

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
General Membership Meeting
August 10, 2018

Board Members Present: Keith Frank, Pat Casey, Susan Duncan, Dennis Szatkowski, Penny Zacharias

General Members and Guests: exactly 39

I. Call to Order and Welcome – 6:59 pm by President Keith Frank.

II. Reports

- a. Secretary: Minutes from August 12, 2016 read aloud. Motion to accept by Sheilah Monroe, second by Diane Brewer. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Treasurer: Pat Casey presented the finances from August 2017 through July 2018, including a breakdown of performance info going back to 2002. Motion to accept by Diane Brewer, second by Ray Skiver. Motion unanimously carried.
- c. Correspondence: Judy Quarters was unable to attend.
- d. Membership: June Hudgins reports 39 renewals of membership tonight. June will be sending out renewal reminders.
- e. Singer's Report : Pat Casey hopes all the Singers will stay well so the Christmas performance will be performed this year. Performances so far include, singing at arts and crafts shows, in the Independence Day Parade and on August 27th, in the Tawas City Park. There was no bowling conference this year, reducing money raised. Another alto and a soprano would be welcome to try out and perhaps join in!

III. Old Business

- a) 2017 - 2018 Presidents Report: Items of interest from the past year.
 - i. New doors were installed: Kitchen, entrance lobby, Newman Street, Lincoln Street and the wardrobe room.
 - ii. "Hudgins Hall" Plaque presented to June at the fall show, "Snow White". It looks great and was a wonderful surprise for the Queen Mum.
 - iii. Perchville Murder Mystery: "Murder at Perchville, by Michal Jacot was performed gratis at the Knights of Columbus Hall twice. The afternoon show was poorly attended; nixing matinees in the future, the evening show full! Thanks to all the volunteers, actors and wait staff.
 - iv. Box Office Renovations: The front wall of the ticket booth was opened up into wider spaces for easier viewing and accessibility. Thanks go out to Al Bixby for his fine work.
 - v. Box Office hours as of the fall show this October will change to one hour before shows and dress rehearsal.

- vi. New Lobby Board purchased: Thanks to Stacy Perrot for research and initiative.
 - vii. CTAM Character Building workshop held June 10 with 8 attendees. It was a very helpful opportunity for those attending.
 - viii. A New Curtain System was purchased and installed in memory of Deb DeBois. Curtains were purchased instead of having a scholarship with the family's strong support and approval.
**EVERYONE NEEDS TO READ and FOLLOW THE POSTED SIGNS on Curtain Care!!
 - ix. New "Member Memorial Plaque" nearly ready for display. Thanks to Richard's wood working talent, and Pat Casey and MaryAnn Michalski's organizational skills.
 - x. "Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church" playwright Linda LaRoque attended every show! A number of activities were planned and held to honor, show case and welcome her. Thanks to Tara Western for arranging them. Linda had a great time!!
 - xi. Property behind the theater (where the old barn is) was made available for TBP purchase: Another storage facility in very bad shape was not of interest to the board, however, the City of East Tawas has purchased the property and is keeping it available in case more parking space is needed for TBP someday.
 - xii. Michael Jons once again did fundraising for TBP by premiering his new psychic show at TBP. Two performances were held; July 27 and 28 with precedes just over \$1,200.00 (one thousand two hundred dollars) coming to TBP.
- b. Fall CTAM Conference – Sue shared new location and format information for the fall conference, encouraging all to consider attending to benefit our theater. Scholarships of a substantial amount are available from both TBP and CTAM members.
 - c. Newsletter: Pam Frank continues to produce periodic newsletter scheduled around show productions. Family news, and articles of theater experiences are welcome.**p.frank@charter.net** Print copies are available in the theater kitchen.
 - d. Election of Board Members: Four positions are open. The slate included incumbents: Penny Zacharias, and Judy Quarters. Also on the slate are Rodger McElveen, Stacy Perrot, Laurie Jacot, Beth Borowski and Pam Koepke.

IV. New Business

- a. 2018 – 2019 Program Schedule
 - i. Michael Jons July 27 -28.
 - ii. "Bye, Bye Birdie "October 19-21, 25-25. Directors Barb Hunter and Craig Sayer
 - iii. "Christmas Stories and Songs" December 18
 - iv. "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" Directed by Rodger McElveen

- v. Murder Mystery as a community service – February 2nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall
 - vi. “The Female Odd Couple” April 5-7, 11-14 Directed by Rodger McElveen
 - vii. “TBP 40 Years of Songs” celebrating the anniversary of the organization! Director/Organizer to be determined. July 12-14, 18-21
 - viii. “The Church Basement Ladies” a musical, directed by Dennis Szatkowski.
- b. 2019 Annual Meeting – Motion by Kay Robson that we meet for dinner at the Knights Hall at 5:30pm for socializing, and a 6pm dinner. Second by Pam Koepke. Unanimously passed.
 - c. Announcement of Board Seats – Congratulations to Penny Zacharias, Judy Quarters, Pam Koepke and Stacy Perrot.
 - d. Presentation of “Founders Award”- in the absence of Mike Merluzzi, last year’s recipient, Barb Hunter presented the award to Pam Koepke with thanks for all her years of dedication.

V. Business from the Floor

- a. WE Players - Keith announced that “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” opens tonight with a second show Saturday at 7 pm at the old Tawas City Middle School gym on 2nd Avenue, Tawas City.
- b. Thanks to Sue for the decorations, and to all the board members and volunteers that helped with tonight’s event.
- c. Please take posters to advertise auditions and show dates for “Bye, Bye Birdie” before departing
- d. Somebody asked that we please attend to the bushes on Lincoln Street that are blocking passage on the sidewalk.

VII. Adjournment –Proposed by K eith, second by Sue. Unanimously passed
8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Duncan
Recording Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 18, 2018 6:30 PM

Regular meetings are usually held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm at the Playhouse. Date changes are sent via email, or you call an officer for info.