



**OSHP General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2007 2:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Jeff Fosbinder, Nathan Fosbinder, Willy Subach, Karen Weber, Jacque Milski, Sarah Karlen, Wendy Jones Hill, Annette Nichols, Duane Draper, Jeanne O'Malley, Pat Hetland, Jace Nichols, Pam Markward-Elmer, Sami Elmer, Tiffany Root, Tina Root, Sarah Najdowski, Stephanie Rittenhouse, Matt Rittenhouse, Pete Nichols, Rod Martin, Jennifer Nichols, Cathy Stiles, Tim Stiles, Chris Weight, Querida Funck, Sandy Oemichen, Wade Crary, Matt Weber, Allison Weber, Tom Elmer, Pam Crary, Dana Stein, Chris Phistry, Theresa Fosbinder, David Lawver, Stan Hill

2006-2007 Board Members

Stan Hill-President, Pam Crary-Vice President, Theresa Fosbinder-Secretary, Tom Elmer-Treasurer, Erin Dammen, Chris Phistry, David Lawver, Dan Subach, Dana Stein

Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m.

There was a reminder to all OSHP members that board meetings are held monthly, and are open to any member. Contact any board member for inclusion on the agenda.

There was review and approval of the minutes of last year's general membership meeting dated Sunday, September 6th, 2006.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. It was noted that the report is current as of 3 weeks ago, and does not reflect final ticket receipts from Oklahoma. Members can contact Tom Elmer or attend then next board meeting if they want to see the final report. There was discussion that the collecting and submission of Bill's receipts is an effective fundraiser, and thanks to those who have participated.

Old Business:

A) Year in Review - the following events were discussed:

- October: 25th Anniversary Committee was established: Duane Draper, Jeanne O'Malley, Kathy Stiles, and Alison Janssen-members; Alliant Energy Grant proposal was written by Dan Subach
- November: Lighting Workshop - Karla Weber and David Lawver worked on this, and an educational video was produced.
- December – Caroling dates unfortunately did not work out this year.
- January: Newsletter went out; There was a joint meeting and dinner with site visits to Stoughton Village Players and Stage Works; Dan Subach wrote a grant request for DCCAC; Rehearsals began for *Honk! Jr.*
- February: Received Alliant Energy Grant of \$1500 for *Honk! Jr.*
- Dana Stein, Chris Phistry, Tom Elmer reported the success of Honk, Jr. in march, and distributed a financial report that showed a great contribution to annual expenses.

- April: Received \$2000.00 DCCAC Grant
- May: Auditions for *Oklahoma!*
- June, July, August: Rehearsals began; Participated in Oregon Summerfest Parade; *Oklahoma!*; Awesome 25th Anniversary Banquet was held

B) Oklahoma! Report

The production team (Pam Crary, Wendy Jones Hill, Stan Hill, Tom Elmer, David Lawver) discussed Oklahoma and distributed a written report. The final total attendance was 1,953. The director (David Lawver) thanked the designers and staff and all who made this such a successful show. The DCCAC Grant final report deadline for the grant received for the show is September 30, 2007. There was discussion about how much these grants help our organization, and it was suggested that members should write to their Dane County Supervisor to tell them how much they mean to us.

C) Artistic Policies coordinator final report – David Lawver

SHOW CHOICES

- There was a reminder that in our organization, we do not have an overall “artistic director”, rather we have a board member who is the “artistic policies coordinator”.
- There was discussion about the fact that we do not have a playreading committee, rather, we encourage members to bring ideas to a board member, especially the artistic policies coordinator. Additionally, 2-3 years ago we had a meeting with the interested membership to develop a list of shows that people were interested in doing. We have still been working from this list, and we may need to go through another exercise like this in the future.
- There was discussion about the fact that sometimes members suggest shows that we cannot do – rights are not available, resources are not available – if there are questions about this type of thing, please feel free to see the artistic coordinator.
- There was a question from the membership about how people who are not members but might be interested in working with us might submit show ideas. There was also a question from the membership about how people who are already members might be better able to make suggestions and react to ideas.
- Based on these issues, there was discussion about finding a better way to make suggestions and react to suggestions. Ideas that came up included members attending more board meetings, having more general membership meetings, making sure to check the website and newsletter, letting board members know of ideas or suggestions, and using the website as some type of forum.

