

MYT Board meeting: Tuesday, 6 May 2008

Present: Henry Eichman, Elaine Perry, Kathy Christianson, Mike Millett, Newton Dubs, Bev Diller,  
Excused: Juli Millett, Pam Tondreau

### Old Business – Upcoming Shows

#### Teens/ Grease

Director: Mike Millett

Choreo: Elaine Perry

Music Dir: Becky Beck

Tech Dir: Henry

Costumes: Bev Diller and Lenny

Producer: Juli Millett – needs help! Try to break up job and enlist parents.

Mike bought paperback scripts (MYT gets to keep these but will issue to kids with same restrictions as to \$25 fee if not returned).

- Lost scripts from previous shows: write them off. Anyone with a prior loss of script will have to pay \$25 before being issued a new script. MYT has sent letters asking for payment of the \$25 that MYT had to pay for non-returned scripts; will send another letter. Scripts returned at this time will be accepted but the \$25 fee will still stand as it has already been paid to the show's licensor.
- Participation Fee: last year was \$65. Kathy Christianson moved that the **2008 Participation Fee be increased for teens to \$75 and include tee shirts and cast party**; Newton Dubs seconded; motion passed. Henry Eichman moved that the Participation Fee be kept uniform over kids and teens so that the kids' show be set at \$75 also; Elaine Perry seconded; motion passed.

#### Kids/ Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Director: Henry Eichman

Choreo: Pam Tondreau

Music: Mr. OP

Tech Dir: \_\_\_\_\_

Costumes: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs. Schuman did last year)

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- Scripts have been ordered but will not be sent until outstanding \$275 from Suessical & 1½ month's late fees for Christmas Carol have been paid. Juli will send a check.
- Issue: checking account for MYT currently only has Treasurer/Juli Millett as a valid signatory. President and Vice-President should also be added. They need to go to the bank and fill out papers.
- Mel Christianson will help with kids' show; more teens should be recruited.
- Auditions will be June 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, location TBD but probably St. Paul's again this year.
- Load in for kids' show will be 1 week after teen show.

#### New Business:

MYT received a parent email from a parent asking if MYT would ever do shows other than musicals (their child was not a singer). **Answer:** more kids can be in a musical than straight drama, so no such plans.

### **Building Committee Report – Kathy Christianson:**

1. Pleasant St property for sale (formerly The Kitchen, formerly ?? Church)
2. People Plus would like to build to suit, perhaps on Weymouth St.
3. Town of Brunswick is offering to move People Plus' former church building to a new location to avoid tearing down the building. This would cost the town appx \$50k. There is great sentimental value placed on the building, which could lead to donations to a capital campaign to repurpose it.
4. The top floor above the Seadogs Brewing Company at the Bowdoin Mill is available for lease. The owners have a completely new mill building that is also empty which they probably prefer to rent first as it has higher costs. The area is 4500 sq ft and has elevator access, plus stairs. It is above the American Cancer Society offices – would they complain about tap dance noise?
5. So space is out there; what do we do next?  
Yes, talk to people, gather info.
6. Benoit Consulting Services (Suzi Benoit) has worked with People Plus for 6 months, has worked for lots of art organizations. Kathy said MYT has \$1500 to \$2000 available to research our space needs, but Suzi said since we couldn't afford her, she'd give us a 2 hour meeting pro bono to get us off on the right track and point out where we are and where to go from here.
7. Perhaps we could write a business plan with help from CEI or a SCORE volunteer.
8. **Mike Millett (2<sup>nd</sup>: Newton Dubs) made a motion to ask Suzi Benoit of Benoit Consulting Services to meet with the MYT Board to help outline things that will help us develop the resources to invest in our own building. Motion passed.**
9. Other places around town that could be of interest to MYT:
  - There's a ballroom in the old Treworgy furniture building, but needs 2<sup>nd</sup> egress for occupancy.  
They used to donate the space to non-profits until stopped by the Fire Dept. This is no longer owned by the Treworgys.
  - Fort Andross (Tony Gatti) (Four Seasons Dance Company is already there).
  - Bodwell Motors / storage space at Salvation Army building = short term solution only.
  - Old Midcoast Hospital Building in Bath: is now used for college & doctor offices. Price is \$10/sq ft and not much space is still available.
  - There will be a lot of movement of town facilities as the base shuts down over the next few years.
10. If we can get a solid plan, the community will support us and help us reach our goal.

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Mt. Ararat.

Kathy will set up a meeting with Suzi and let everyone know by email.

**Bev Diller (2<sup>nd</sup>: Newton Dubs) made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm.**