

# TAWAS BAY PLAYERS

## BOARD MEETING

November 24, 2015

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

Absent: Michal Jacot

Guests: Beth Borowski, Rodger McElveen, Janie Mundy, Tara Western and Brenda Chadwick

I. Call to Order – 6:35pm by President Keith Frank.

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

### **III. Reports:**

a. Secretary: Sue Duncan presented minutes of October meeting. A correction on the spelling on Extreme Tix is needed. Motion to accept by Pat, second by Sharon. A corrected copy needs to go to Keith, and to Pat for the website.

b. Treasurer: Pat Casey presented a report covering income and expense from Oct 27 to November 24, 2015 as well as income and expenses as of this date for the Dozen Legends shows and the Nunsensations shows. Both made a nice profit for the theatre. Motion to accept reports by Sharon, second by Donna. Unanimously passed.

c. Correspondence: Judy Quarters read two thank you notes, but had no other mail as it was still in the post office box. Becoming the new corresponding secretary involves a lot of little details. The Board recognizes the difficult transition and appreciates her accepting the challenges!

d. Membership: June Hudgins didn't attend, but the Board's best guess is about 137 members.

e. A Dozen Legends Report by Judy. Many positive comments were made and interest in a repeat performance another time was briefly discussed. Everything ran smoothly with very full audiences.

f. Twelve Angry Jurors – The winter drama is cast and assistant director Sharon said the cast contains four people new to TBP stage. Very good turnout for auditions.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Acting Workshop Report: Sue reported there were twenty-five registered from four different theatres and some folks with no allegiance, with only one cancellation. The speaker, Leeds Bird, was well received; there were many positive comments on evaluations. Another workshop involving actual live 'acting' with on-site directing was of further interest. A profit in money as well as acting experience was the end result.
- b. Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: In Michal's absence Sue reported. Tickets are being sold at the Chamber and Brew Krew. There is some confusion over reservation of tables. It was intended that if eight people got together and reserved a table ahead of time they'd be promised a seat together. Advertising will need to begin in earnest in December and early January.
- c. Spring CTAM Conference Plans – Donna gave a general overview and up date. Final plans are still being considered. Most activities will be held outside of the TBP building so as not to inconvenience the show in progress. The over reaching theme is "Our Community Theatre in Our Community". Part of the goal of the conference is to showcase the beauty, diversity and positive relationships attained in our area. A meeting with all interested TBP members was held and a number of 'doers' have extended offers to help. Stay tuned!
- d. Dress rehearsal Policy- Michal had submitted a draft of a new policy for TBP to use. A number of positive comments were made and it will be the basis for a revised draft that will be discussed in the December meeting. Decision tabled.
- e. Purchase of Chairs for Tech Booth – Pat had some examples with prices from Print'N' Go that she was interested in, but wants to pursue a chair with a moveable back. She'll ask Michal for an expanded selection and check prices in Saginaw as well. Tabled for more research.

#### V. New Business

- a. Play Presentation: AAC/PSC members. Tara, Chris, Donna and Sharon all gave brief but thorough overviews and opinions on plays that had been read and liked by multiple committee members. There are many plays to consider including one shared by Brenda. Board members were encouraged to read the plays or look on-line at further info on them. No decisions were made. There will be another meeting to further examine and discuss plays for the next season.

- b. Play Reading Committee- No action taken. Discussion centered around, the more people reading plays the better.
- c. 2016-2017 Season – January 5, 6:30pm at the playhouse will be the next opportunity to present and perhaps select plays for the 2016-2017 season.
- d. Donations for ill members – June Hudgins requested we consider assistance for Craig Sayer and family. Craig has been very ill for some time. More info requested. Some concerns arose due to the aging population of our members and a lack of a set policy. Action tabled for now.
- e. Permission to sell “Nunsensations Las Vegas” props and costume pieces, if possible, by producer and director Janie and Chris Mundy. The Board agrees that this would be a good idea and offered a few suggestions for them to try: search for who is doing the same show and contact them, advertise on CTAM website or newsletter, if possible. Motion to do whatever needs to be done to sell items, by Judy second by Pat. Unanimously passed.
- f. Entry code for door for costumers requested by Janie so she can do her job! A separate code has been delegated to her. Thank you for your dedication, Janie!

## VI. Last Minute Agenda Items

- a. Bed and Breakfast package procurement discussed briefly. A trade for season’s tickets in exchange for lodging might be arranged with CTAM Spring Conference chairs using the B&B package as a grand prize for the conference. Tabled for more consideration and fact-finding.
- b. The Light Cables still need safety cables attached. The secretary misunderstood where we stood on this and Chris straightened her out at the meeting. Janie would like to have Nick, one of our new tech members, do the climbing while Chris supervises. Sharon reminded us all that two should always be present whenever work of a dangerous nature is going on.
- c. Young thespians and audience – Donna proposed we look at some ways to draw younger folks to all aspects of our theatre. One PR and cost free way might be to involve the local high schools. We could have them send students who might benefit for a number of reasons. For example: 12 Angry Jurors, American Gov. class, or for music students, Marvelous Wonderettes or just to expose them to live theatre for speech, drama and/or English classes. It was proposed that dress rehearsal be open for this venture. The consensus was that we should ask around and see if there is an interest. Penny will check with Oscoda, Sue will contact other TBP to see who else can help us find info. We might even give a short tour and get some tech and backstage help out of it. Stay tuned.

VII. Adjournment motion by Pat and second by Penny at 8:45 pm.  
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Duncan

NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
December 22, 2015 6:30PM