

**Ankeny Community Theatre
Annual Membership Meeting
September 18, 2017**

Adam Haselhuhn, 2016-2017 president, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Annual Business

Stacie Bendixen, president-elect, read the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting. Michael Garrison motioned to approve the minutes, Nicole Titus seconded, motion passed.

Monte Engh, treasurer, presented the financial report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. ACT lost just over \$1,500 for the year. The financial review was a one-time expense. He explained that productions themselves do not generate profit (which is not ACT's mission) – thus, member support keeps ACT going. Monte summarized the financial outcome of summer drama camp, and progress in season punch cards and membership for the coming season. Chris Anthony motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Joel Anderson seconded, motion passed.

Adam reviewed proposed changes to the ACT bylaws. All proposed changes are non-substantive corrections, clarifications, and updates to align with current practice. Proposed changes were available on the ACT website for members to review in advance of the meeting, and copies were available for review at the meeting. Whitney Welp motioned to accept the revised bylaws, Lexi Beyer seconded, motion passed.

Lynn Arterburn, Youth Education Director, reported on the 2017 summer drama camps. One success was an increase in participation by older boys. Attendance numbers were comparable to last year. Third, fourth and fifth-graders had the highest participation. For the first time, we held a Harry Potter camp that the kids enjoyed.

Lynn also reported on the free children's drama workshops ACT holds at Kirkendall Public Library in Ankeny. Twenty-five workshops were held, serving more than 170 kids. New offerings were two popular "Eat and Act" camps for high schoolers. ACT also provided a drama component for the library's Harry Potter night. Lynn highlighted that ACT is serving the needs of Ankeny youth with our camps and free outreach workshops. Parents have commented that they appreciate having options for the kids other than sports.

Recognition

Adam recapped key accomplishments of the past year.

- Started offering adult education opportunities. They included a 3 part series on Dialects, 4 part series on Acting, 2 part series on Stage Makeup, and Tech training for the light and sound booth. We look forward to continuing to offer these classes continued into the future.
- This season we welcomed 25 new actors to our stage!
- Participated in AACT Festival '17. ACT won awards including: Serving as Alternate to Regionals, Best Editing, Outstanding Supporting Actor (Michael Porche) and Outstanding Supporting Actress (Stacie Bendixen).
- Developed community partnerships with Ankeny police and fire departments, Greater Iowa Alzheimer's Association. We participated in Chamber of Commerce's SummerFest Parade and Ankeny Evening with the Arts. Involved with Ankeny Arts Council and the Metro-area Bravo organization as well as participating on the steering committee for the Cloris Awards.
- All of our productions are reviewed by Cloris Award Judges and Iowa Community Theatre Association Awards of Excellence judges.
- We completed our first independent review of our financial records conducted by McGowen, Hurst, Clark, and Smith.
- Improved data systems and production procedures.

- Initiated application process for directors/assistant directors.
- Created performance evaluation process for directors (by cast) and assistant directors (by directors).

Cheryl Clark, past president, recognized actors new to ACT this season: Michael Hollister, Beverly Routh, Ali Kirwen, Joe Kirwen, Charrisa Hamel, Adrian Kowalski, Colton Buell, Delaney Halverson, Keona Ward Taylor, Carolyn McCleary, Elijah Mozena, Rachel Peterson, Nick Flynn, Larry Mahlstadt, Callahan Barton, Lily Bretthaur, Deb Ivis, Melanie Jones, Debbie Rasko, Elisa Richter, Whitney Welp, Anna Sunstrom, Michael Ream, Kaci Conetzkey, Ryan "Howie" Ingram.

Cheryl recognized everyone who participated in ACT's special presentation of "110 Stories" to mark the 15th anniversary of 9/11 last fall, with proceeds benefiting the Ankeny police and fire departments. She recognized the original cast from last fall's production and the group that competed at the state AACT Fest, placing as alternate to regionals and winning awards for Outstanding Editing, Outstanding Supporting Actress (Stacie Bendixen) and Outstanding Supporting Actor (Michael Porche).

Adam recognized Susan Casber for being nominated for the Cloris Award for outstanding supporting actress. The Cloris Awards are a regional awards program, like Tony Awards for the Des Moines theater community.

Favorite Actor Awards

Last year's winners of the Favorite Actors Awards presented this year's awards.

Al Price presented Favorite Supporting Actress. Nominees: Deb Ivis in "A Delightful Quarantine," Susan Casber in "A Delightful Quarantine," Nicole Titus in "The Fantasticks." Winner: Susan Casber.

Tammy Sposeto presented Favorite Supporting Actor. Nominees: Troy Gould in "Unnecessary Farce," John Claes in "A Delightful Quarantine," Ryan Ingram in "Unnecessary Farce." Winner: Ryan Ingram.

Beth Feilmeier presented Favorite Lead Actor. Nominees: Nick Root in "The Fantasticks," Doug Moon in "The Middle of Yesterday," Michael Garrison in "Very Merry Xmas...Show." Winner: Doug Moon.

Troy Gould presented Favorite Lead Actress. Nominees: Ali Kirwen in "Unnecessary Farce," Susan Casber in "Done to Death," Kaci Conetzky in "Unnecessary Farce." Winner: Ali Kirwen.

Darel Hildreth Award

The Darel Award for outstanding volunteer was presented by last year's winner, Doug Moon. The winner was voted on by the membership. Doug summarized each nominee's key contributions this year. Nominees: John Claes, Kathy Polson, Matt Tuttle. Winner: John Claes.

Special Tribute

Adam introduced a special recognition of special ACT supporter Dolores Van Oort, who passed away recently. A seat in the front row was left empty with a photo of Dolores and Iowa Cubs memorabilia. Beth Feilmeier, Doug Moon and Michael Porche shared memories of Dolores.

Board Transition

Adam recognized outgoing board members, gave highlights of their contributions, and thanked them for their service: Joel Anderson, Cheryl Clark, Monte Engh, and Barb Wagner.

Adam thanked the group for allowing him to serve as president and introduced Stacie Bendixen, 2017-2018 president.

Stacie introduced the incoming board members, as approved by membership vote: Susan Casber, Whitney Welp, Tammy Sposeto and James Machamer, who will also serve as president-elect.

Returning board members are: Matthew Breaux, treasurer; Valerie Stratton, secretary; Scott Nielsen, Al Witte, Nicole Titus, and Troy Gould. Adam Haselhuhn will continue serving as past president.

Membership Prize Drawing

Joel Anderson drew winners for restaurant gift cards from among members who renewed their membership by the early-bird deadline.

Bryan Beyer motioned to adjourn, Cheryl Clark seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.