

Summary of Ouachita Little Theatre Board Meeting February 25, 2021

Board Members Present: Rudi Timmerman, Amanda Baker, Jackie Biard, Robby Burt Julie Ulmer, Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz

Board members absent: John Byer, Judy Kropp, Bill Hays, Lamar Austin, Jane Buttermilk, Jessica Kropp, Gayle Krahn

Since a quorum is constituted by a majority of Board Members being present (7 out of 13) and only 6 members were at the meeting, no votes or major decisions were made. The following discussion took place, and this report will not constitute official minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Rudi Timmerman at 5:30 PM. Minutes from the January meeting will need to be approved with an online vote.

Financial reports were handed out. Julie gave the publicity report, mentioning that she will be unavailable to do much typing for a week or so after carpal tunnel surgery on March 5th, so it is advised to get any publicity information to her this coming week or wait until midway through March.

Movie night in February had a glitch in that the movie chosen to show (Barefoot in the Park) wouldn't play on the theater DVD player. The substitution was The Odd Couple, and the audience was very understanding and seemed to enjoy the alternative Neil Simon movie. A different copy of Barefoot in the Park was located today and will be tried out next week. If it can play, it will be shown March 10. If not, Easter Parade starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland will be the back-up. Makayla has volunteered to help with movie night (thank you, Makayla!) and will try to schedule her work schedule to be available on movie nights. Rudi will also continue to help out at his discretion.

Office report showed an income of \$1555.00 this month from ticket sales for Love Letters and a number of membership renewals.

Rudi updated us on the Suite A situation, and John Byer acknowledged that he will be out of the building by April 1 and indicated that he didn't need any assistance moving out.

Greater Tuna will be performed April 16, 17, 18. Justin Richmond had contacted us earlier this month about doing something onstage in March, but apparently will be unable to do so at this point. No live shows are planned for March.

Scotty has been successfully promoting t-shirt sales. Rudi has installed a lovely fur cabinet in the costume room (thanks, Rudi), and UARM has graciously agreed to switch lighting board with us. Special thanks to Robby and Chancellor Phillip Wilson for working out the details on the lighting board. ACCI did another cleaning, and Rudi has

ordered new batteries for the exit lights that are burned out. The baseboard on the concession stand has been replaced, we are still investigating doors to auditorium.

The nominating committee led by Judy Kropp has begun the process of securing candidates for the May election of new officers and board members.

We discussed the possibility of BIG being performed this summer. It is still too early to call, and the ultimate decision will lie with the directors and production staff. There is quite a bit of support for doing the play, even if we take a financial loss on it due to limited audience capacities that will likely still be a factor anytime in 2021. Rudi mentioned that the musical has been paid for, and the sets are also paid for, so most of the money we would make would be a profit. We will probably need to make a decision by our April or May meeting, depending on the timing of the musical production proposed dates, the effectiveness of the COVID19 vaccine administration in our area in the next several weeks, and the opinions of our directors who were unable to be at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by Julie Ulmer