



Oregon
STRAW HAT PLAYERS

**Board Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2013
201 Market St.**

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| Duane Draper (President) | X | Julie Wood (Vice President) | X | Caitlin Zach (Treasurer) | X |
| David Lawver (Secretary) | Abs | Wade Crary | X | Nick Kapusta | X |
| Joe Leone | Abs | Emily Richardson | X | John Unertl | X |

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

We adopted the agenda as presented.

We approved the May 28 and June 30 minutes as recorded.

Caitlin presented a mortgage report. The principal balance is currently \$22,895 but we noted that it appears that we have not paid interest since September 2012. Our monthly payment is \$305 and our current interest rate is 5%. The bank sends us notification each year to renew the loan. We will have made four extra payments in 2012-2013. We can either consider those as extra payments or use some of the 2013 Gooze donation to cover that expense. Caitlin will contact the bank to ask about when and how interest payments are made and how our loan is affected in the future if we pay principal in advance. We will discuss monthly extra principal payments at the next meeting.

We further discussed AACT. Duane will investigate workshop fees.

We reviewed the membership party. Bowling and beverages will be paid for by individuals. OSHP will cover the food.

We discussed a number of grant possibilities, including ETC, Wisconsin Arts Board, and foundations that Caitlin identified from the grant writing workshop she attended. Duane noted that his goal for 2013-2014 is for each board member to try to shepherd one grant of at least \$500 to help pay for the Gypsy expenses. Grants will be added to the August 27 board meeting agenda.

Motion by John to move to executive session to discuss Hats Off! Awards at 7:30 PM.

We returned from executive session at 7:55 PM. Report out of executive session: Individual Hats Off! Awards to Jessica Brooke, Erin Milleville, Alexander Smith, Ryan Wood, Steve Zach; Family Hats Off! Award to The Fitzgerald Family; Duane Draper Lifetime Achievement Award to David Lawver.

The President noted to plan on a lengthy meeting on August 27: Discussion items include grants, Annual Meeting reports, *Oliver!* report, 2014-15 preliminary show discussion and facility issues, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* report, etc.

Emily noted a performance of *Spelling Bee* at Rockford College in October. Duane noted another performance of the show at Northwestern University in late October/early November.

Julie noted that Matt Hill has not completed the DVD editing of *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*

The board agreed to accept Caitlin's work on the *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* budget as final accounting for that show with a contribution to annual expenses of \$877.29. If there are additional expenses or revenue we will either revise the final budget or charge them to the annual budget.

John Unertl noted that he will not be at the August 27 board meeting or annual meeting due to hospitalization. The board wished him well with his medical concerns and offered hope for a speedy recovery.

The agenda being complete and no further business proposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.