

DECEMBER 6, 2009 JDG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Tina, Tom M., Clare, Jay, Annie, Al, Mike, Jan, Tom N. Start time: 4:11

Approval of minutes: Mike moved to accept; Al 2nd; all agreed.

VP Report: Tina had no report.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported a balance of \$5900.37. "Dark and Stormy" pulled in \$1165.51 with almost all expenses taken care of so far.

Secretary's Report: Clare had no report.

Membership: Brenda absent/no report.

House: Clare needs help with House for "ACC". Robin/Matthew offered to help. Al, also extended the offer to help.

Corp. Sales: Al talked about his ideas for levels of sponsorship (\$1000 + on up) and what each level of sponsorship will "buy" the donor. It was discussed how to provide incentive to give (offering lots of tickets, private or semi-private viewings of the shows). Al is going to put together a packet to present on the Guild to help him "sell" the idea that we are not just a flash in the pan operation.

Group Sales: Jan absent at this time.

Call Board: Al says he will put one out before "Pillowman" and "Foreigner" that will include news about Xmas party and "A Christmas Carol". He wants to provide a link on the website to current/past Call Boards.

Publicity: Christina texted in her news that she sent out audition notices to the paper and radio about "Foreigner". Jay also wanted to add that we should look at "the big picture" and that is "butts in the seats". Be freer with those comp tickets. We need to develop a community face highlighting our good stuff (scholarship, kid theater in the works, Xmas Carol for charity).

Liasion/Facility: Jan and Tom will talk to Billie about having wine at the opening of 'Pillowman'.

Advertising: Mike will talk at the membership Xmas party about getting more people to sell advertising. He will begin his push to gain advertisers in January.

Website: Christina texted in to say that she has the program but is still having user issues and thus really hasn't been able to do much.

Play Reading: Tina/Annie reported that 2 meetings had been held and today the committee just passed around scripts and briefly discussed what has been read so far. New scripts have been purchased and only \$38 spent. Next meeting will be Jan 3 at 2 pm in the theater.

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Murder Mystery: Mike reported that Jan's evening went well but that no further ones are planned. No news from Kristina about moving the murder mysteries to the American Legion.

Actor Workshop: The next session will be announced when it is scheduled. May have one sometime in January.

Studio J: Al has been sneaking into the theater as he can and hopes to get the stage on Tues. He's been trying to work around all the other stuff happening in the theater. He will not hold rehearsals during the Christmas vacation. He's very excited and the show is going well with most people off book.

Christmas Carol: Fast printing of Joliet donated 150 posters and only requested to add that the printing had been donated on the bottom of the posters. Going to ask Mr. Spiros to print programs as a donation. Jan hoped to make it a fun, enjoyable experience but it has been a challenge. This is new, different theater and not like anything we've done. Jan thanked Jay and Clare for all their help.

Foreigner: Audition dates will be Dec 10/11 at 7 pm with a read thru the following Tuesday.

Tom M.'s Studio J proposal: Tom wants to direct "What the Butler Saw", with only 2 shows being performed during the run of "Curious Savage" He will hold the show on Tuesday and Wednesday (with maybe a 7:30 curtain)with the same set. The Park won't charge additional rent 'cause it's sandwiched in another show. Tom has already cast Tina and Mike in the show so he really only needs 1 more woman and 3 more men. Annie asked if all Studio J shows will be cast without auditions. It was decided that it is up to each person wanting to direct a Studio J show how it will be cast. As it is experimental and a venue to do something different, each show will be handled according to the vision of the director (with Board approval, of course). Clare moved to accept Tom's proposal to direct the next Studio J show; Tina 2nd and all agreed.

Special Needs Shows: Clare said she had made a list of people/businesses to contact to ask to sponsor the extra showing of each play so it will at the minimum cover the extra royalty fee and at best, cover the cost of 4 members from each family wanting to attend. Rae suggested Clare try to find a restaurant to sponsor food for the guests and cast, also.

Next meeting will be January 3, 2010 at 4 pm in the theater.

Clare moved to adjourn the meeting; Jay 2nd and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Branson