

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
NOVEMBER 28, 2023
BOARD MEETING

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

Guests: Suzan Nemeth, Janie Mundy

Meeting called to order at 6:32

Agenda was approved by Chris Mundy

Comments from audience: none

REPORTS

Secretary: Minutes were amended to show that Janie Mundy brought up a suggestion at the October board meeting. Janie had asked the board to consider combining a reader's theater performance with the Singers Christmas performance. Other ways to involve Readers' Theater with other community events was also discussed. During this meeting, there was discussion that it was something we could consider for next year so more planning could be involved.

Motion to amend the minutes was made by Judy, seconded by Jolene; motion passed.

Stacy shared that TBP received a request to donate to Tawas Area Education Foundation Tree of Learning. It was decided to leave it as a personal choice to do so.

Treasurer: We have received a check from the Lippert estate (Sally Lippert). It helped cover some of our unexpected expenses. Readers' theater brought in some extra money as well as four new people. Motion to approve the treasurer's report, Chris seconded; motion approved.

The Subject was Roses: Chris is thinking the auditions will be in the middle of February. Still in need of a producer.

Membership: Update 77 members.

NEW BUSINESS

WE Players would like to change their upcoming play to *Almost Maine*. The original selected play *The Play that Went Wrong* will be performed in winter 2025 instead.

It was discussed that we should consider the play selection earlier than before. Concord has a 40% sale on scripts. Jolene asked if we could have a play selection committee put in place.

Orkin had been asked to do a preview of our property and share their remedy for our mice problem. They would charge \$2500 to seal all possible points of entry. WE Players offered to contribute half, \$1250. Orkin charges \$1250 annually to clean and reset traps and spray for insects. Jolene motioned to move forward with the Orkin services and to pay the annual fee; Stacy seconded. Motion passed.

Suzan inquired about a laptop for sound. Keith spoke to Ray Skiver and asked him to do some research and find one that would meet our sound needs.

Holy Family has requested that we allow them to use our building as a safe spot if ever a safety situation arises within their school. The students would walk from their school and stay in our theater until their parents would pick them up. The principal, Stacey Mochty, assures us that there will be about 10 chaperones with the students. We had some concerns regarding the cleanliness of our building if it was a bad weather day. Stacey will be invited to attend our January meeting to discuss logistics.

TBP was approached to put signage at one of the holes at Singing Bridge golf course at \$695. We weren't convinced the return on investment would be beneficial.

Keith has been having conversations with Ricoh to get a new copy machine as ours is very outdated. A new lease would cost \$510.57 / quarter which would include 7650 B&W copies and 300 color, no charge for maintenance. Keith is going to talk to the rep and then request a board vote by email.

Pam Frank has offered to shop around with the advisor, to replace the make up. Pam Frank has also updated the first aide kit in the kitchen.

The December meeting is canceled due to the Christmas holidays.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Casey was wondering if purchasing new microphones is worth it if we may be relying less on Murder Mysteries. However, if we host them at the Legion, they are still a possibility. For \$600 three handheld mics and one headset microphone can be purchased. The rest of the system can be purchased at a later date if needed. Head sets are back from repair. One radio was dead – too old, the other worked just fine.

Perchville Murder Mystery – still in progress.

Ed doesn't have anything new to report. He's going to attempt to revive the board but no promises. He'll look into applying for grants.

LAST MINUTE AGENDA ITEMS

Future thought – make sure there is another week between the fall show and Christmas performance.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45 by Pam Koepke, seconded by Pat Casey.