

**Vagabond Players
General Meeting Minutes
Bernie Legge Theatre
May 13, 2024**

Meeting: Called to order 7:05 pm

Regrets: Warren Johnson and George Edwards
Valerie Lawlor chaired the meeting for Warren

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting (General Meeting on March 18, 2024)

Motion to waive by - Isabel Seconded by - Ted
MOTION Carried

1. Correspondence:

- Request from Ryan Johnson to various clubs to contribute to a custom directors' chair for Dale Kelly to celebrate his 100th performance. Time sensitive so Vags contributed \$100.
- Proposal to present a concert by The Dimes (singing group) 2 shows, Aug 17, 18 (Craig) Co-pro 60/40
- Proposal by Kelsey Robertson for presenting The Chair series (monologues) late July/early August. Vags would need a liaison/producer to handle. Jay commented that these are quite popular but need to warn audiences can be very coarse language
- Pecha Kucha requested use of theatre in June but now proposing Aug 10. Val to confirm their tech requirements.

2. President's Report (Warren – not in attendance): Nothing to report

3. Treasurer's Report (Deb):

- See attached report
Motion – Dwayne - to accept Treasurer's report Seconded by – Nancy
CARRIED

Motion – Nancy - to increase ticket prices as follows:
Adult - \$22, Preview/Seniors/Students - \$20, Group - \$17
Seconded by Scott
Carried

4. Box Office (Cindy):

Play on:
Total Attendance 1,384
Seat Capacity 85.5%
Gross Sales \$22,926
Comps represent 6% of attendance

5. Production (Various):

- Play On (Deb) We are under budget, well received by patrons
- Jazz Night – sales are going well

- Need show producer for first Fall show
- Tick, Tick...Boom! (Bev) meeting on the May 30th to write audition form and create calendar. Cast is 3 people but can increase to 6 which would consist of 3 main & 3 ensemble/understudies

6. Front of House (George): not in attendance

- 7. Tech (Scott):** everything has gone well, no problems, sound system acquisition is next, we are asking for \$10 000. Scott will continue to do research. The modern versions are a smaller speaker with a wider range, 2 versions to consider. More research needed.

MOTION Deb we upgrade sound system allocating \$10000, Seconded Bev Carried

- 8. Membership (Lindsay)** 83 members at this point, hoping for more in July

9. Publicity (Val):

- During Play On! publicity for this show on social media sites was increased as we found more free sites and Facebook groups to post on. Hopefully this contributed to our great sales of this show.
- Next focus will be promoting the Heritage Tour and Jazz Night concert. Reminders will be posted on Facebook and an email blast will be sent to our patrons this week.
- Reservations voicemail message has been changed to promote the jazz night as well as say that our new season will be announced soon and to check our website and FB page and that an email will be sent to patrons if they have signed up to receive messages.
- Website will be updated with changes as they occur.

- 10. AGM Election – Nominating Chair (Isabel)** All positions open. Some members have put their names forward already. If you have questions about positions or want to put your name forward, contact Isabel at i_mendenhall@hotmail.com

11. Old Business:

- Shop Equipment – Table Saw – not yet purchased
- Netflix – all went well with them

12. NEW Business:

- **Membership dues (Val)** - Board endorsed an increase to \$20 for adults
MOTION that adult membership fees be raised to **\$20 Seconded by Dwayne Carried**
- **Toastmasters (Val)** - membership vs rental fee, need to simplify process, Would a rental fee be an easier method of collecting money opposed to membership fee? Val to talk to Toastmasters
- **Heritage Home Tour (Bev)** May 26, 2 shifts of volunteers 9:30 to 5. 2 volunteers in lobby and 2 in auditorium. Morning shift and afternoon shift. Bev will have info sheets for volunteers. Props & costumes will be on stage

- **KPU Marketing Program Student Project (Bev)** Contacted Instructor at Kwantlen re; Marketing Tick,Tick... Boom! In the process of meeting/planning
- **Sleeping overnight at theatre** – A member had heard that people have slept overnight at the theatre... is this allowed? Discussion on issue/liability/options.
- **Talk Backs** - questions was whether we do them. We have although not every show.

13. Playreading (2024/25 Season) Recommendation (Val):

Thank you for the work the committee has done to bring us their recommendation for this upcoming season and suggestions for the following season

MOTION Isabel - that we accept the Playreading (2024/25) Season Recommendation
Seconded Lindsay Mac

Discussion – An amendment was put forward during discussion

MOTION by Lindsey Munson - that our committee present this amended season
for the upcoming 24/25 season

Seconded by ?

Carried

Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Next Executive Meeting:** June 10, 2024
2. **AGM – June 23, 2024 (2pm) with member social to follow**

Meeting adjourned at

Motion to adjourn – seconded - Carried.

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<https://www.vagabondplayers.ca/members>

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