

VCCT Annual Public Board Meeting 8/24/16

Meeting called to order at Hicks Hall at 7:00pm. Members present: Jeani Camplain, Will Mingus, Carol Weidmann, Amy Frank, Doug Kroupa, Sally Sawicki, Kimberly Ekes, Dianne Jenner, Susan Young, Matthew Prince, Rebecca Manning, John Whitaker, Todd Burghardt, Brittani Nicole & Ken Manning.

Treasurer's Report

Aug \$6220.62

Aug Deposits \$2866.90

Aug Checks \$3988.72

Interest \$.72

CDs unchanged \$6355.58 and \$6221.40

Introduction of new members.

"Joseph..." Recap

Income from other sources, costumes, etc. covered. Hopefully, all receipts are in and net profit is \$5197.92. Doug's printing donation needs to be added to the show's expenses.

Creston Booster Days

It was a nice day, ran out of candy close to the end of the parade and didn't pass out all of the flyers. There were about 2000 people in attendance. Sally will send Will a photo of the decorated truck and volunteers.

There was some contact from the Heritage Festival; the winners of the drawing need their season tickets.

Lighted Christmas Parade

Steve will buy the candy canes and submit receipt to the group. The parade is Dec. 2nd.

[VOTE] Steve can buy up to \$75 worth of candy. [PASSED]

PR Discussion

How far out do we advertise, and can we promote more in other communities? A small town is hard and there is lots of competition with other local groups. We tried workshops which didn't work. Britt posted in the NIU music building. Todd is our awesome, new PR person. Could we try a Summer teen program (which John did in Canada)? We should try new ideas, and more than one time. Just because it doesn't work at first, doesn't mean it's a failure.

Culmination Event

Oct. 8th, 6pm at Alfano's Pizza Restaurant. Dinner will be at 630pm and is \$15.95/person or \$10.95/paid member. Who is invited? Each director will contact their cast and crew. Please RSVP by Oct. 5th. Kimberly will make a Facebook event which guests can be tagged and invited.

The meal will be all-you-can-eat pizza, garlic bread, salad, pasta, soda, and dessert with red sauce or alfredo sauce.

This is an evening of skits, games and celebrating the finished season while getting pumped for the new season.

[VOTE] Any member from the 2015/2016 season gets \$5 off the dinner. [PASSED]

Membership Discussion

There are issues with membership. Should we get rid of paid membership? What would encourage someone to be a paid member? Everyone who helps out with any show needs to fill out the official VCCT form. We should become more of a social club, with special events offered to members and paid members. People shouldn't have to pay to become a member of the group. Can there be levels of membership?

According to the by-laws, we have Associate Members (anyone who has helped out with a production during the season) & Voting Members (a paid member).

Kimberly will get the folder of member forms to Carol who organize them by season. We will keep information for 3 years/seasons. This way, we have an ongoing list of members.

We need to attract new members, get people excited about the group and stay around/come back for the next productions and seasons.

The membership chair still also keeps track of the donors.

Can season tickets be sold at "Exit Laughing"? {yes}

Robin would like to use Paddock on Oct. 28th. {Update: Robin's event has moved to the second floor.}

[VOTE] We should reimburse the only two parents who paid for "Joseph..." [PASSED]

"Exit Laughing"

Will needs a current donor list for the program.

Programs need to get it together and not run out again. This was a major issue during the "Joseph..." run. The communication needs to improve.

The San Gabriel bus: call Rhonda to drive since Sally will be gone during that time. The facility provides the insurance.

Tickets will go on sale Oct. 1st and will be \$12 at the door, \$11 online, and \$80 (\$10/person) for a table of 8.

The Winter Special Event

It is still set for December. It is a play, not a radio performance. There have been people confused by this idea.

Kimberly will work with Todd on ads and PR.

PR

A person needs to be touched someone 7 times before they buy.

Michelle Pease/Hay Day

The festival would like scarecrow characters for October 15th downtown. Kimberly & Ken will be in charge.

Butterbraids

We will sell from Oct. 5th - Oct. 26th. Carrie can organize it. They sell for \$13/each and we get \$5. Delivery will be the week before Thanksgiving. They can also be sold on the website.

There is a warehouse auction at the Marriott. Todd, Will, & Kimberly are all interested in going. Is there anything we should look for or need? (The first thing listed was "Joseph..." costumes. :D)

Resources

Doug bought impact tools for \$325, 4 rolls of tape and three microphones.

[VOTE] Doug may spend up to \$450 for two power pacs. [PASSED]

Oct. 8th, there is a wrestling event in Paddock Hall.

The 32 bit computer is being discontinued, and we need to start looking for a new 64 bit computer.

[VOTE] Doug can spend up to \$1500 for a new-to-us/best deal laptop. [PASSED]

Donate to Pete.

We would like two more light bars for above the stage while still on sale.

[VOTE] Doug may spend up to \$250 for 2 light bars. [PASSED]

Newsletter

Please send photos, information, and articles to Will. He is willing to do the newsletter but won't run searching for stories. Mid-Oct. is the next issue.

Social

Rebecca is taking over as the social events chair. She has a list of ideas and would like to start planning events at least once a month.

Season

Could we do "Ave Q" Spring of 2018? We should start trying to get the rights now.

Carrie would like to write a show for Summer of 2018.

Ken could do "Alice"?

Carrie is still willing to be the person to order the rights and scripts for shows.

The next meeting will be October 26th at Hickory Grove (the Baldwin Room).

9:22pm

2016/2017 Season

Fall

move-in Oct. 23rd

performance Nov. 4, 5, 6, 11 & 12

strike Nov. 13

Winter Special Event

move-in Nov. 13

performance Dec 9 & 10

strike Dec 11

Spring

move-in March 5th

performance March 17, 18, 19, 24 & 25

strike March 26

Summer

move-in July 9th

performance 21, 22, 23, 28 & 29

2017/2018 Season

Fall

move-in Oct 1st

performance October 13, 14, 15, 20, 21

