

Fishing Creek Players Board of Directors Meeting

May 9, 2023

Present: Frank Tranor, Brandon Hartman, Carl and Marilyn Kishbaugh, Karen Edwards and Joey Sue Laubach  
Visitors: Cathy Guerin, Hannah Metrinkoski Absent: none

Meeting came to order at 6:05. Motion to approve April meeting minutes with one correction for the I-pad made by Karen and seconded by Carl. Motion approved. Secretary will correct mistake.

Financial= General account=\$1957.44, CD=\$5043.76 (plus \$24.53 unposted interest), Production account=\$6741.47 (additions=\$225.00 donations, \$809.52 R/R, \$948.55 ticket sales; subtractions=\$4851.00 caterer, \$301.00 N4C) total of accounts without CD=\$8698.91

Brandon made a motion to approve \$75.00 to be paid for rights for the extra night. Karen seconded, motion approved. Brandon will pay for the rights and then bring in the receipt at the next meeting.

Frank sent a Thank You card to Jan Swan for her donation of \$150.00.

Checks made out during meeting are as follows: \$14.84 to Joey Sue for poster board; \$62.29 to Karen for paint, costumes and thread; \$89.55 to Hannah for her costume and \$39.99 to Cathy for her costume shoes. Also need to make checks out for Brandon or diaries and for Liane at the next meeting.

Motion made to approve \$152.00 for BTE tickets for "Grand Horizons" show that was attended by cast last week made by Carl and seconded by Brandon. Motion approved and check written out to Karen.

Motion made by Brandon to purchase sound equipment for an inline filter and wiring adaptors not to exceed \$100.00. Carl seconded, motion approved. Brandon will bring in receipt at the next meeting.

We drew the winning ticket for two seats from our raffle. Congratulations Stephanie O. Brandon will try to contact at a later time due to winner not answering call during meeting.

Survey results were favorable across the board from price, food, hearing and seeing ability, location, time, and from general show likability. The majority of people would like to see a comedy and murder mystery. There was a comment that possibly coffee to be served during meal and not at dessert. Brandon will show Vo-Tech all survey results regarding food and we can work on improving for next show. Overall, the survey results were very beneficial.

The price of a professional camera man to video the performance can reach \$600.00. We are looking in to buying a video camera for Fishing Creek Players use only to record rehearsals and shows. There was discussion to set up lighting at the rehearsals if possible to work on lighting balance on the camera. There was also a discussion on possible acting classes and recording those if possible. Karen will keep looking for cameras and other types of systems and we will keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

The cast went to see "Grand Horizons" last week. The cast and board members are invited to Frank's house on July 1<sup>st</sup> for his picnic. He'd like us to perform a skit if possible.

Marilyn proposed giving back to charities or volunteering our time at various functions in the name of Fishing Creek Players to gain support and notoriety. There was a discussion to donate more money to the N4C for use of the facilities for the plays, volunteering at the food bank, making a donation to the senior center and if possible being able to do a reduced rate show for military members prior to the show. We will discuss more at the next meeting. Frank will look in to the food bank and Cathy will look in to the senior center.

Brandon spoke to the one owner of the Presbyterian Church in Benton and he said that there is no bathroom or kitchen and the sanctuary ceiling needs repairs. There would be significant modifications needed to use the facility for plays. The basement is in good shape. The owner will discuss it with his significant other and get back to us if they are interested in renting it to us and they could also write it off on taxes if possible for charitable work.

Danielle stated that if we are able to perform a kid's play this year for the camp that would be greatly appreciated because the kids love them. Brandon will see which date works for her and report back at the next meeting.

Cathy and Hannah discussed possibly joining the Board. We need to have a list of Board members and possible Board members by the next meeting to start forming ballots by June/July. Elections for seats and positions are in August. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58. Frank is out of state on June 13<sup>th</sup> so we are going to have the next meeting on the first Tuesday of June. The next meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at N4C.

Respectfully submitted, Joey Sue Laubach                      Secretary