

Nov. 8, 2009 JDG Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jan, Tina, Tom M., Mike, Brenda, Al, Annie, Christina, Clare, Kristina, Tom N. Visitors: Jay W., Tom C.

Called to Order: at 6:29

Approval of Minutes: Mike motioned to approve; Christina 2nd, all agreed.

VP Report: Tina said she's happy with the way everyone is working together. She is glad Jay is at the meeting as she would like to propose he join the Board in the vacant spot left by Robin.

Treasurer's Report: We have a Balance of \$6190.50. Before all the bills are in, "Dark and Stormy" pulled in \$1390.15. Jan moved to accept his report; Al 2nd, all agreed. Mike also mentioned the final paperwork for the IL grant has been sent in.

Secretary's Report: Clare had nothing to report.

Membership: Brenda is still waiting for Irene's phone number. Jay Wharrie joined the guild !

House: Refer to the report.

Corp. Spon. Al says he is behind on his tasks.

Group Sales: Jan said she sent out brochures and information to 43 groups before "Dark and Stormy". She will recruit a committee to help her research other companies to contact and follow up with.

Call Board: Al said the newest edition went out before "Dark and Stormy" and it looked good. Wants to put pdf link on website and an extended version for online. Next edition will be before "The Pillowman" and after the Christmas party. Check dates for "Drood" as they may be wrong on website and therefore the Call Board.

Publicity: Christina will investigate getting the JDG into the 2010/201 Heritage Corridor Visitors Guide and a Facebook page that deals with local auditions. She will be making bookmarks to give to bookstores etc. listing JDG shows and info.

Liasion: No report.

Advertising: Mike says a big push will be made in January- packets will be prepared to be given to all guild members to push sales. Clare suggested that anyone who wins a part in a show gets a script and then a few pages of ad sales to go along with it to have others help with ad sales.

Website: Christina has codes now but not the right program. Kristina and Al may have a copy for her.

Play Reading: Reading shows and weeding out those not good for our group. "Sylvia" suggested as maybe a Studio J production? Next meeting will be a very brief one to exchange scripts between the Board meeting and the Christmas party.

OLD BUSINESS:

Murder Mystery: Next one will be Nov. 20 (Jan's school). She still needs performers. JDG is not getting publicity for performing at the Mansion. Kristina will go this week to check out the American Legion Hall she mentioned last time as a possible new site for such performances.

Dark and Stormy: Clare thanked everyone who helped in any way with her show. She is happy the show made money and she looks forward to her chance at directing a more challenging play next time.

Actor's Workshop: The next one will be Dec. 13th at the theater from 1-4 pm.

Studio J: Al says they are well into rehearsals. He needs tickets for the show and should ask Rae about them. Still needs to meet with Rich about wine/cheese evening. Jan will ask Deanna about that. What is the charge from Park for "Pillowman".

Reader's Theater: Will be December 19th at 7:30. A planning meeting will be Friday at Tina's 7:30.

"The Foreigner": Clare reported that she talked with Rae about holding a special needs family showing of this play. Rae agreed and suggested a day and time. Clare will seek funds to pay for this special showing. Mike moved to approve the request for an additional showing of "Foreigner"; Tina 2nd and all agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Christina's reports that her husband works in a printing house and his company will print our programs in exchange for an ad in our programs. We will provide the paper.

-Tom M. will present his Studio J proposal at the next Board meeting.

-Tina proposes we replace Robin with Jay. Jay will join with Christina and help with publicity and outreach. Christina moved to accept the proposal; Clare 2nd and all agreed. Congratulations and welcome, Jay!

-The JDG Christmas Party will be December 6 at 6:30 at the theater. Bring a neutral \$10 grab bag if you wish to participate. It will be pot luck. Tom C. will provide entertainment.

-Jay wanted to let us all know that in 1970, Tom Novotny or "Sir" was his teacher and Jay never forgot him as Tom was one of those teachers a kid didn't forget.

-Jan announced that her daughter, Lori, works at the Rialto and for the Festival of Trees, different choirs will be singing and does the JDG want to create a choir to sing, too? This event will be held on November 28th.

-Jan said the "Spooky Night" held October 23rd was at the Joliet Historical Museum. Tom C., Pete P and Lori C. joined Jan in performing.

-Tom C. said that Gallery & does not want the JDG back anymore.

-We should invite the Park people to our Christmas party.

-Next meeting will be December 6 at 3:30 at the theater (followed by the Christmas party).

-Meeting adjourned at 8:55 after a motion by Christina; 2nd by Tina and agreed to by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare E. Branson
Secretary