adult nature of the show. The Broadway posters usually say “full puppet nudity”, “for grownups”, etc. It will be \$15 a ticket. We will advertise to outside communities and colleges. We may get new audience. This may be a \$7000 investment. The cost of the show will be high, but it will very likely make it up. The puppet rental will be the highest cost, and the set will be complicated.

[Discussion] Performing for three weekends? And performing around Easter, which is April 1, 2018. 5 shows will not be enough for as big as this show will be.

[VOTE] “Ave Q” will perform March 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, & 24, 2018 with move-in Feb 25th and strike March 25th. [PASSED - Kimberly will contact Robin about these dates] [Update: Robin has approved and marked the dates into the 2018 calendar.]

[VOTE] Purchase the rights to “Ave Q” as long as it’s not ‘ridiculous’. [PASSED]

Membership (Carol)

Send information to Carol for the members newsletter.

Social (Rebecca)

There is a Paint pARTy planned for February 19th. \$10/person

Resources (Doug)

The stage (ceiling and top of the walls) have been painted black and look great. The bill is sent to VCCT and AT&T will donate the cost. It was for the paint only since the work was also donated.

We need new fresnel bulbs for the front of the stage. Doug has found them for \$6/lamp.

Carol and Doug debated.

We need a new 6'-8' table for the booth.

[Discussion - Doug requisites himself] The room in the front of Hickory Grove. We can make an offer for the use of the room.

[VOTE] \$3000/year for the room with the current contract. [PASSED]
Amy, Kimberly, and Will will meet to make the offer.

[Discussion] Other needs/grants items? Video camera, projector, pop-up tent.
The grant will be for lights only, though we may still discuss the other needs.

Meeting adjourned 9:58pm.

The next meeting will be February 22nd, 7pm at Hickory Grove.