

MINUTES OF THE PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE BOARD MEETING

Saturday July 28, 2018

Present: Steve Ives, Bob Rhodes, Claudio Marzollo, Sheila Rauch, Kathy Plummer

Not Present: Jack Goldstein, Chris Nowak, Byron Stinson, Terry Turner, Gretchen Dykstra, John Lane, MJ Martin, Mike LaRocco

Also Present: Amy Dul, Executive Director, Nancy Swann, Artistic Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM.

As a quorum was not present, the minutes were not approved.

Steve Ives opened his remarks with praise for the excellence of the production, "Spamalot". The Ice Cream Social afterward was also a great success which, in addition to being joyful created a forum for many parents to talk and express appreciation for their childrens' experience in this production. The Ice Cream truck will come back again following this coming Sunday's production of "Spamalot". Steve suggested that a list of the parents be generated in order for us to be in touch with them soon regarding opportunities to participate in the ongoing goals of Philipstown Depot Theatre.

Steve Ives noted the need to replace Ann Vitiello as Development Associate. He will contact MJ Martin to begin this search.

At our next meeting, September 30, 2018, the board will be shown cardboard cutouts of possible color options for the new plaza, by Bob Rhodes, Jack Goldstein and Chris Nowak.

Amy Dul reported that a parking issue has arisen for theater performances that occur during times when the Metro North Parking Lot is unavailable. Steve Ives agreed to discuss possible solutions for this with the Garrisons Landing Association at the time they meet to speak of the gutter problem on the Theater building.

Amy Dul reported that the underpass is extremely wet and Steve Ives agreed to speak to Metro North about this and also share some ways that Metro North could possibly help expand parking opportunities for Depot Theatre patrons.

Amy Dul reported that the summer shows have been going very well. The next kids production will be James and the Giant Peach, Jr. directed by Christine Bokhur.

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will be renting the theater space for five nights.

The planned December event has cancelled and replaced by two weekend of Alby Gorn and Robin Joseph's play, "Doubt".

Maia Sharp is on the schedule for September.

Pete Smith has offered to help with fundraising and grant writing and he will work with Jack Goldstein in this capacity.

Char White, father of Conrad and Sedonius, of Spamalot fame, may be interested in doing a reading of one of his plays.

Natalie Fronason has also expressed interest in doing a one woman show in the fall.

Steve Ives suggested getting photos of the the completed Capital Campaign work, including the new plaza and possibly putting one of these images in a thank you letter to the donors.

Nancy Swann reported that Jen Lee and Christine Bokhur have expressed interest in producing the musical, "Nunsense" in May and June 2019.

Corrine White, the set designer for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", is interested in directing "The Importance of Being Earnest" for the winter play slot this year.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is a possibility for Fall of 2019.

Steve Ives suggested and there was general agreement that on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 11:30-1:00 we will have a clean up day for the pods and the dump space. We will hire 2 people to help in addition to all board members who can help. Bob Rhodes and Claudio Marzollo offered the use of their trucks in this effort.

Amy Dul reported that John Leyden will continue work on the new shed interior to make the floor space dry and the shed generally fully functional.

Steve Ives reminded us that although we have not yet selected a date, a board retreat is still on our to do list.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Plummer, Secretary