



Ankeny Community Theatre

Board Meeting

3/9/2021 - 6:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Hamilton, Robert Uy, Jim Leeper, Ali Kirwen, Joe Kirwen, Lisa Gould, Cheryl Clark, Matt Tuttle, Susan Casber, Lauren Mills, Anna Sunstrom, John Claes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Church

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Cheryl Clark.

General announcements

No announcements.

Last Month's Minutes

Ali made a motion to approve the minutes, Lauren seconds. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

At the current rate we could continue 40 months without additional support.

Anna made a motion to approve the report, Lisa seconds. Motion passed.

Committee Reports see attachments for full report details

Building & Operations:

We had a work day on March 7th. Many of the important maintenance items were accomplished. The floor needs to be repainted black. The cast from Piece of My Heart have some items at the theater they need to pick up. Lisa is going to reach out to the cast.

Data Management:

No additional information.

Education:

The class we had recently didn't have a large attendance. There are three remaining.

Finance:

No additional information.

Fundraising:

We passed on BRAVO this year. The Iowa Arts Council wants to know the rough demographics of who was involved in what we've done over the last year (classes and readers theater). It's due on May 1st but we may not qualify.

Marketing:

No additional information.

Membership & Sales:

Education will send a post to Marketing to be made about the future classes.

Play Selection:

No additional information.

Production:

No additional information.

Volunteers:

No additional information.

Old Business**June and August Shows:**

We discussed whether to continue with the June/August shows. Rehearsals would have to start in April for the June show which would be challenging in our space.

John made a motion to cancel the June show. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

The decision on August has been tabled for the moment.

New Business

Summer Theater Proposal:

John suggested doing the play “I do! I do!” as an outdoor play. It doesn’t have a large requirement for a set or cast. The royalties are reasonable (\$65 per show) but there wasn’t a musical backing track.

The second suggestion was to do a variety show in June. We would need a sound system. We’re looking for 90 minutes of material. Ideally 3-5 minutes per act and keep it family friendly. The cost to rent the bandshell for a single event is \$200. We could have a dress rehearsal in the parking lot or somewhere else. Running sound checks on that morning would also be a good idea. We could announce what we are doing in the coming season.

John made a motion to do a variety show in June and start planning now. Matt seconded. Motion passed.

“The Perfect Rendevous” was suggested as another performance. It is a play we are looking to do as a dinner theater at the winery. We can also have a run of the play at ACT (without the dinner). We will revisit this next month.

Anna 3-year term in September:

Anna was filling a previous board member’s term. Normally we don’t allow someone who has served on the board over 13 months to reapply without taking a year off. We discussed if Anna could serve an additional term. John suggested that we bring it up at the membership meeting as a vote to revise the bylaws.

New Location Adhoc Committee:

We discussed restarting this committee to look into new locations for ACT.

Lights donated from DMYAT:

Charissa Hamel donated 8 lights to ACT from the Des Moines Young Artist’s Theatre.

Ali motioned to adjourn, Lauren seconded. Motion passed.

Upcoming board meetings:

Regular Board Meeting – Tues., Apr. 13th, 6:30 PM