

## **Vagabond Players General Meeting**

**Bernie Legge Theatre.**

**7:00pm May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Executives Present: Jeremy Heynen, Ashley Chodat, Adam Beggs, Roger Monk, Alex Ross, Elizabeth Drummond and Warren Johnson.

Regrets: None.

**1. Welcome.**

**2. Reading and Approval of Minutes.**

**3. Correspondences: A)** Thomas Haney Secondary inquired about renting the Audrey 2 puppet. Craig Premack will be in touch regarding the rental.

**B)** Students from Infocus Film School were interested in using the theatre to make a film. We are unable to provide the space, as it interferes with The Melville Boys' run.

**C)** Bev Pride received an inquiry about Vagabond Players costuming a medieval short film. We cannot accommodate, because we do not have the materials needed.

**4. Treasurers Report:** See attached.

## **5. Production Reports:**

**a. Detroit:** The cast and crew did a talkback post show, which was a success. Adam used Facebook advertising to promote the show, and ran the ad for four weeks.

**b. Melville Boys:** Rehearsals are going smoothly, the show is blocked, costumes and props are coming along.

**c. Terror By Gaslight:** Auditions are on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 13 emails have been received for submissions.

**6. Box Office:** Jeremy enabled a seat selection feature. Patrons now have the ability to click on a link, renew their season tickets and their seats. Patrons will not have to worry about losing their seats again, and can choose their preferred seats.

## **7. House Management Report:**

**a. FOH:** We are in need of gala help for front of house. Thank you to all of the Detroit FOH helpers.

**b. Audrey 2:** A motion was made to relinquish the Audrey 2 puppet. Craig Premack offered to help find another home for it. This topic will be revisited and we will decide how to move forward at the AGM. The club must also look at liability insurance for the puppet.

**8. Stage Management:** Nothing to report.

**9. Technical Director:** Alex Ross will be working on lighting soon for Melville Boys. He is hoping to receive \$15,00 to

purchase new lights for the club and will prepare a statement to present at the AGM.

**10. Bylaw Committee:** Nothing to report.

**11. Publicity Committee:** Isabel Mendenhall needs proper sizing for The Melville Boys poster, to use for TV Week. Elizabeth Drummond will give Isabel the information.

**12. Personal Committee:** Elizabeth Elwood, Isabel Mendenhall, Valerie Lawlor and Mary Spani supplied notes from their last meeting. The members reviewed this document.

**13. Playreading Committee:** The 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 seasons of shows were presented to the members. Elizabeth Elwood made the suggestion of inviting a patron to sit in on future playreading meetings. Nancy Ebert recommended that the playreading committee select choices, report to the board, and then report back to the committee before presenting to the members. Jeremy Heynen and Ashley Chodat will add it into the guidelines. Elizabeth Elwood made a motion for the amendment, Jacquie Little seconded. Motion was carried. For 2019/2020 Season, Wayne Nolan made a motion to accept, Kurtis Maguire seconded. Motion was carried.

**14. Old Business:**

**a.** The executive laptop has been purchased and is in Bev's possession.

**b. Kindergarten Tour:** Bev led the theatre tour for 16 kids, followed by a dress up performance. If anyone is interested in leading tours in the future, Bev is willing to mentor.

**c. Youth Theatre Group:** We have 6 kids who have expressed interest in our drop in youth theatre on Saturdays.

**d. Theatre Strategy Workshop:** Suzanne Biel, Susan Linklater, Bev Pride and Jeremy Heynen attended this. It was discussed to create a Rental Contract for musicians who want to temporarily use the space.

**e. Heritage Tours:** Bev spent 2 days with the group hosting heritage tours. 19 costumes went out, all were pleased with how they looked.

**f. Painting:** The green room has been painted. Thank you to Jeremy Heynen, Natalie Schreiber, Alex Ross, Faith Hurd, Ashley Chodat, Elizabeth Drummond and Kurtis Maguire for their help.

## **15. New Business:**

**a. BBQ:** Vagabond Players will host an end of the summer barbecue. An exact date is to be determined.

**b. Summer Show:** The Page Theatre's co-production has been cast and are in rehearsals. A reminder that July 11<sup>th</sup>-July 27<sup>th</sup> will be their performance dates.

**c. Theatre BC:** Congratulations to *Hidden in this Picture* for winning the North Shore Zone Theatre Festival. They will be heading to Theatre BC's Mainstage in Port Alberni.

**d. Moving Forward:** Bev Pride is proposing that we do a present day, one year, five year and ten year plan for what the club is going to do with our money. Bev suggested putting the money towards fixing the stage. We can also look into putting the money towards sponsorships and bursaries. Members can email the executive with suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Ashley Chodat