



**OSHP Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008
Fosbinder residence**

Attendees: David Lawver, Theresa Fosbinder, Chris Phistry, Sarah Karlen, Tom Elmer, Dan Subach

Guests Duane Draper, Joel Kapusta

Absent: Karen Weber, Dana Stein, Pam Crary

Called to order: 7:07 pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes approved with 1 change.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report reviewed

Old Business

Our Town

- Reviewed budget.
- Reviewed the overall process, including working with the schools (RCI worked well for rehearsal, OHS and Dee were great to work with).
- The board thanks Duane for his vision and guidance on this quality project.

2008-2009 Season

- From what is on the forum on the website, people seem to be in favor of Once Upon a Mattress and Harvey.
- We want to decide on next season's shows in time to get them into the Finian program.
- Discussion of Junior show proposals:
 - Willy Subach is currently leading a review of the kids shows that have been suggested (Willie Wonka, Pirates of Penzance) with several other young members.
 - There was discussion about the vision and the purpose of the Junior shows – we want to educate and challenge and have fun – it is not necessarily the primary purpose to make a lot of money.
 - There was discussion about performance space for Junior/kid's shows – we need to explore other options that have more space.
 - There was discussion of doing plays vs. musicals – one general consensus was that name recognition is important regardless.
 - It was decided that David Lawver & Willy Subach will put together a meeting of some of interested younger members to review the two shows currently under discussion as well as others.

New Business

Fundraising Opportunity

Joel Kapusta is involved with Fantasy in Lights in Madison. He presented an opportunity for OSHP to do fund raising by handing out candy canes in the exit booths. We would be responsible for 6 nights from 4-10pm and could make \$1000.

There was a motion, and a second to get a group to do this activity. The motion passed, with the addition that we may work on an arrangement that includes Lake City Church Creative Arts Ministry (Sarah Karlen).

Finian's Rainbow

- Still working on a couple of staff positions
- We did not get as much as we had asked for in grants. Dan will follow up with Alliant; Dan/Karen/Dana will follow up with ATC. We will also consider if we can sell more seats, cut some budget lines.
- There was discussion about ticket donations for charitable organizations
- There was discussion about staffing for auditions – Theresa will set this up.

Branson on the Road

David received this information about a fundraiser - Dan will follow up and we will discuss further. There is more information at <http://www.bransonontheroad.com/>

Amendment of Bylaws

There was discussion about the issue of proxy voting. It was proposed that we add an amendment that no proxy or absentee voting shall be allowed for the membership meeting. We would bring this amendment to the General Membership meeting. We should also consider whether there are other changes we want to make since we would be doing this. For example, do minor cleanup language, clarify roles & responsibilities, add language about board decision making processes absent a meeting.

Membership meeting /membership party

There was discussion about combining the membership meeting with the annual membership party – this would allow parties after the show to celebrate the show, and the membership meeting and party to celebrate the membership. The membership meeting/party was scheduled for Saturday September 20 with a tentative start time of 3:30 p.m.

Committee Reports

Building committee

Tari Kelly is unable to participate in a fundraising kickoff event. We will look at other options for this.

Properties/Costumes :

A shed cleaning event will be scheduled for Friday June 20th – we will get people to sign up at auditions and put it on the website (David) and the yahoo list (Theresa).

Tickets

Theresa is working on getting Brown Paper Tickets set up for our use for Finian. There was discussion about handling show cancellations, and consideration of refunding service charges. Theresa will have a report about Brown Paper tickets, including this issue – at the next board meeting.

Next Meeting

June meeting: Monday June 16 site to be determined; 7pm

Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Theresa Fosbinder