OSHP JR.

There was discussion about the level of interest that has developed among our younger members, and the idea that we could consider moving toward an “OSHP Jr.” concept that allows kids to do even more – producing, directing, design, etc. We want to continue to explore this idea in various ways. It could be a good way to grow kids into some of the off stage roles that we always need to fill, and give them more responsibility to the extent they are capable. We will continue to explore this idea with future shows and opportunities.

D) Building Search Report: Stan Hill

- Stan gave background about why we want to find a permanent home – we often have performance and rehearsal scheduling issues with the school, we don’t have a

clean and organized place to keep our costumes and props, and are spending money on the sheds anyway (over \$200/month), we have the organization's belongings (library, historical records) travelling from house to house instead of safely stored, we have no office or meeting space. He discussed properties that have been considered, and the type of space we are looking for.

- There was a question from the membership about the real need for this, and about issues around raising money to do this successfully. Stan reiterated our needs in terms of scheduling space and other needs, and there was discussion about implementing a strategy that would allow us to target donations specifically for this purpose – VACT had success in raising \$100,000 this way.

E) Properties and Costume Shed Report: Chris Phistry

- Chris discussed that the lower part of the props shed was reorganized after Oklahoma, and that items for the future are to add more layers of flooring and shelving to the top, and to sort and get rid of props as appropriate. We would also like to create enough space downstairs to be able to use it as a building area. In the costume shed there will be reorganization and poles hung.
- He discussed that we would like to create a database of what costumes and props and set pieces we have, so that we can rent them to other organizations more efficiently.

F) Anniversary Banquet Report: Duane Draper

- Duane discussed the success of the anniversary banquet and thanks those involved in putting it together.
- Duane also discussed that the Anniversary Committee also wanted to get historical items better organized - he said that we are missing the slides from the first 7 years of the group – if people have those or know where they are, please contact him or Pam Crary.

New Business:

G) Elections: Pam Crary

BOARD ELECTIONS

Terms expired: Theresa Fosbinder, David Lawver, Tom Elmer, Erin Dammen, Stan Hill

Nominees: David Lawver, Theresa Fosbinder, Tom Elmer, Karen Weber, Sarah Karlen

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these nominations.

Results: All were elected.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

President

Nominees: Pam Crary, Dan Subach, Sarah Karlen (declined), Dana Stein (declined).

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these nominations.

Results: Tie between Pam Crary and Dan Subach; Dan Subach withdrew; Pam Crary is president.

Vice President

Nominees: Chris Phistry, Dan Subach, Theresa Fosbinder (declined)

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these nominations.
Results: Dan Subach is vice president

Secretary

Nominees: Karen Weber, Theresa Fosbinder, Dana Stein

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept these nominations.

Results: No winning margin forced a runoff between the top 2, Karen Weber and Theresa Fosbinder. Runoff results – Theresa Fosbinder is secretary.

Treasurer

Tom Elmer was elected by acclamation.

During Elections, the following items were discussed:

- Mulan -Chris Phistry
- Our Town-Duane Draper
- Finian's Rainbow- David Lawver
- Next Grant Cycle(s)-Dan Subach
- Shining Stars, Bill's Receipts
- President's Remarks – Stan wanted to leave us with these thoughts and ideas:
 - OSHP needs letterhead, we should consider business cards for board members that include the tax exempt number.
 - Once the building committee has done its work, we will need to consider establishing a facilities committee to manage the space
 - Keep up the good work with the web site
 - Develop a pool of expertise
 - Continue to further ties with neighboring community theatre organizations
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank Stan Hill and Erin Dammen for their service to the OSHP Board of Directors

Future meeting dates and times were discussed.

Good of the Order – various member projects and updates were informally discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Note: **The Outgoing/Incoming board meeting immediately followed adjournment of this meeting.