

VCCT Board Meeting 7/29/15

Meeting called to order at Sally's home at 7pm. Members present: Will Mingus, Erin Johnson, Debby Katzman, Amy Frank, Jeani Camplain, Doug Kroupa, Dianne Jenner, Sally Sawicki, Carol Weidmann, and Susan Young, Kimberly Ekes & Ken Manning.

Guest Speaker

Pete presenting "International Theater Arts"

He presented background and ideas for an educational, universal, multi-cultural and multi-generational production as a fund-raiser for the shelter in Rochelle. It is suggested as a project to be produced before winter 2015.

He has a script from previous shows which he will get to the group so we have a better idea to judge from.

Committee Reports

Secretary - Amy

June minutes approved

Treasurer – Jeani

June Deposits \$1801.55

June Checks (\$574.60)

June Interest \$.51

Balance of \$6945.34

CDs remain unchanged at \$6339.72 and \$6205.88

Checks are almost out; do we stay with FNB or go to Stillman (which will be easier for Jeani).

Outstanding bill for Printing Etc. for \$381.50 total.

Resource – Doug

A bill for 2 wireless mics. from the OCCCA - Ogle County Civic Center Authority.

We need extra cleaning for storage of extra materials from the Summer show.

The painter for the walls are booked through August.

The new piping cost is down to the \$300 range.

Newsletter/Web – Will

Send any information for the next newsletter to Will.

Will needs names, headshots, castlist, etc. to put on the website during the productions. A week before the show is too late for proper advertising.

Tickets –Will

There was almost \$150 in ticket sales for the 1st weekend of Ordinary People. The new ticket system worked very well. The newspaper write-up was nice.

In the future, we should email information and photos in advance and the paper can be adding 'burbs' when possible.

Season -Erin

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.

~~Carrie has her black man! And is deciding to cut to one weekend or move to November. She also needs \$400 for advance payment = 10% gross box office

Spring 2016 – Legend of Robin Hood ...Sort Of

Summer 2016 – We have the rights for “The Show Which Must Not Be Named”.

Debby in collaborating for a write-your-own style show.

Publicity – Susan

Ogle Co. Comm. Guide has a great ½ page ad for VCCT.

Membership – Carol

\$80.12 for the membership booth construction was passed.

Discussion about the new membership booth to adjust it to make it easier to move in and out of the lobby.

Fund-raising/Liaison -Carrie

There was an issue with painting on the stage during a meeting in Paddock. Though Carol & Will had painted behind the curtain as was arranged earlier, spray painting had occurred later. Ashley was not receptive to apologies or explanations. There was an offer to write a letter of apology. Carrie has talked and smoothed things with Ashley. But, if sent, we will vote on the \$200 bill which has been said will be sent. Either paying or splitting because each side messed up. And we will work on better communication in the future.

She is also working on the table and chair issue, which has happened for multiple shows (going missing). Ashley now understands the importance of the arrangement because of the ticket system.

NEW BUSINESS

Dianne will have a Women's Club Show on February 11th, 2016. The subject will be Teddy Roosevelt.

[Added 8/26/15] Debbie is to perform from Sally's script for the women's group.

The “Show Which Must Not Be Named” will need a check for \$2500+ for the tentative rights. Dianne has the rehearsal book and the show is set to be in Paddock Hall July 29, 30, 31, August 5, 6, & 7, 2016. The move in date will be July 10.

Dates have been submitted, but one week earlier will be checked with Ashley.

Hickory Grove won “Curb Appeal Award” and will get an LED sign by Spring.

Mike M. will put an ad on the marquee at The Hub Theater.

Directors need to know what's expected of them. And producers can not take 'no, it's fine' as an answer. There was confusion during Ordinary People with several of the crews and what was needed for the show.

Strike for Ordinary People will be Sunday at 10am. A large crew is needed. Focus House will be there to help.

OKA board is new. Doug is the only VCCT member now. Robyn and friends are the majority.

Sally should be the non-profit group representative?

Women's group wants a 30-45min show on August 26th. Is it a possible readers' theater and will do for the donation of our time, and we can give out information. Doug & Sally will perform and Sally will call.

Doug invites all to his annual pig roast August 8th at 2pm.

The next meeting will be at Amy's office. August 26th at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm