

Meeting Minutes - 11/16/21

Stephanie Drahozal (President) [x]	Mark Wegner [x]
Jen Nichols Kapusta (Vice President) [x]	Tina Bastian [x]
Sandy Briski (Treasurer) [x]	Querida Funck [x]
Helena Pope (Secretary) []	Nick Kapusta [x]
Mark Daspit [x]	

Meeting was held virtually over Zoom. Called to order at 7:00pm

Treasurer's Report

\$22,923 in our checking account. We have received around \$500 in Shining Stars. Querida also received another \$28 in donations for the plaid people picked up from our work day. The credit card statement has not come in yet to determine how much was spent from our work day. We just received our second check from Showtix4u. The budget has been updated to reflect how much we have made this past year from donations and renting various resources. Our revenue for the last year was \$6,375. Mark D. and Jen are going to begin to discuss the budget for Sweeney Todd. The main discussion over this next year's budget is whether we want to be conservative or not with our estimations for what we could potentially make. The consensus is that we will not be making around the same amount as we did pre-COVID but could potentially make around 75% of that usual amount. Expenditures for this next year will be a little higher due to our building renovations. What kind of sign (or banner) we want to put outside the building was discussed and how much that would cost. Querida suggested a vinyl banner that could also be used for potential parades and is one of the cheaper options we could use. Another suggestion was to hire a local artist so we could have more creativity with our sign. The expenses on costumes and props for Sweeney Todd were reduced due to the fact that we have a majority of those items from 2020. We are taking out our Jerry Award application for this year as well since we do not qualify. The expenditures for another potential show this upcoming year were difficult to determine since we do not have a clear idea of what that potential show may be. We do want it to be a smaller show so the pricing should be around the budget that was had for Frog and Toad (around \$5,000). The estimated budget was approved. The Oregon Chamber of Commerce sent us a letter about our fees for the next year and we will continue to pay our normal fees (\$110).

Building Stuff

We had to move our stuff out of the storage unit and it needed to go back to the building. The next thing that needs to happen in the spring is going through all the props and set pieces and deciding what we really need and what we can get rid of due to our space confinement. We did pay for a month with the storage unit but that did not pan out.

Upcoming Events/New Topics

Sweeney Todd will be happening July 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th and 30th. Nate Mendl will be here to do sound for us. The discussion on ticket prices came up. We decided that we will charge \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors/students (with valid ID, including college students). This is a slight increase from our prices in the past. Mark D. is going to apply for the rights for Sweeney Todd. Something that is being looked at is the age we will consider "senior" pricing. The consensus was that we will go with age 65+. Another topic of discussion is whether or not we should bring back having documents that can be passed down from past board members to new board members to help new members know what is policy and different agreements and things that they may not know coming in. All board members will be looking into different things about their position or responsibility that they may be able to compile together for a new board member. There has been no updates on a potential smaller fall show. Stephanie is leaning towards the idea of a smaller play. Nick suggested we do some sort of celebration for the 40th anniversary of OSHP. He also suggested doing theater adjacent workshops rather than just workshops that focus specifically on singing and dancing. There could be workshops for sewing, carpentry, lighting, etc. These workshops would give opportunities for people to learn new skills that could also bring in new members to help with those things in future productions. Mark W. suggested if we wanted to do a bigger fall production for the 40th anniversary, we could do a staged concert. Mark D. suggested doing a lighthearted dinner and show combination following Sweeney Todd. Giving Tuesday is coming up and OSHP lets our members know that they can donate to us. They can also donate money by using our Amazon Smiles links when buying stuff off Amazon on Black Friday. Mark D. suggested that we make an Instagram account.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.