



Oregon Straw Hat Players



OSHP Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2007 Prairie View Little Theatre

Attendees: Dana Stein, Tom Elmer, Pam Crary, Stan Hill, David Lawver, Theresa Fosbinder, Erin Dammen, Chris Phistry, Dan Subach

Meeting called to order at 2:11 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

February minutes approved with two spelling changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Report handed out.
- Other correspondence discussed.
- The issue of Shining Stars recognition in the program was discussed. There is some confusion, especially about ads, e.g. if a sponsor donates early in the year prior to the winter show, do they get an ad in both the winter and summer programs? At a future meeting we will discuss this and clarify.

OLD BUSINESS

Honk Jr.

- Honk, Jr. has been very successful on all levels.
- Chris stated there has been “overwhelming” involvement by parents that has been very much appreciated. The assistance in the costume area has been especially appreciated.
- There has also been help backstage, with getting speakers refurbished, and plenty of help with house.
- There was discussion about communication and cooperation with Prairie View school and using the Little Theatre. At one point in the Honk, Jr. run there was a potential conflict in use of the theatre, however thanks to our school liaison, a parent, and school personnel, we were able to resolve this issue.

Oklahoma

- The Oklahoma budget was presented and discussed.
A motion was made to approve the budget; the board approved the budget submitted for Oklahoma.
- Ticket prices were discussed – they are currently \$12 and \$8, which is competitive with most other area community theatres.
- Auditions for Oklahoma will be May 29, 30, 31. There will be audition appointments this year – there will be ways to sign up ahead of time for an audition slot. This will include via the web – David and Erin will figure out a way to set up a web/email process to sign up for auditions, as well as using the website to announce and market auditions

overall. There will also be the ability to sign up via phone - an issue was discussed that that phone message may be confusing. We need to investigate how many voice mailboxes we have.

- Staffing: David's first choice for lighting designer is not available – he will contact others. He is also working on folks to run lights. Tammy Albrecht has agreed to be stage manager.

Grants

We should know by our next meeting about receipt of a DCCAC grant.

Alliant grant follow-up – Alliant hand delivered a check to Stan, we will do some publicity about this in the Oregon Observer.

2008 Shows

The Artistic Policy Coordinator (David Lawver) presented suggestions for:

- Summer 2008 shows (Peter Pan, South Pacific, Finian's Rainbow)
- Play reading event or events targeted toward adults (Harvey, The Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge, Lost in Yonkers)
- The potential creation of a production entity for our younger members along the lines of an "OSHP Junior".

The board discussed each of these suggestions. Voting on the idea of play reading and OSHP Junior, as well as specific shows for summer 2008 will occur at the April board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Anniversary Committee Report

Duane Draper was in attendance to present an update on activities of the anniversary committee.

A slogan has been decided upon: "Oh What a Beautiful 25 Years!". Other projects they are working on include the parade, an anniversary celebration, and a commemorative booklet.

- Parade – There will be a float with people in costume that represent shows we have done over 25 years, with emphasis on Oklahoma. We need the right vehicle for a float – a trailer or a hay wagon.
- 25th Anniversary celebration – There will be a banquet at the Brooklyn Community Center on Sunday August 19 in the afternoon. There will be food and drinks and some kind of a program. We will send out a mailing in May to let people know and to try to get a headcount of attendees. This means that strike activities will occur Monday and Tuesday – primarily in the evenings. Dee has indicated that this is OK with the school. This also means that the Saturday night post-show party will be a regular show company party and not a membership party, since the annual membership activities, like Hats Off awards, will occur at the Sunday event.
- Commemorative booklet – The committee is getting quotes on the cost of a commemorative booklet (separate from the Oklahoma program) that will contain things like the history of the group, photos, features about selected members, etc. This booklet will be sold throughout the run of the show.

Property at 115 N. Main St.

There was discussion about this property and the offer that Stan drafted and submitted to the seller pending approval by the board today. This discussion included the fact that the seller may no longer be offering the option of a land contract (which is the only way this offer could go forward). The board voted on a motion to approve an offer to purchase the building at 115 N. Main St (if the land contract remains an option).

Role call vote:

Pam Crary	No
Theresa Fosbinder	No
Tom Elmer	Yes
Dana Stein	Yes
David Lawver	Yes
Dan Subach	No
Erin Dammen	No
Stan Hill	Yes
Chris Phistry	Not present and no proxy or telephone vote allowed per bylaws

Motion failed due to a tie.

Next steps are to withdraw the offer, and to investigate other properties and rentals, as the board remains interested in finding viable space.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:29

NEXT MEETING

Saturday April 21, 1pm at Hill residence (note: this was later changed to Wednesday April 25, 7pm at Fosbinder residence).

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Fosbinder