

Ankeny Community Theatre
Annual Membership Meeting
September 8, 2016

Cheryl Clark, 2015-2016 president, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Joel Anderson, secretary, read the minutes from the 2015 annual meeting. John Claes motioned and Susan Casber seconded to approve the minutes; motion passed.

Monte Engh, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. He summarized ACT's assets (savings account, CDs), profit and loss statements, membership income (it increased over the previous year), season tickets (increased over the previous year), and summer camp revenue. Overall the report shows a loss of \$3,200 but that's not a true reflection of our status due to the ways of revenue earned and fees paid through Midwestix are accounted for. A difference from the previous year is that royalties are now being paid in advance, so the past year's financial statement reflects double payment (for that year and the next year).

Joel Anderson presented the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. He described the financial review that ACT will have performed this year, which will strengthen ACT's position in applying for grants. Joel and Cheryl answered a question about the cost and need for a financial review.

2015-16 Season Accomplishments

Cheryl summarized accomplishments over the past season. ACT presented six productions. 21 new actors were on stage this year and we had over 20 new volunteers in other roles. ACT was included in the Cloris Leachman Awards for Theatre Excellence for the first time (that program is in its second year). Four volunteers attended the national American Association of Community Theatre conference to learn about marketing and development, tech, artistic visioning, and education. Summer camp and library programming were very successful, reaching over 350 children. The board held a planning retreat last fall, and made significant progress on developing a committee structure. Committees include non-board members. Various physical improvements were made at the theater, including by a group of volunteers from Wells Fargo that Doug Moon organized. ACT implemented an online ticket purchasing system, which has greatly improved efficiency for our all-volunteer organization; patrons can also buy tickets by phone through Midwestix. Midwestix also allows for online donations and season ticket sales, and enhanced reporting capabilities.

New Actor Recognition

Cheryl recognized people who acted in their first ACT shows this season: Nick Root, Gabe Halverson, Robert Uy, Tammy Sposeto, Zechariah Pitcher, Deanna Neal, Bryan Beyer, Robin Stoner, Scott McMaster, Syerra Niday, Sheri Boelman, Karla Heflin, and most of the youth cast of "A Tree with Arms."

Favorite Actor Awards

Adam Haselhuhn, president-elect, and Cheryl presented awards for favorite actors and actresses, a new program this year to recognize actors. Cheryl explained how nominations and selections were decided.

Favorite supporting actress nominees: Ruthellen Cunnally, Tammy Sposeto, Frances Paterik
Winner: Tammy Sposeto

Favorite supporting actor nominees: Al Price, Robert Uy, Michael Porche
Winner: Al Price

Favorite lead actress nominees: Susan Casber, Beth Feilmeier, Barb Wagner
Winner: Beth Feilmeier

Favorite lead actor nominees: Michael Porche, Troy Gould, Kent Whitmore
Winner: Troy Gould

Darel Award Presentation

Lexi Beyer, volunteer chair, presented the Darel Award, which recognizes outstanding volunteers. The nominees were Doug Moon, Mark Tuttle, and Al Witte. The winner was Doug Moon.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Cheryl recognized outgoing board members: Garren Bugh, Beth Feilmeier, Barb Wagner, Lexi Beyer, Lorraine Huls.

Introduction of New Board Members and President-Elect

Adam Haselhuhn, taking over as president for 2016-2017, thanked Cheryl Clark for her dedication and service as board president the past year. New board members who were approved by the membership are Michael Garrison, Troy Gould, Al Witte, Valerie Stratton, and Matthew Breaux. Stacie Bendixen was approved as president-elect (to become president in 2017-2018).

Membership Prize Drawing

Members who made their membership donation by August 20 were entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card to an Ankeny restaurant. Five winners were drawn.

Additional Recognition

Adam recognized Lynn Arterburn (education director, marketing committee member, and filler of numerous other roles for ACT) as a super-volunteer.

Garren Bugh motioned to adjourn, Joel Anderson seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Special Program

Following the meeting, members saw a special performance of an abbreviated version of "110 Stories," a play commemorating 9/11 through firsthand accounts of survivors and witnesses. (The full play was performed on Sept. 10 and 11, 2016).