

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Board members present: Keith Frank, Judy Quarters, Pat Casey, Stacy Perrot, Jolene Grusecki, Chris Mundy, Pam Koepke, Laurie Jacot, Penny Zacharias

Guests present: Suzan Nemeth, Anne Williams, Sue Duncan, Ray Skiver, Michal Jacot, Tara Western

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Keith Frank

Agenda was approved by Chris Mundy supported by Pam Koepke.

Comments from the audience:

Ray Skiver recommended badges to be worn by members of the playhouse in order to encourage outsiders to inquire about our organization, mainly when the playhouse hosts community events.

REPORTS:

The September 27 minutes were approved by Pay Casey, supported by Chris Mundy.

Treasurer: Ludus made ticket sales easy. Patrons also donated \$400 while purchasing their tickets. Some tickets that couldn't be reused were compensated for a future season show; other unused tickets were donated to those who could use them. Thirty tickets were refunded.

Discussion was brought up regarding our Edward Jones accounts and the drop in value. Sheila Malewska would be willing to take over but didn't want to offend Joe. Joe suggested switching to a 4% CD. Pat will discuss things with Joe. Judy Quarters motioned to move the half the funds for at least six months; Laurie Jacot supported the motion.

Secretary: Nothing to report for correspondence.

Disaster! Report: Suzan Nemeth had a list of 30 new people who joined the *Disaster!* production. The new volunteers were added to Ludus. Jolene had surveyed the cast/crew for feedback on the production. The biggest concern was health and safety procedures for the cast. What could be done to save the performers' voices. Sound system? Mics? After *Disaster!* production team meets, results will be shared at the next board meeting. Ed Krebs presented the board with a very thorough post-production report that covered lighting, special effects, construction, and what he feels TBP should do to keep improving.

Jolene quickly added that the *Shining Stars* production had 22 kids under age 5. They brought in \$600.

Pat Casey stated the last membership number was at 104.

NEW BUSINESS

Reader's Theater: CTAM will be announcing the winners of the playwriting contest. Tara will be leaving for Florida November 29 so if anyone would like to move forward with Reader's Theater, feel free.

City Meeting: Keith, Judy, and Pat met with City Manager Barringer, Elliot, and Braun. They were given a tour of our building. Barringer had never been in our building. They requested a list of capital improvement projects. They may be willing to help. The parking lot could be a future concern. A garbage can is needed by the outdoor bulletin board. There are concerns about membership numbers – not a lot of younger members. They are happy that we are hosting more community events and have no intention of taking the building. Keith

is concerned with the request for the capital report, will they eventually want more control of our building decisions. The city would like to meet with us once a year. Tara asked if there was a way to possibly make our office a little more “user friendly”.

Murder Mystery: Michal Jacot was approached by Ali’s Up North in AuGres to put together a murder mystery on January 7 at 7:00 p.m. It was suggested to talk to some of our newest actors to keep them involved. The thought of a travel group was brought up. Keith was approached by Dave Lesinski about Perchville, if we wanted to host a TBP murder mystery at Rushman Hall again. Perchville is scheduled for Feb. 2-4th.

Best Christmas Pageant Ever will be performed in our building December 1 & 2 @ 7, 3 @ 2.

Jolene had asked if the gray backdrop should be charged to *Disaster!* since it’ll stay as a permanent piece in the playhouse. After discussion, it will stay as originally itemized. It is easy to remove if necessary. Ed will have to figure out a way to roll it up if it’s not wanted for a performance.

Sue Duncan requested permission to purchase pant hangers and totes for more organization. Judy motioned to allow Sue to spend up to \$150; Pam Koepke supported the motion.

Judy followed up with the insurance coverage the playhouse has. We have a policy with Cincinnati through TBA for \$3887. With a rider we have the control of replacement of seats and lights. With Auto Owners Insurance, our cost would drop to \$1939.

Giving Tuesday – TBP was selected as one of the recipients of Giving Tuesday.

A proposed lighting workshop was brought up by Ed Krebs. He said more people are needed to learn in order to cover one another in case someone can’t run the lights during a show. January is the proposed timeline. He’d like to have three classes teaching the basics, the program, and whatever else they’d like to learn. Suzan Nemeth suggested advertising in CTAM in order to get more interest. Penny suggested that high school students could also be invited.

Jolene asked if membership forms were fillable online? That may make memberships for younger families increase.

OLD BUSINESS

Dovetail would like to assist us with moving the playhouse forward. They would charge \$1500 to have a meeting with us to discuss our options. A committee will be put together to decide what the playhouse needs are before we bring them in. The committee will consist of Keith Frank, Ed Krebs, Chris Mundy, Ray Skiver, and Eric Perrot. Should we be writing grants to help defray some upcoming costs first?

The ad in the movie theater wasn’t viewed by anyone at the meeting. A bill hasn’t been provided by JD Hock yet. Stacy Perrot will contact him.

Keith Frank is still working on a bracket to mount the performance flag to the telephone pole on performance nights.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 22 at 6:30.