

Meeting Minutes 24 January 2015

Members present: **Heather Christie, Dennis Chretien, Liz Dubois, Eric Dubois, MaryJo Chretien, Laura Giorgianni, Chris Brostrup-Jensen, Michelle Chretien, Carol Mauro, Steve Carter**

- Meeting officially opened
- 2015-16 season
 - Summer 2015 – Tom Sawyer – Director still in discussion
 - August 12-16
 - Unplugged – the Bear and the Proposal
 - Perform in August, Chris Brostrup-Jensen most likely directing
 - Fall Dinner Theatre
 - WW2 USO show
 - October/TBD
 - Ponaganset Reads Across America show happens in early December or late November, so we will talk to them to possibly connect
 - Winter 2015
 - *Christmas Carol* – Chris Brostrup-Jensen directing
 - Dec 4-6, 11-13, 18-20
 - Dec 20th is Ponaganset's concert, may cancel that day
 - Winter/Spring dinner theatre
 - Show – TBD
 - Possible dates – Feb 26, 27 and/or March 4-6 **OR** May 13-15 and/or 20-22
 - Need director
 - Spring 2016
 - M*A*S*H
 - Director still in discussion
 - Possible dates: April 8-10, 15-17 **OR** May 6-8, 13-15
 - Overlap with follies? Year off from follies?
 - Careful with the May weekends due to issues with prom scheduling – LSH has Scituate prom on opening night
 - Moved to accept, seconded, approved
 - CAST grant applies to 3 main shows
- Corresponding Secretary – Carol Mauro volunteered
 - Nominated, seconded, approved
- Finances
 - Filemaker Pro is good till Feb 2017
 - Victorian Carolers brought in good income, but it seems to be their final year
 - Christmas Story did well
 - Money handling policies
 - MaryJo Chretien and Laura Giorgianni are going to draft a policy for money handling and hospitality
 - Disability discount? Don't currently have one, need to figure out
 - Christmas in the Valley – no results yet
- NEED guidelines for every position – start with box office

- Have a write-in? Everyone come with a laptop and write a draft, swap, revise, ask questions, etc.
 - March 6th – need to focus on job descriptions
- Tech
 - Light-board power adapter having problems
 - LEDs – need to learn/program
 - Getting software for lighting
 - Getting something with memory – presets and GO buttons
 - Digital snake?
 - Handheld microphones (wireless) – need cost info
 - Would be nice to get these before Follies
 - Steve Carter will check on this
 - Sell some of our old stuff?
 - Need a list of what we're not using
 - Need a spring cleaning of the storage unit
- LSH – fully cast, first rehearsal Tuesday, alternate cast for first night due to prom. Maybe get alternates doing it two nights?
 - Still looking for guitar player
- Shakespeare
 - Going well, off-book, working with props
 - Going with all LEDs on floor
 - MaryJo and Michelle Chretien can coordinate concessions
 - \$12 for a la carte desserts, \$20 for all you can eat desserts
 - \$20 tickets get priority on tables
- Unplugged
 - About growth in the craft
 - Want to challenge ourselves and each other
 - Would like to start a program that sits somewhere on the line between productions and education – about doing shows that stretch us as artists – use as a vehicle to improve across the board
 - Idea is to create training among those interested who can then share that with others in the organization
 - Tim Hillman is very interested and offering his mentoring skills for free
 - Almost an incubator for growing better artists
 - Basically an adult teen troupe
 - Maybe merge them or connect them – adults mentor teens
 - Add to our reputation as a learning ground for theatre
 - Still planning to do a show in August, probably Chekhov
 - Open to all ages, whole organization, anyone can join
 - Great alternative to seminar series, but we should ask about why those were unsuccessful – lessons learned?
 - Tasked 3 people as keepers of the flame – making sure stuff keeps happening and moving forward
 - Don't control/own the idea, just tasked with keeping it going
 - Tim Hillman, Chris Brostrup-Jensen, Heather Christie
- Next meeting scheduled for Feb 28th – location TBD, most likely Eddy Building