

Tawas Bay Players General Membership Meeting
August 9, 2019
Knights of Columbus Hall

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome & Volunteer Recognition** by President by Keith Frank at 6:47pm. All board members except Stacy Perrot in attendance.

- II. **Reports**
 - a) **Secretary: Sue Duncan**- minutes from 2018 annual meeting read aloud. Motion to accept by Michal Jacot, second-Barb Hunter. Unanimously passed.
 - b) **Treasurer: Pat Casey** – Copies of the report distributed and an opportunity to discuss them given. Pat pointed out that Mr. Jon's benefit show will be changed to one night next summer and that the August 2 and 3 Murder Mystery information will be on the next month's report. Motion to accept by Sheilah Monroe, second by June Hudgins. Passed Unanimously.
 - c) **Correspondence: Judy Quarters** – The monthly magazine "Spotlight" is available for members to read, check the kitchen table. Nothing out of the ordinary in mail this year; some thank you notes, some inquiries for support from a few service organizations and performance advertisements.
 - d) **Membership: Pat Casey/June Hudgins** – forty-six members have renewed their membership tonight. June will send reminders to those who were unable to attend. In 2018-19 our highest membership total was 122.
 - e) **Singers Report: Pat Casey**- The Singers performed in many of their typical venues; Tawas Village, the Songs and Stories Christmas Show, the Independence Day Parade and many were involved in the summer production, 40 Years in Songs.

- III. **New Business**
 - a) **2018-19 President's Report (items of interest from the past year)**
 - i. **Lighting Projects**
 1. **Basement, Kitchen & Box Office: Thanks to Rob Calef**
 2. **Computerized Stage Lighting & New Equipment – Pat Casey**- Big changes have occurred due to Eric Joseph's and Chuck Groff's help this past season. The stage lights are now being run on a computer, donated by Chuck's son. The computer uses free software that is up dated for free and can do a lot more than the light board we were using and still have. The HUGE OLD spotlight has been replaced with a LED spotlight that can change colors, too. Thanks to Eric and Chuck for all the hours of help in the change over and use of the new tech equipment.

- ii. **New Ticket Program – Pam Koepke** – The new E-tix does a lot... she and the other ticket experts are still learning through computer tutorials. The TV above the booth has been very helpful for patrons choosing seats.
- iii. **CCTV – Pat Casey** – George Robson’s memorial purchase is expected to keep making life back stage much better. Performers and stage managers will love it as both sound and picture will keep cast on their toes and informed. Thank you to Kay R. for her patience in this tribute to George.
- iv. **New Handicap Toilets in Restrooms: Thanks to Eric Perrot** for installation of two higher raised toilets, one in the men’s and one in the handicapped stall in the women’s’ restrooms. This was a very low cost improvement due to Eric’s help and Pat’s smart shopping.
- v. **Tech Booth Renovations considered: \$15,000 - \$20,000 for just a lift** – A quote by Russo Engineering Inc. makes it plain this project must be rethought and tabled for now.
- vi. **Clavinova: \$1,500 from Susan Rook-** This purchase for the pit will make many musicians happy. The best news is Susan is staying in the area!
- vii. **Donated Sailboat Ride**
 - 1. **Donated by Ken & Vicki Barnes-** Generous TBP patrons. They have hinted that the offer may be repeated.
 - 2. **Tyler Braddock was the winner** – He and wife, Rose, have until October of 2020 to take their two-hour tour of Tawas Bay with Captain Ken. Surely a PR photo opportunity we’ll not want to miss.
- viii. **Theater Lease**
 - 1. **Renewed through July 2024** with the City of East Tawas. Thanks to President Keith for planning so far ahead for TBP. The lease rate continues to be \$100.00 per month.
- b) **Newsletter: Michal Jacot new (old) editor replacing Pam Frank** – Many thanks to Pam for her years of service, and welcome back to Michal for his second or third go-around as newsletter editor.
- c) **Election of Board Members (4 positions open: 3 three year terms and 1 two year term)** –No nominations were made from the floor. Ray and Jolene spoke briefly before the vote.
 - i. **Incumbents: Keith Frank and Pat Casey**
 - ii. **Also running: Laurie Jacot, Ray Skiver, Beth Borowski and Jolene Grusecki**
- d) **2019-2020 Season:**
 - i. **July 26 & 27, 2019: Michael Jons** – Great shows, but small houses. It was agreed that there will be only one performance in 2020. Many thanks to Michael Jons, and all members who helped and/or attended the show.

- ii. **August 2-3, 2019: The Speak Easy Murder (Michal Jacot)** An experiment in timing for good casting opportunities and audiences was the goal. Michal briefly explained the process he uses to cast and direct these shows and encouraged interested members to contact him or Sue Duncan. The next one will be for Perchville.
October 18-20; 24-27, 2019: The Church Basement Ladies (Dennis Szatkowski and Chris Mundy) – A musical.
- iii. **December 17, 2019: Christmas Songs & Stories**
- iv. **January 24-26; 30 & 31, Feb 1 & 2, 2020: Wait Until Dark (Ray Skiver)**
- v. **February 2020: Murder Mystery for Perchville**
- vi. **April 24-26, 30, May 1-3, 2020: Messiah on the Frigidaire (Beth Borowski)**
- vii. **July 10-12; 16-19, 2020: I Love Lacy (Michal Jacot)**
- viii. **October 16-18; 22-25, 2020: Hallelujah Girls: Dennis Szatkowski**
- e) **WE Players: The Princess and the Pea, being presented: August 9-11, Old Tawas City Elementary Gym, 7pm**
- f) **2020 Annual Meeting** – Motion by Chris Mundy, second by Judy Quarters to return to the Knight's of Columbus on August 7, 2020. Unanimously approved with many cheers for a great Italian Buffet to Dave and Crew.
- g) **Announcement of Board Seats** – Re-elected incumbents Keith and Pat and other board members will welcome Jolene (3 years) and Laurie (2 years to finish Dennis Szatkowski's term) at the next regular meeting, September 24, 2019.
- h) **Presentation of "Founders Award"** – Pam Koepke, last year's recipient, baffled Kay Robson for a few minutes. Kay is a long time 'under the radar' member who definitely deserves recognition for all she does...so why was she so surprised?!!
- V. **Business from the Floor**
 - a. Penny Zacharias is looking for a chairperson to start the Reader's Theater arm of TBP that has been in the 'wings' for a year or so. She'll assist if someone else will chair!
 - b. Bob Zacharias asked the board to look into getting lockable castors on the seats in Row A that are moved for wheelchair patrons. Judy will research this for the board's consideration.
- VI. **Adjournment** – Motion at 7:48 by Pat Casey, seconded by Michal Jacot. Unanimous!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Duncan

Next Regular Meeting – September 24. 2019 6:30pm
Regular meetings are usually held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm at the Playhouse. Date changes are announced via email, or you can call a board member for meeting information.