

Oregon Straw Hat Players
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 2, 2023

Location: Oregon High School Choir Room

Officers present: Sami Elmer, President; Stephanie Drahozal, Vice-President; Sandy Briski, Treasurer; Duane Draper, Querida Funck, Nick Kapusta, Mark Wegner. Tina Bastian arrived at 6:10 pm.

Officers absent: Helena Pope

Sami called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

I. May Minutes

Stephanie moved to approve the May 21 minutes as submitted by Acting Secretary Querida. Seconded by Mark. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

Sandy presented the Treasurer's report.

III. Old Business

A. There was no building report.

B. 3 microphones have been purchased. Nate has them and has or will test them.

IV. *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* Report

Duane provided a short show report. He noted that all areas are progressing nicely and that we have a wide range of ages and experience in the different staffing roles.

Our first rough run-through is Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Production staff meeting is on Sunday @ 3:00 pm at OHS.

V. Final Cast Party

We discussed various options for the final cast party and the first announcement of Hats Off! awards. There will be a short OSHP sponsored cast party after the final performance on Saturday, August 12, in the Commons at OHS (pending confirmation of availability). OSHP will provide cake, ice cream (?), and beverages (pop). The board will present Hats Off! Awards. Cast will be encouraged to greet the audience and then change quickly so that we can begin the celebration as soon as possible. Sandy will order the cake. Nick and Sandy will prep the cake for quick serving. Querida shared information with Sandy and Tina about the Hy-Vee donation request form.

VI. Shining Stars

Our first call obtained \$2,204 in donations. Our goal is \$7,500. Duane will create a thermometer and post in the wings. Querida (or other) will remind cast of Shining Star donation options and goals at the rehearsal on July 5.

VII. Program Lobby Setup

Querida suggested adding these items to the lobby display for this production:

*Step and Repeat Backdrop

*Timeline

*Signup for mailings

*Shining Stars donation table with thermometer

The board supported this proposal.

Querida will speak with John Unertl III about helping set up the lobby.

VIII. Future Shows and Events

We discussed options for future shows and venues. If we can find a director, producer, and venue, a straight play that has at least some adult roles seems like a good choice for late fall or winter.

Duane will contact Nate about possible space availability at OSD.

Sami is creating a committee to work on a comprehensive OSHP survey. Committee members will be Jen Kapusta, Mark Wegner, Stephanie Drahozal, Querida Funck, and Sami Elmer.

Suggestion made to consider an Editor's Note/Column in the *Oregon Observer*.

We discussed the value of different types of workshops.

Stephanie is planning on organizing a Christmas Caroling activity.

We noted concerns about timing; summer musicals typically begin planning in September or October of the previous year.

Board members should engage with cast and staff members about interests and availability for the next season.

IX. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Monday, August 7, at 7:00 pm in OHS Choir Room.

X. Annual Meeting

The OSHP annual meeting will be on Sunday, August 20, at 4:00 pm in OHS Choir Room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Duane Draper, Acting Secretary