

### **VCCT Board Meeting 3/29/17**

Meeting called to order at Mr. Vince's Clubhouse at 6:57pm. Members present: Amy Frank, Jeani Camplain, Kimberly Ekes, Ken Manning, Rebecca Manning, John Whitaker, Doug Kroupa, Dianne Jenner, Carol Weidmann, Sally Sawicki, Will Mingus, Todd Burghardt.

#### Treasurer's Report

Deposits March 2017-\$5333.04

Checks March 2017--\$4639.32

Interest March 2017--\$. .42

CDs unchanged at \$6371.52 and \$6237.01

A record month for spending. (Prepaid for "Ave Q", puppet rental deposit, AIP painters for the ceiling in Paddock, a new laptop, costume rentals, BUT we do have deposits coming in March)

#### RACF Grant

It's not until May.

#### Fundraiser

The LuLaRoe event will be next Saturday in the clubhouse. Amy will help set up and sell candy throughout.

#### United Way

We have the information but have been too busy.

#### Cypress House Market

It is June 24th. [tabled until next meeting]

#### "A Few Good Men" Update

The show went really well and has had outstanding feedback. The final recap will be next month. There were 475 total guests and \$4825, according to the computer. We lost the BDU and boots donation, but sold some of the costumes to cast members to recoup. Overall, the production was a winner, especially for a drama.

[DISCUSSION] Should the ticketing system be written down as someone who works for the show?

Director's packet? Is it the producer/director/ticket booth call?

Will is happy with how the production went and appreciates everyone's hard work. We need to make the topics/language very clear to the guests from San Gabriel.

There is a lot of new blood in the group and in the audience.

#### "Bleacher Bums"

Kimberly presented her budget (the costumes will be a bit easier than the last show), the cast and crew are set.

Rehearsals will start the last week of May, with a read-through on April 29th.

Kimberly has given Carol the membership forms filled out during auditions.

#### Season

[DISCUSSION] How big of a hassle would it be to change the season? Is it set in the by-laws? Would

we have to change any filing? The fiscal year is in the by-laws, but the season is up to the board. It was set in the beginning to match a school year. Changing it to a calendar year wouldn't change tax or insurances. What we call a season doesn't effect anything.

The split in the year/season is confusing. The season change could make selling season tickets as a Christmas gift. This Fall could be added to the current season as a bonus.

[VOTE] Jan 1st - Dec 31st is the VCCT Season of shows a events. The current season ticket holders will get the Fall show added to their ticket. [PASSED : 3 no, 8 yes, 1 neutral]

#### Future Season

Jeanette Mingus would like to come out of retirement. She wants to direct "Inlaws, Outlaws, and Other People You'd Like to Kill". Possibly a Christmas show? It's not an obviously holiday show, so no. It could be the Fall 2018 show.

And possibly "Into the Woods" for 2020. They had a storybook wedding and their 25th anniversary is 2020.

Though everyone realizes it is a very challenging show.

#### Nominating Committee

The next year of board officers need to nominated. Doug and Sally will discuss and ask in the newsletter if there would be anyone interested in serving on the board.

#### Police K9 Fundraiser

We should donate to the auction. We usually donate open-ended tickets for any show. Maybe the time put together a basket of Cubs stuff and tickets to "Bleacher Bums".

[VOTE] Kimberly can spend up to \$20 for items for a gift basket along with a couple of tickets for the K9 Fundraiser. [PASSED] Kimberly will put something together and get it to Debby Katzman.

#### Thanks

We received thank yous from From the Heart for the donation of tickets for their fundraiser. The high school also send a thank you for a \$50 donation.

#### Lincoln Hwy Festival

Will we do it again? Yes. It is August 18-20. Booths are \$25 for a 10x10 space. It would be in time to promote Ken's show.

