

SUMMARY

CARROLLWOOD PLAYERS, INC.

BOARD MEETING

April 26, 2015

PRESENT: Ann Lehman, Jen Martin, Keith Postle, Jim Russell, Judith Sachs, and Rae Schwartz

VISITORS: Richard Coppinger, Denise Deneen, Jenn Hall, Jim Johnson, Shirley Overton, Barry Silber and Frank Weiss

The board took the following actions at this meeting:

1. Approved production in August, 2015 of a special limited engagement run of Barry Silber's original play with music, And a World to Carry On, with Barry Silber directing and Rae Schwartz and Judith Sachs acting as board liaisons.
2. Approved partnering with Shaun Rice to offer a musical theatre master class/workshop at CWP.
3. Approved loaning CWP's vintage jukebox to Village Players for their production of Nonsense.
4. Decided to remove the unsanitary, outdated water cooler from the backstage area.
5. Vice-President Ann Lehman, in the absence of President Mary Ann Bardi, appointed Jen Martin as chairperson of the 2015 Board of Directors Nominating Committee. Ann Lehman and Deb Kelley will also serve on the committee.
6. Accepted Jim Russell's tentatively proposed Black Box production schedule with flexibility for changes to be made if needed. Jim will serve as Producer for Black Box productions.
7. The Nancy Awards Committee decided, with no objection from the board, that CWP's "non-season" special productions of musicals will now be included in the Nancy Awards nominating process, beginning with this season's production of Little Shop of Horrors.

Other business:

1. Denise Deneen reported that she and Shirley Overton have completed the renovations of all four theatre restrooms.
2. Rae Schwartz reported that audiences have been average in size for Breaking Legs and that most patrons are giving positive feedback about the show.
3. Jenn Hall gave a report on CWP's Murder For Hire, which she now coordinates with Jim Russell acting as board liaison. The group continues to perform at the Empress Tea Room and CWP receives a donation from the restaurant for each performance. They have also been asked to perform at the Time Lord Fest in Tampa this October.
4. Judith Sachs reported that casting is complete and all is going well for Five Women Wearing The Same Dress. Thanks to Denise Deneen, all patrons attending the show will receive a small "wedding favor" gift. The show also plans to hold an event following the performance on June 13th, themed as a real "wedding reception."
5. Keith Postle reported that he has filed the annual corporate report with the state.

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6. Jen Martin reported that plans are set for the Give Day Tampa Bay fundraiser on May 5th.
7. Jim Russell reported that the CWP Theatre trip to NYC is scheduled for 4/14/16 and that people can start booking the trip with AAA as of now.
8. Victor Carr has been confirmed as the director of The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 and Richard Coppinger has been confirmed as the director of Fiddler on the Roof. Jim Russell will be the producer for MCM of 1940 and Jim Russell and Jen Martin will co-produce Fiddler.
9. Deb Kelley reported that it would be helpful to train more volunteers for Box Office (they do not necessarily have to be members of the board, but have to be approved by the board) and that we have gained some new patrons who found CWP because of the TicketLeap website.
10. The board discussed the possibility of finding a volunteer to serve as House Manager for all productions.
11. The board discussed the need to consider raising concessions prices soon.