

Minutes of January 17, 2006, 6:00 p.m. Midcoast Youth Theater general membership meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Henry Eichman. In attendance were Juli Millett, Mike Millett, Carol Leach, Kathy Christensen, Marie Freiburger and Tracy Kapocius.

Regrets were received from Elaine Perry.

Agenda

- I. Approve Minutes
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business

- I. Approve Minutes
Minutes were read and approved. Carol made a motion to accept the minutes and Marie seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted without objection or abstention.

- II. Treasurer's Report
HMS Pinafore had income of \$2,983.00 total as follows:

\$1,434.00	ticket sales
198.00	concessions
100.00	50/50 raffle
755.00	troop fees
300.00	scripts
<u>186.00</u>	in-kind donations
2,983.00	

HMS Pinfore had expenses of \$1,528.53 as follows:

\$ 435.65	scripts
250.00	performance space
250.00	music director
250.00	accompanists
265.79	posters/postcards
17.00	postage on postcards to membership, etc.
<u>60.00</u>	concessions
1,528.53	

This results in a profit of \$1,454.12 for MYT. Kudos everyone!! The MYT account now has a balance of \$10,930.00. Tracy made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and Carol made a second. Treasurer's report approved without objection or abstention.

- III. Old Business
Not much in the way of "old business"...

IV. New Business

1. The upcoming slate of performances is proposed by Henry as follows:
 - a. Kids' show: "Once on This Island" a Caribbean, love-story musical with show dates of August 17, 18 and 19
 - b. Teen show: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" with show dates of July 27, 28 and 29
 - c. Family show: "A Christmas Carol" the musical version dates T/B/D

The Board agrees enthusiastically on the two youth shows, but there are concerns regarding the family show:

- a. dates
- b. participation
- c. music direction – much discussion!

However, after some discussion, Mike made a motion to accept the 2006 season as proposed and Tracy made a second. This slate of shows for the 2006 season is accepted without objection or abstention.

2. Henry distributed the anticipated individual budgets for each of the shows along with the combined budget for the 2006 season.
 - a. Much discussion ensued re: Orion Theater vs. Mt. Ararat High School. The difference is \$4,000.00 to our total proposed budget. There is a possibility that Mt. Ararat will allow all three of our shows to be performed at the Orion Theater IF the family show, "A Christmas Carol" will be performed during one day, two performances, for the middle school. Discussion re: adults taking time away from work and students taking a day away from school. Carol suggests taking a survey to see who would be available for daytime performances.
 - b. Another aspect of the Orion vs. Mt. Ararat controversy is the seating. It has been mentioned many times that the seating in the Mt. Ararat auditorium leaves a lot to be desired when sitting for 2+ hours. Discussion ensued re: selling MYT seat cushions (cute idea!) or possibly renting comfortable seats.
 - c. Floor mics will be purchased as well as lapel mics to update our existing individual mics. Our "power snake" is in need of repair. It is possible that Mr. Freiburger can repair it for us.
 - d. Juli has concerns about the 2006 season budget, in particular revenues, teen show attendance, and grants. Carol proposed possibly increasing participation fees. Discussion ensued regarding troupe fees and the amount.
 - e. Henry is hoping Portland Glass will donate a piece of plexi-glass for a color lightbox for the kids' show. We also hope for palm trees, etc.!
 - f. Bottom line: budget discussions will continue, Henry will continue negotiations with Mt. Ararat re: Orion, and troupe fees discussion will continue as well. Juli made a motion to accept the budget as it currently stands WITH the caveat that it CAN be amended. Marie seconds the motion. Motion carries with all in favor, except Mike who notes his abstention.
3. Henry asks if the Board will agree to continue lending MYT property to folks who ask. The majority opinion is to continue doing so with Henry using his judgment on a case-by-case basis. For our larger and/or newer equipment, Tracy suggests a

- “contract” of sorts and will design one for this purpose. If Henry is unsure, he will consult the Board.
4. We need to see more publicity to boost attendance in the up-coming season. Juli suggests designing a float for the Memorial Day Parade and other such events. Tracy and Juli will do some preliminary research.
 5. Henry distributed a “donor list” to the Board. He advised us he will be calling upon some of us to contact specific donors with whom we may have a connection.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tracy Kapocius