

Sugar Creek Players

Board Meeting

December 17, 2005, at Rodenbeck Residence

Present: Ball, Gann, Hepburn, Hepburn, Hester, Howard, Meyer, Rodenbeck, Yund
Excused: Bernet, Leaman, Clouser,

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as amended.

President's Report

The water bill includes \$28 for "fire protection". Hepburn will investigate.
Thank you received from the North Montgomery Charger for \$27 worth of ads.
Thank you card received from Megan Johnson for Invisible Children showing.
Helen Milligan's 90 Birthday event was wonderful publicity.
Resignations announced: Mary Janeway from the board

Jo Clouser from the position of Treasurer

Motion: Meyer moved for Gann to assume the Treasurer position. Howard seconded.
Motion carried.

Topic: 3 current openings for board members.

Action: 4 names suggested, Gann will meet with them early in January.

Treasurer's Report

Distributed in Clouser's absence

Discussion: Do the SCP measure success in profit or in people served?

Action: Gann moved that non-Vanity fund raising events should be charged \$100 for the use of the facility. Non Profit groups could have the fee waived or reduced at the discretion of the theatrical committee. Motion carried.

Discussion: Marquee use may be denied to outside groups using the facility. Agreed.

Discussion: Question of personal liability for board members.

Action: Gann will research.

Topic: It was suggested to keep Tshirt costs outside the SCP finances.

Discussion: Board agreed that such was a good intent, but rare circumstances may require SCP financial involvement. No motion offered.

Committee Reports

House committee:

Topic: Lights installed on stage. Electricity has been installed in the prop room.

Topic: The folding curtain has been installed backstage, incidentally decreasing the cool air flow around the metal doors.

Action: Kudos to Hepburn

Topic: Filling Station Furnace

Discussion: Working now, but not likely to continue. Need for more info.

Action: Meyer will pursue grant money. Hepburn and Hepburn agreed to contact Lafayette Heating for assessment and estimates.

Topic: Bid for a steel roof would be around \$7000.

Discussion: Would not need professional installation. Potential summer project.

Theatrical

Discussion: Little was gained by the filling Station for allowing the use of the Milligan Party.

Action: Motion to offer the theater to Sondra w/ a private DVD showing. Motion passed.

Discussion: Determining policy to allow/schedule use of the theater by outside groups.

Action: The theatrical committee will develop policies to be presented at the next meeting. It is hoped that such policy will reduce mass e-mails.

Membership: (unrelated) Ball resigned from the Box Office Committee.

Publicity

Topic: Meyer moved to donate 4 tickets to the New Market Elementary School. Carried.

Topic: Discounts for matinee tickets.

Action: The Tipmont REMC card will be accepted for a \$1 discount to matinee showings

Discussion: The Visitor's Bureau will include Vanity info in their mailings.

Topic: Bookmarks with Vanity info. Rodenbeck will look into.

Discussion: Consider advertising on Comcast Channel 3.

Action: Meyer will pursue grants for funding, including furnace replacement and roof.

Box Office

Membership: Clouser intends to stay with the Box Office Committee.

Special Projects

Movie Night:

Discussion: Original intent of Grant for Movie Night details provided by Nancy Doemel.

Discussion: Need to make movie night solvent. Possible free listing in Friday's Indianapolis Star.

Discussion: Feelings that Movie Night has been too sporadic for profit.

Action: Gann moved to ask Wabash to commit to underwrite the SCP to present a three-month block of movies without fear of loss. Motion carried.

Discussion: "Intelligent Design" to be presented on Sunday afternoons. Referred to Theatrical Committee for policy and scheduling.

Discussion: Possibility of a Variety Show to benefit the Red Cross in April.

Old Business:

Topic: Light Board is not adequate for large musical.

Action: Ball and Gann will meet after the first of the year to gather designs and quotes.

New Business:

Topic: Children's workshop in the spring.

Action: Bonnie will follow up with Jim Kochert.

Round the Circle

Topic: Web site needs update and attention

Action: Bonnie will contact Frank to determine his interest.

Adjourned.

Next meeting: January 9, 6p, at the Theater.

Ellen Ball, Secretary