



**Ankeny Community Theatre  
2020 Annual Meeting  
Monday, September 21, 2020  
6:30PM**

*Pending approval by membership at 2021 Annual Meeting.*

**Called to order** by Susan Casber at 6:35 PM.

**2019 ACT Annual Meeting and Membership Minutes:** approved by mail

**Key accomplishments for last season:** presented by Susan Casber

- The board started this season with a strategic planning session to create a three year plan.
- The board revised our mission statement: to provide quality live theater entertainment and participation opportunities for Central Iowa community members.
- The board also added a vision statement: ACT is a vital part of the cultural landscape that enhances the quality of life in our community, and is a welcoming place where people of diverse backgrounds have fulfilling theatrical experiences.
- The HVAC system needed repairs in January.
- In February we explored a move to the Wags pet salon. It would have given us 3 times the space we currently have. The board got an estimate on the space but decided to decline after finding it would require \$30,000 to clean the space and the COVID pandemic began.
- ACT now has a ghost light that will remain on unless we have actors on the stage.
- Data management has been moving ACT's operations online. They also have been hosting the virtual reader's theater.
- Education committee prepared an annual series of educational programs. A few were cancelled including our summer camp due to COVID. A survey was sent out to the ACT communitte about interest in future events.
- Fundraising raised \$10,000 from Bravo and \$5,000 from the arts council. ACT also held a dinner theater at the Cellar winery.
- Marketing promoted all of ACT's shows. They improved their general process to be more efficient. They also created a contract for our production photographer.
- Play Selection dealt with the cancellation of three shows in the 2019-2020 season. Five shows were dropped due to COVID social distancing requirements. Shows had to be selected containing small casts to deal with the new restrictions.
- Production had a shortened run of shows due to COVID. Several shows were postponed multiple times and subsequently cancelled.
- Virtual reader's theater shows were added in lieu of our regular live shows.

**Treasurer – financial report:** approved by mail

Joe Kirwen gave a brief report summarizing that ACT had a challenging year but with the support of our patrons we have been able to remain financially stable.

**New actors at ACT:**

Whitney Welp recognized the 23 new actors who made their debut at ACT this past season.

**Larry Johnson Memorial:**

Robert Uy said a few words about Larry Johnson who passed away during this last season and had been involved in several plays at ACT.

**ICTA Awards for calendar year 2019:**

ACT received three nominations for the 2019 Iowa Community Theatre Association Awards of Excellence.

1. Direction in a Play: **Lisa Gould** for *'Night, Mother*
2. Ensemble in a Play: **Charissa Hamel and Beth Feilmeier** for their roles in *'Night, Mother*
3. Choreography: **Denise Bollinger** for *Kiss Me, Kate*

**Volunteers at ACT:**

Whitney thanked all the volunteers for ACT this year with a special recognition of front-of-house volunteers.

**Darel Hildreth Award:** presented by Whitney Welp

Darel first appeared on our stage in 1989 in a small, supporting role at the young age of 59 in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". In the following years, he stepped into a few other supporting roles (including the wizard in the Wizard of Oz) and served as ACT Board President in 1993. What you won't find in the programs, however, is what Darel took greatest pride in: being the guy you could count on to do anything at any time, without any recognition at all. When Darel died suddenly at age 65 while still serving on the board, ACT lost a tireless volunteer, a member who had a lot to do with our move into our current building in 1994, and a real character. The award was created in his name.

2019-2020 Darel Hildreth award winner recognized was Lynn Arterburn

Congratulations to Lynn were given in chat.

**ACT Outstanding Performance Awards:** presented by Whitney Welp and Stacie Bendixen

Winners are denoted by an asterisk\*.

**Studio Series Actor:**

- \***Doug Moon** – Detective HD in *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*
- Monte Engh** – Captain Hook/Wolf in *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*
- Caleb Hight** – Sneazy/Pig 2 in *Law & Order: Fair Tale Unit*

**Studio Series Actress:**

- Beth Feilmeier** – Jessie in *'Night, Mother*
- \***Charissa Hamel** – Mama in *'Night, Mother*
- Imrie Hanson** – Happy/Fiddle in *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*

**Supporting Actor:**

- Ethan Saltz** – Kevin in *Mom's Gift*
- Blake Sauer** – Randy in *A Christmas Story*
- \***Troy Gould** – Old Man in *A Christmas Story*

**Supporting Actress:**

- \***Katty Perrel** – Suzette in *Don't Dress for Dinner*
- Corinn Brush** – Brittney in *Mom's Gift*
- Barb Wager** – Mrs. Norquist in *Mom's Gift*

**Lead Actor:**

**Al Price** – Ralph in *A Christmas Story*

**\*Michael Porche** – Robert in *Don't Dress for Dinner*

**Hudson Pulver** – Ralphie in *A Christmas Story*

**Lead Actress:**

**\*Debi Garner** – Jacqueline in *Don't Dress for Dinner*

**Tammy Sposeto** – Mom in *Mom's Gift*

**Ali Kirwen** – Kat in *Mom's Gift*

Congratulations to all the winners were given in chat.

**Outgoing board member recognition:** presented by Susan Casber

Whitney Welp – served as volunteer and membership chair

Tammy Sposeto – served as marketing chair

Ali Kirwen – served as data management chair

**Incoming board members elected:** presented by Cheryl Clark

New board members: Ali Kirwen, Lisa Gould, Jim Leeper, Lauren Mills

Ali Kirwen was approved to serve as president-elect.

Returning board members were also recognized: John Claes, Anna Sunstrom, Matt Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Joe Kirwen, Brad Church, Robert Uy

Cheryl officially called the meeting adjourned at 7:16PM