



Oregon Straw Hat Players



Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2006
Hosted by Chris Phistry

Present: Stan Hill, Erin Dammen, Pam Crary, Theresa Fosbinder, Chris Phistry, Dana Stein, David Lawver

Called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Secretary's Report: November minutes approved

Treasurer's Report:	Current treasurer's report approved:	
	Checking:	\$15,884.14
	Anchor Bank :	\$637.63
	Oregon Community Bank and Trust:	\$208.36
	12 month CD (10/17/07)	\$10,000.00
	6 month CD (4/16/07)	\$5,000.00

Notes:

When the 6 month CD matures we will need to decide if/how to reinvest short term

Motion made and approved to make immediate payment of \$300.00 to Best Way Cleaners for cleaning ALL OSHP costumes. Since this was all costumes and not just Tom Sawyer costumes, this is not a show expense. The total cost was \$537.00, however Best Way agreed to a \$300.00 payment plus a large ad in the summer program.

Old Business:

Honk Junior

The production team is meeting next week. Staffing is going well. A music director (Julie Niemeyer) and assistant producer (Sandy Oemichen) have joined the staff.

Oklahoma

Staffing has started and is going well. Gary Albrecht has agreed to be the orchestra conductor and Chris Weigt has agreed to be the orchestra contractor. David has solid leads on a stage manager and ASM. Pam Crary has volunteered to be part of a team of producers.

Lighting Workshop

- The lighting workshop occurred and was filmed as scheduled on November 18 and was a success.
- Karla Weber assisted instead of Phil Koenig.
- WOW provided great technical assistance and equipment.
- David will be working on editing the tape with WOW in the next couple of months so that it can appear as a program.
- We need to provide a report to Alliant on this workshop and the spring audition workshop since they were funded with grant money. Stan and David agreed to work on this and get it sent in

Alliant Grant request update

Tabled for next meeting when Dan Subach is in attendance

New Business

OSHP Flyer

Erin has created a beautiful full color, multi-use brochure. We would like to use this at our events (auditions, shows, etc.) and post and distribute it around town. Erin will get quotes on printing costs so that we can decide how many to order as a first print run. The brochure was created to be “timeless” and so we know that over time we can use as many copies as we get printed.

Inbound mail and phone messages

Dana is taking care of phone messages; Stan is taking care of mail.

Anniversary Committee Report

The board reviewed some ideas proposed and submitted by the anniversary committee via Duane Draper.

Duane says:

“The committee currently consists of four members: Duane Draper, Jeanne O’Malley, Cathy Stiles, and Alison Janssen.

In addition to considerable email correspondence, we have also met and talked about possible ways to celebrate OSHP’s 25th anniversary. In December and January we hope to solidify these plans, select dates, and begin the work which will be necessary to make the anniversary a success.

In discussing the project, we felt it important to emphasize the celebratory nature of the anniversary and to try to reconnect with our history. We want to select activities that will complement our show season, be meaningful and fun to both the membership and the community, and also not become an overwhelming amount of work.”

The board reviewed the group’s top ideas, including:

**Creating a commemorative program, including pictures and photos from our history. This would be in addition to the regular show program and not a replacement. We’d make a limited size run and charge like the cost (or at least most of the cost) of the program and sell them during the summer show. We’re hoping that this would be done in 4-color printing.*

**Having a celebratory banquet/party at the end of the summer and make a special effort to invite past directors, past presidents, and founders of the group as well as any one else who would like to come. We think an excellent date for this would be Sunday afternoon after the last show. That way people could come for the weekend, see the show on Saturday, then join us for fun on Sunday where we’d have time to talk to them. This would necessitate having strike on Monday (absolutely no work on Sunday---it’s supposed to be a fun day) —David is fine with that idea. We’re thinking of Valentine’s as a location. People would have to sign up and pay in advance. We’d suggest still having some kind of cast/membership party on Saturday, but might consider having it on a smaller scale.*

**25th Anniversary Slogan and Symbol. Something to help tie everything together.*

**Splashy float for the Summer Fest Parade. We have a couple of different ideas. One would be to have the original Oklahoma! cast with the new Oklahoma! cast on the float. We also talked about trying to get costumes/props from a number of different shows we've done and try to show our history in the float.*

The board is in support of these and some other ideas from the group, but had several questions. These questions will be relayed to the group for response to the board. In the meantime, the board is in full support of this committee continuing to head in the directions they are heading.

Newsletter/Postcard

- David now has the CDs that will allow him to print mailing labels (there are about 500 on the list).
- We should probably investigate a mailing permit as these mailings would be cheaper that way
- Decision about winter mailings: Dana will finish the newsletter and it will include information about Honk Jr. There will also be a targeted postcard mailing sent to those on the list likely to be interested. Both these mailing will be scheduled for early January so that they don't get lost in the holiday rush of mail, and so that they are close to the time of auditions.

Caroling

Pat is organizing the group to go caroling on Friday night December 15 at 5:45. A message has gone out to the yahoo group. (Stan noted that he is not yet a member of the Yahoo group...)

OSHP "Library"

Theresa has organized the various theatre-related resource materials that have been part of the secretary's materials. There are several books and other publications that may be of interest to OSHP members. Erin will post this list on the website, and members will be instructed to contact Theresa if they have interest in borrowing these materials.

OSHP Permanent Space

There was discussion about pursuing a permanent space for the group to occupy – like other local theatre groups have (Sun Prairie, Verona, Stoughton). There is currently a vacant storefront in downtown Oregon that Stan will investigate.

There was discussion about the fact that even though this will be an expense, it could replace other expenses that we currently have (e.g. storage sheds, rent for school). If this current space does not work out, we will continue to investigate possibilities.

Joint Meeting with Stoughton Village Players

We will meet with the SVP board to share ideas either January 19 or 20. We will coordinate our own board meeting for that date as well. We will probably meet in Stoughton at one of the places with the singing waiters.

Contact Information

The board needs better contact information for each other. Please send phone numbers where you can be reached (cell, home, other as appropriate) to other board members.

Future Show Possibilities

There was discussion about possible selections for Winter 07/08 and summer of 08:

- Charlotte's Web was submitted as an idea for a winter show.
- David indicated that he remains interested in directing in summer 2008, his 25th anniversary year.
- David submitted ideas for that show: Finian's Rainbow and Peter Pan, with Finian's Rainbow as his top idea.
- We are still considering the list created by the membership a couple of years ago as input for show choices, and remain continuously open to member suggestions and input.
- As the artistic policy coordinator, David will solicit other project ideas from others who may have ideas.
- When we meet with Stoughton in January we will ask them how they normally go about choosing shows, and will also ask them about future choices so that we don't unintentionally duplicate shows.
- Everyone should think about choices and bring ideas to the January meeting.

Future board meeting dates

January 19 or 20 with SVP in Stoughton
Saturday February 17, 2pm at Subach's

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Fosbinder