

Board of Governors Meeting Minutes March 12, 2007

Members Present:

Jack Calvert
Carol Clarke
James Hannigan
Dennis Hudson (C)
Patricia Huth
Sandra Rasnak (VC)
Ginny Richardson

Members Absent:

Craig Mahlstedt
William Rotz

Others Present:

Thad Hallstein (TD)
William Hammack (MD)
Marjorie Heffernan(Rec Sec)
Jack Phillips (AD)
Leslie Price (CTD)
Ed Wavak (Treas)
Nancy Whitlock (CT Adv)

Visitors:

Mike Huth
Sue Kuehnhold
Lou Schauer
Denny Wise

The meeting was convened by Chair, Dennis Hudson, at 7:30 pm.

The Agenda was accepted and, foregoing the oral reading of the Minutes of February 12, 2007, they too were accepted. **M** Jack Calvert, **S** Jim Hannigan, **P** unanimously

Reports

Leslie Price (CTD) said the tickets sales for the CT production *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* were slowly selling to audiences of 75/100.

The summer camp sessions 3 and 4 are filled with enrollees and sessions 1 and 2 will soon become completely full.

Next seasons presentations are: *Harriet the Spy*, *All in the Timing*, *Rumors* (HSR) and the Holiday show *James and the Giant Peach*. The season was accepted. **M** Sandra Rasnak, **S** Carol Clarke, **P** unanimously

Leslie suggested that Actives purchase tickets to the CT presentations.

Leslie also spoke to the unsanitary sight of discarded cigarettes remaining in the outdoor entrance doorways. It was suggested that the cleaning service should attend to that (but they are available only on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Ed Wavak (Treasurer) presented the January statement, indicating the Illinois grant money. Budget and Finance has agreed to supply four computers and software (as needed) for staff. The **motion** was made by Patricia Huth, **S** Jim Hannigan, **P**, to spend \$4000.00 for the items.

Jack Phillips (AD) reported on progress of ongoing rehearsals, will be in New Mexico for adjudicating March 15-18. He and Ed Barrow will be starting a new "Senior Scenes" at a retirement center twice each week for six weeks.

Jack presented the Play Selection & Casting Committee's selections for the 2007-2008 season: Main Stage *Barefoot in the Park*, *Summer and Smoke*, *How the Other Half Loves*, *Wit*, *Morning Star*. Forum plays are *Bleacher Bums* and *Antigone*.

In conjunction with Brookfield Zoo, TWS will be presenting programs devoted to stories about ecology, animal care and behavior for children ages 4 to 8 years.

The 2007-2008 season of proposed plays was approved. **M** Jack Calvert, **S** Jim Hannigan, **P** unanimously

Bill Hammack (MD) observed that the relatively new Wednesday evening Forum production needs nurturing for growth. Each time a new performance day is added, time for it to develop an audience is necessary.

Of particular concern is the ever-present work of producing programs for each play. The intense detailed process consumes many hours and requires meticulous care. Ed Barrow and Cathy Van Horne are adding valuable aid to the overall project.

Bill said that Janette Quinn, the head of PMP, is working in areas of group sales and hopes benefits will also develop.

Thad Hallstein (TD) reports the new seating in the Cattell will begin in May. (See report by Mike Huth)

Taste of the Arts (July 21, 2007): Sue Kuehnhold reports that the committee has met and organized budget, printing, postage, soliciting for auction prizes and is only waiting for the development of a logo.

ADA Project was reported by Carol Clarke and Bill Hammack.

Mike Huth and Bill Hammack met with the architect and the architectural changes will be made by Steve, who shall also shepard the changes through the village as to the propriety to venting. (TWS water pressure is OK.)

Specified changes will be re-bid, but very little additional cost is expected. August 23 is the earliest start date, with a five-week work schedule. The contractor has offered to work unusual hours to accommodate our needs: after 1 pm and in the evening.

There is a very short time space to clear out the hospitality closet or the kitchen before the contractor can work.

Cattell Seating Mike Huth will commence the new seating project on House Left and then House Right. House Center, the largest portion, will be the last.

Mike proposes that new arm portions be made (to replace the cupholders on the new seats). These wooden arms might also be engraved for patrons who would “purchase” the seats (but not own them).

April Agenda: Donation or sale of black padded TWS chairs?

General Fundraising/Dennis Hudson introduced the topic:

1. How many events per season?
2. Should they develop specified times on an annual basis?
3. Can such an event(s) be met with the volunteer basis or will fatigue ensue?
4. How can our calendar be developed to encompass CTWS productions, TWS productions, Studio classes, Directors' Workshops and Benefits?
5. Who will lead these events, plan, develop and carryout the functions?
6. Pre-plan for 2008-2009, TWS's 80th year.

All this will be seen again on the **April Agenda**.

Dennis Hudson opened the subject of retaining and filing any correspondence that is sent to TWS. He suggested a system so that anyone could reference the file. This will be on the **April Agenda**.

The Chairman asked the Managing Director to publish, in the MS4 program, the State Proclamation in honor of Dave Gooder and the memorials written in honor of Dave Gooder, Milt Shotola and Vivian Weyrauch.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm. **M** Jim Hannigan, **S** Sandra Rasnak, **P** unanimously

An Executive Meeting followed the adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Mason Heffernan,
Recording Secretary

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