

Ankeny Community Theatre
Annual Membership Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2015

Approved at 2016 Annual Meeting on September 8, 2016

Following a cookout of hamburgers and hotdogs served to our membership, the annual meeting was called at to order at 7:20 by Board President Garren Bugh before a crowd of 58 members.

John Claes read the minutes from the 2014 annual meeting which were approved by the membership (Joel Anderson motioned, seconded by Susan Casber, approved unanimously).

Monte Engh then presented the treasurer's reports for the 2014-2015 season. He began by recapping the net dollars earned show by show and then spoke in general about the funds in CDs, etc. He ended his report thanking our members, stressing that ticket sales do not provide the revenue necessary to keep the theater running. Chris Anthony made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Jerry Reid and approved unanimously.

Lynn Arterburn then gave the Summer Camp/Education report. It was a good year for us: Three week-long sessions, total of 19 course options, 159 youth registered and 15 instructors used. Plus, it turned a nice profit. Next year, we will expand the offerings for high school aged kids through both of the Ankeny High Schools. Thanks to Lutheran Church of Hope and Prairie Ridge for being great hosts.

We also teamed up with the Kirkendall Public Library on free programs that introduced area youth to theater and, in particular, ACT.

President-Elect Cheryl Clark was then called upon to propose some changes to the ACT Bylaws which included the clarification of conditions for filling incomplete terms of departing board members. Member Jerry Reid said that our bylaws (quoting from the 1990 version) state that prior to a vote, such proposed changes need to be sent to the membership two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Cheryl acknowledged that the bylaws were revised in 2003 and that this version made no mention of that. Jerry said that he has been a long-time member and would review his records for the changes. The motion to accept the bylaw changes was made by Cheryl Kimberly, seconded by Susan Casber, approved by all of the membership with exception of Jerry Reid.

Recognition was then given to the four outstanding ACT volunteers: Sharon Dallmann, Mark Tuttle, and Vonnie Whitmore received Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards. Members voted Richard Wilson as the recipient of the Darel Hildreth Service Award.

Outgoing Board President Garren Bugh then gave a review of the past year. Among the year's highlights:

- The theater held an energy audit that led to a rebate from Mid-American and a safety audit that called attention to various things that needed to be updated, such as lighted exit signs.
- We updated our bathrooms and will soon add a 3' x 5' lighted sign on the outside of our building to help our patrons find the theater.
- We have added to our marketing efforts through use of Facebook.
- We recently replaced the wall between the hallway leading back to the bathrooms and the stage area, and have also added several new flats that will be utilized as staging pieces.
- Our "Summer Camp" program changed to become the "Education Program" inclusive of opportunities with the Kirkendall Library and other community partnerships.
- We purchased a new computer to assist in the tech booth.
- We received generous financial support from Wellmark, John Deere and Bravo, as well as in-kind support from Flooring America, Pioneer Communications, Goodwill Industries and Hy-Vee.

Garren gave thanks for the tremendous contributions of outgoing Board Members Lynn Arterburn, Michael Porche and Doug Moon.

We then did a drawing for two \$50 gift certificates to Ranallo's from the members that made their contribution by the August 28 deadline. The winners were Jeanne Balk and Karen Dyer. Congratulations and thank you for supporting ACT!

Cheryl Clark assumed her role as new ACT Board President by announcing the new board members that were approved by the membership in advance via mail ballots: Stacie Bendixen, Alexis Beyer, Scott Nielsen and Nicole Titus. Adam Haselhuhn will serve as President-Elect for the coming year. Returning board members are Joel Anderson, Garren Bugh, John Claes, Cheryl Clark, Monte Engh, and Beth Feilmeier.

Cheryl asked for a motion from the floor to approve the change from the two-year term that Alexis Beyer was initially brought in to fill to a full three-year term. Chris Anthony made the motion which was seconded by Mark Tuttle and approved unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:10, and then the membership was treated to a sampling of the shows on the 2015-2016 schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

John Claes