

## Vagabond Players General Meeting

November 17, 2025

**Meeting called to order :** 7:02 pm

**Meeting chair:** Dwayne Campbell

**Recorded** by Isabel Mendenhall

October meeting cancelled as we did not have quorum.

12 members present and 4 guests who joined this evening. Welcome Laural, Frederick, James, and Susan.

**Correspondence:** Isabel Mendenhall - A request for a donation to Marpole Curling Club in Vancouver. Denied, as we are getting too many donation requests from outside our district, and we want to keep our donations local.

**Treasurer: Deb Tom** - Written report submitted and attached. September and October financials will be included in these minutes. Thank you, Pam, for doing all of the data entries. Currently, in our revenue system, we have 126,108. Waiting for rezoning of our building with the City.

**Rental Requests:** Craig Premack – Things are becoming more streamlined. Paranormal book launch went well and they said we didn't charge enough, as they do this on a regular basis, and we are on the low end. Queens Park Residence Assoc. keep postponing, so we will have to talk again in the new year. PechaKucha has cancelled. Peter Legge would like to do a book launch in the new year. We will give him our schedule and he can decide what day works best for him. The Dimes will be here Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Two matinees and two evening shows. Toastmasters contract is coming up for renewal. As long as we have members who are going to be responsible for the theatre and have keys, we will keep the fee at 25.00. Key holders must renew their memberships.

**Production:** Dwayne Campbell: - *Maltese Reindeer* opens on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is working really hard and having a lot of fun. *Moon Over Buffalo* auditions are coming up next month.

**Membership:** Val Lawlor – 81 members including 7 lifetime and folks who joined at our meeting tonight. Welcome new members James, Frederick, Laurel, and Susan. It was great to meet you all. I have not received membership forms from our regular FOH volunteers, so I'm unsure if they renewed. We will be tracing those when they work FOH to confirm.

**Publicity:** Val Lawlor – Things are running smoothly. Patron email blast went out, posters are up. FB and IG postings are continuing, thanks to Samantha Hussey. Programs have been sent to the printer.

**House Manager:** Cindy Dean – A few spots are still available for House Manager on Dec. 4th and 5th, and coffee bar for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. 2 coffee bar persons needed for the matinee on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and one for the 7<sup>th</sup> for *MR*. Need some volunteers for FOH for The Dimes. Will post that next week.

**Box Office:** Cindy Dean- 1068 tickets have been sold so far for MR. One of the line items Deb has to fill out for the SAT is how many minors are attending, and unfortunately, it wasn't set up at box office. Maybe we can ask the House Managers during the 50/50 to ask how many minors are in the audience, because it's important for us to know since we are trying to change our audience, how many children are actually attending. It would be nice for play reading as well.

**Costumes:** Cindy Dean – There are a heck of a lot of them! We have 11 cast members and 23 costumes, so there are a lot of costume changes. They are all specialized, but I do have a team that is working with me so it's a big help, but we have been super busy.

**Technical Report:** Scott MacDonald – I'm working with two new members on this show, one working lighting and the other on sound. They are both doing well. Will be meeting with the only company that responded to replacing our stage in the new year.

**Playreading:** Deb Tom – We have had 5 meetings so far and we'll have another one this Saturday. A motion was made at our last board meeting to approve the 2026 portion of our season in January, which would be our comedy and our Christmas show. That way we will not have the issues we've had in the past of not being able to find a director. We have one more comedy to read.

Christmas show has been a bit of a challenge. Concord has taken over Dramatist and Famous Players, and you cannot buy a script without a license. We didn't have anyone submit a Christmas show so we've been digging. A Snow-White Christmas by Norm Foster was liked by most of the committee. There are two versions, Norm Fosters which has comedy and some music and a musical by Daryn Worik, but I have not received a response from him or his agent. We will be listening to the cd of Snoopy on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so we should have the comedy and Christmas portion of plays done by then. We are now going to email people for the thriller and drama. Only two entries for thrillers but lots of dramas. We need to clarify when we put our notices out to directors, that we do not accept one acts and we do not accept two handers. We have been asked to host Theatre BC Festival, which would work well for us, as we'd be ending with a drama in May, and move right into festival. The

split with TBC if we host would be 50-50, and they provide their own technician. TBC is thinking of merging the North Shore Zone and Vancouver Zone. A Good Man Charlie Brown is being produced in June at Granville Island. Shall we approach the director to see if he'd like to do a co-pro here with us? We will have to see if all this is possible when we have the go ahead for the new stage. We are having a good time.

**New Business:** Arts Council will be having their AGM on Sunday at 2:00pm. We are not members because we don't get invoices anymore. They have always been good to us. The cost is \$75.00 for one year membership. **Motion** by Val Lawlor and seconded by Samantha Hussey that we renew our membership for the year with the Arts Council of New Westminster. Passed.

**Motion** by Ted Drabek and seconded by Lindsay MacIntosh to change the next meeting date from December to January. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

**Next General Meeting will be January 19, 2026**

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