

Meeting Minutes of the November 2, 2004 Sugar Creek Players

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

In attendance: Ball, Cicela, Gann, Howard, Clouser, Leaman, Meyer, Rodenbeck

Excused Absence: Poole, Cunningham

Absent: Hester, Hurt, King

Approved minutes from last meeting

Presidents Report was given on retreat that was held in October. We voted to make the minutes public and post them on the web site. 8 yea, 0 nay

Voted to post monthly financials on the web site 8 yea, 0 nay

Inviting the public to attend monthly board meetings w/ prior notice

Changed the schedule for meetings. 5:30 pm was a good time for people who live out of town, but changed the day to Monday. Our next meeting and future meetings will be held the 2nd (second) Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Frank Cicela.

Treasurer's Report - Jo to investigate reason publicity was so much more on some shows than on others. Wizard of Oz publicity was \$1190 Peter Pan \$1164 Music Man \$947 Our accountant's mother is in poor health which may delay payment of reimbursements. Discovered T-shirt discrepancy in price for Music Man was due to "set up fee" not being charged to t-shirt buyers, but charged to the Vanity. That was an error on Nancy Rodenbeck's part. She thought Kim Servies would include all charges in the price of the shirt. Nancy will make sure she does not repeat the same mistake.

House Committee - Ellen bought night light for light booth. Removable thrust stage project complete (Cost \$512.00) Houston Companies is giving a donation for half the cost of the stage extension in exchange for advertising \$250.00. Frank cut down the tree so now our marquee can be seen from all sides and angles.

Theatrical Committee - Theatrical met 10/26. Discussed past money making projects. Concluded that although the musicals drew bigger numbers into the theater, looking at the financials they were not worth the effort for the profit that was made. "Deadwood Dick" netted \$2476.00. "Music Man" which sold out almost every performance netted \$839.50 We are looking at taking the Christmas Show back OUT of the season and going back to a one week kid's Christmas production. Also, considering doing ONE big summer musical and the children's summer musical having the other 3 shows be straight plays. This would make still 5 (five) shows in the season, but the Christmas show would not be part of the season ticket. We historically made so much more money doing it the other way.

Publicity - Nancy passed out listing of our advertisers and asked everyone to try to get new advertisers for the program. Rates have been pro-rated due to missing one program.

A do not contact list was also attached. It is of people who have already said no to THIS YEAR's program. It doesn't mean we can't ask again NEXT JUNE. We will have collected around \$2040 in program ads. We spent around \$500.00 per show on programs so we are around \$500.00 short.

Box Office - Ellen Ball is the chairperson. She discussed changing ticket prices back to \$6.00 for children under 12 because of the comments we have received from patrons. Will leave ticket prices at \$8.00 for this season because it was already announced. Ellen thought to change it now would not be fair to the season ticket holders although she later realized season tickets were sold at a discounted rate of \$6.00 for kids. However, Nancy realized AFTER talking with Ellen that scripts have been ordered and royalties paid per performance at a rate of \$8.00 per seat. To sell tickets for any less this year would be to our detriment.

Movie Night - For the first time a movie night had to be cancelled and rescheduled due to a conflict with the football sectionals. The Character Counts showing of "The Emperor's Club" will be rescheduled for another time. Next movie will be this Friday Nov 5, 2004 in conjunction with Montgomery County's One Great Read "A Seperate Peace". The Ben Hur Study in conjunction with the Historical Society would like to show "Ben Hur" at the Vanity. I believe they will be paying the costs of the movie rental. In February the Just Say NO clubs of the Crawfordsville Elementary Schools will be coming to see a movie.

Financial/Special Projects - A Benefit Concert has been planned for January 15th (Sat) Cheryl Everett and Richard Maddux will perform a concert of George Gershwin music. 2 pianists on two pianos. Cheryl wants us to rent 2 pianos. The cost seems to be prohibitive (\$600). Brett Gann suggested we look into holding it at Wabash College. He will check into that possibility.

Frank has a meeting scheduled with Jacob Hurt 11/4 regarding our cable building being for rent. We hope Jacob may have some contacts for us to get the word out regarding the space being for rent.

We received thank you notes from the Montgomery Out of School Suspension and Scrapdaddy's for the tickets we gave them. Movie tickets to MOSS and 2 Seussical tickets to Scrapdaddy's. Connie Meek from the Crawfordsville High School Choral Dept sent a thank you note. We sent them a "donation" for the costume rental for "Music Man" costumes. She offered any props/costumes she might have for future productions.

Current Production - "Seussical the Musical" is coming along.

Our needs are: the curtain being rehung

we need a bathtub prop for one scene (any handy artists out there?)

Frank will write the newsletter and Joyce will write the article for the

Journal Review.

COUNTY MARKET - the cast of "Seussical" and any board members are encouraged to come to County Market on Sunday November 14th from 1-3 pm to carry groceries and

collect tips for the Vanity theater. It is a way to make money and to get publicity for "Seussical".

Mtg adjourned at 7 pm

Next Meeting MONDAY DECEMBER 13TH ,2004

Respectfully,

Nancy D. Rodenbeck
SCP, Secretary