#### The Clubhouse

Dianne is taking charge of the sign for outside. The main cost will depend on what material is used. \$150 for the UV glass we already use. The UV glass would last forever and be easy to print on. The cost is justified by being advertising for years to come, and we can afford it. It looks more professional.

#### Light Booth

Robin blocks the elevator for security reasons. Kimberly asked her about our being able to access our room, but she said 'Doug has a key'. There needs to be something else in place since Doug is not always here. Could there be a gate on the 2nd floor? Could the elevator be locked from the 3rd floor? Is locking the elevator a break in the fire code?

We need to go to OCCA about getting access. Amy will write a letter to OCCA explaining the issue.

#### Clubhouse

Carol had an idea for the club rental.

The hot/cold water is backwards.

Steve Frank has a donation of cabinets/kitchenette area stuff and would be willing to install.

[DISCUSSION] Why do we need this? Are we filling up the space too much? We need to leave most of the room open for rehearsals. The countertop would be set but not permanent, if we ever decided it wasn't working. We'd have a wash area for props, not the paint area. Costumes would be separated from the kitchen area. The counters won't take up the whole alcove.

[VOTE] Steve getting free shit is good, and we should use it for the clubhouse. [PASSED]

Is renting the clubhouse going to affect our insurance? Read-over w/notes for the next meeting. Thank you, Carol, for brainstorming.

Nothing in the clubhouse is Hickory Grove's.

Robin has no reason to be in the clubhouse except for the pulley system to use for the curtains.

We have plenty of tables, 11 padded chairs. Perhaps put something in the program and newsletter about needing more chairs. We don't need anything and everything donated. We should have a list of what is actually needed for donations.

[VOTE] Gary will make a saint for painting/flag/and all other help during "A Few Good Men".

[PASSED]

#### Resources

50/50 raffle permit is still good and needs to be used.

The overhead mics have some feedback and needs to be fixed.

Headsets did not work as needed. Looking for another set, and ones with a return policy so we may test them.

Wireless mics work better than ceiling. We have 8, but need 4 more for upcoming shows.

[DISCUSSION]

All lights were used for "A Few Good Men" - new LEDs (change color) have come out for the same price as the fernels. Doug, Carol, & Ken get together and decide what we have and what we need.

Every October there's a theater conference for all levels. Could be a social event/learning event. Could we sponsor a member or two to go?

Tablecloths are getting dingy. Are they being washed properly? Can we get new one...non-white. Black would be best. We need 14.

A light training class will be hosted by Carol and Doug and held in two parts. Carol will teach the artistic, and Doug will teach the programming.

EMTEC - new software which is great. {techno babble}

#### Website

The dates for "Bleacher Bums" will be corrected. Kimberly will post the cast list also.

#### Social

April 8th is the mystery dinner. We should start a donation basket for events.

May 6th is the next event.

The annual meeting is the social chair's responsibility.

#### Other Business

Amy will be gone from the May meeting. And refuses to video conference while at sea.

#### Publicity

Table tents were great. (\$100/100 count). Todd has a list of restaurants and tables. We could just box and drop off. For "A Few Good Men", we could have used 300.

Why don't we belong to the chamber? We'd get business lists, and we'd get out what we put in. Todd is volunteering to be the VCCT chamber person.

[VOTE] Todd will be the VCCT rep. to the Rochelle chamber. [PASSED]

Todd tried to contact all the electronic signs around town. Anyone who knows a contact, tell Todd.

20 videos were uploaded during "A Few Good Men" and had more than 1200 views. We need to use social media much more.

Get more large production photos for the clubhouse. They are a great decoration.

We should start a database for the producer of the shows - the people to call for each crew (people who have helped in the past).

[VOTE] We can spend up to \$120 for lumber for shelving in the clubhouse. [PASSED]

April information to Carol for the newsletter.

Spring 2019 : Rebecca and John would like to direct "The Last 5 Years"- musical.

Meeting adjourned 9:40pm.

The next meeting will be April 26 at 7pm in Mr. Vince's Clubhouse.