

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS

BOARD MEETING

November 22, 2016

Members Present: Keith Frank, Pat Casey, Judy Quarters, Chris Mundy, Susan Duncan, Sharon Langley, Michal Jacot,
Members Absent: Donna Thomas, Penny Zacharias

Guests: Tara Western, Roger McElveen, Pam Frank, Suzan Dunham, Beth Borowski, Dennis Szatkowski, Tina Dalton

I. Call to Order – 6:31 pm by President Keith Frank.

II. Reports:

- a. Secretary: Correct minutes by adding Stacy Perrot to guest list. Motion to approve by Sharon, second from Pat. Passed.
- b. Treasurer: Pat expressed concerns about TBP balances looking high, perhaps encouraging less frugal behavior on spending. There are building improvements that will cost much, much more than what is saved. Keith suggested she look at a program to generate budget reports. Pat will research an up grade of present 2009 version of Quick Books. Motion to accept financial report by Michal and seconded by Chris. Motion passed.
- c. Correspondence: Thank you card from Tawas Presbyterian Church for TBP donation for guest musician concert they held, and one from the family of Deb DeBois. (See New Business, for more info) Judy has sent thirty-eight thank you notes to those who have donated to Deb's memorial scholarship fund. (\$1,835.00 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars at this time)
- d. Membership: Pat reported she and June are reconciling numbers, 144 – 147.
- e. "I'll Be Back Before Midnight" report – strike this topic - error including it.
- f. "Spitfire Grill" report: Sue is producer, with Michelle Crossley as assistant. Sharon is assistant director and says casting and orchestra are in place. The Board supports mentoring/shadowing for all production positions for all shows!

III. New Business

- a. AAC/PRC Play Recommendations – Tara, Tina, Roger, and Chris all spoke about plays, revisiting some previously recommended and adding to the possibilities. No action at this time. Tabled.

- b. “Legends”: Letter to the Editor – President Keith shared his position and concerns about feedback on the Dozen Legends II shows which contained a brief (twenty second or so) skit that had political overtones and concerns from some audience and community members. He has prepared a letter of apology. A portion of TBP By-Laws was broken by allowing political material, however minimal, in the theatre. Motion to accept Keith sending a letter from the entire Board by Sharon, second by Michal. Passed. Dennis Szatkowski as director/performer in A Dozen Legends II shared his feelings and concerns about the Dozen Legends II show and skit. Dennis had other items to bring to the board: building security and alcohol use when minors are present. He left the document. Pam Frank, TBP member, also expressed her frustration over the feedback and situation created by the skit for her personally. This has been a very upsetting incident for all involved.
- c. Deb DeBois Memorial: Deb’s family sent a thank you giving praise and appreciation for TBP’s involvement in organizing and hosting the memorial to recognize Deb’s contributions to the community and her positive effect on many individual people. Great job Judy and thanks to all who helped in some way.
- d. Theater Rental: Susan Rook is requesting a June date for her Jazz Combo to preform. More info needed. Tabled.

IV. Old Business

- a. Directors & Officers Insurance: Acquiring this will give legal defense and coverage for Board Members. The policy is available through Tawas Bay Insurance Agency at a cost of \$450.00 (four hundred fifty dollars) per year. Motion to purchase by Sharon, second by Pat. Brief discussion. Unanimously Passed.
- b. “Talk Backs” – After the first Sunday matinee conversation between cast, crew and any members of the audience interested will begin. The director of each show must okay the session. Voluntary and casual will be the tone for the participants. Revisit next season to evaluate..
- c. 2017 Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: Michal & Sue; cast set, some decorations purchased, meeting with many people involved on December 7 at 7pm at TBP theater.
- d. Audience Survey Form: Sue – Still trying to improve format. Tabled.

e. Items from Annual Meeting

- i. *Refreshment Room Plaque* for June: Update – tabled.
- ii. *Founders Recognition Plaque*: Marjorie Meiswick, June Hudgins, Vincent Weiler, Anne Dunham Williams, Gordon & Mary Dunham – tabled.
- iii. *Memorial Bench* for Vince – short discussion. Tabled until August Annual Meeting 2017
- iv. *Modular Curtain System*: Jeff Chadwick - Tabled

V. Comments from the Audience (Not already on the agenda: limited to 5 minutes) none

VI. Last Minute Agenda Items

- a. Door replacement due to security issues on the kitchen and the Lincoln Street entrance were discussed. Pat will get estimates on replacement of both.
- b. Theater Friends gathering invitation as a fundraiser for We Players was judged to not be specifically TBP related. So disbursement thru email will not be completed as requested.
- c. Perchville Amazing Race coordinators would like to use the theater refreshment room as one stop in the race on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Sue volunteered to oversee use of the building. Motion to approve by Pat, second by Chris. Passed.

VII. Adjournment – motion by Pat, second by Michal at 8:28pm.
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Duncan

NEXT REGULAR MEETING December 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM