

Playhouse 51 General Meeting

May 17, 2016

Agenda

1. Minutes from last month's meeting
2. Financial Report –Lindy
3. Drinking Habits
 - a. Auditions
- b. Production work calls c. discounts
4. Script Selection/Dates
5. Elections
6. Community Opportunities
 - a. Relay for Life – August 20
 - b. Goat days – September 9 & 10
 7. Annual Dinner

Other Business

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April 18, 2016

Meeting started at 7:04. Artistic Director Jane Lester led the meeting for Executive Director Linda Bacon who had a previous commitment.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with one exception. Clarification needs to be made in sentence about "hefty amounts" regarding concessions.

Finance Report: \$20,586.86. We received a grant of \$41.68 from Truist. We have also turned in all the paperwork for a 1st Tennessee grant and should be hearing back from them soon.

Our annual finance report has been refiled to keep our status as a 501C3 nonprofit organization.

Catch Me If You Can: 297 attendees. Box Office brought in \$1631 and Concession made \$228. Director Paul Webb said this play was well received. He heard good comments from people saying they liked this comedy/mystery type genre.

The Marketing Committee will be meeting soon to see what can be done to increase attendance.

Drinking Habits: Jim Cacy will be the director of our next play in June. The play is to be set in the 60's/70's.

Auditions will be held May 6 and May 7. Check PH51's website @ www.playhouse51.com for more information.

Tech Director Mike Evans said Jim already has the set designed and it seems to be fairly simple. A work call will go out asking for help building it and for loading in the set. Loadin will be May 21.

Kathy Masters, Lisa Atkins and Chris Medearis will be working on costumes. Neal Masters volunteered to make the nuns crosses that they wear.

Script Selection Committee: After reading many scripts and considering past alternates, the script selection committee has come up with the following suggestions.

September *Send Me No Flowers* (9 men, 3 women) Alternate – *God's Favorite*

December – *Inlaws, Outlaws and Other People (That Should be Shot)* (7 men, 8 women. 3 teenagers included in this cast)

Alternative – *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Since this is a short play it would need a choral group and/or readings to be added.

March – *Both Sides* an original play by Howard Pries. (2 men, 3 women). This play was runner up in the Neil Simon's Playwriting Contest and will be billed as a "World Premier".

Q and A and possibly a playwriting workshop with the author are being considered in conjunction with this play. Alternate – *Seeing Stars in Dixie*

June – *Welfare Well* (1 man, 5 women) Alternate *The Game's Afoot*

It was recommended by Neal Masters and seconded by Bob Medearis that we approve the committee's first choices. Voted on and approved.

We already have a sponsor for *Both Sides*. It will be the Millington Arts Council. So far we have 3 people who are interested in directing next year. Please let Jane know if you would like to be

considered. **Nominating Committee:** Jane Lester, Paul Webb, Linda Evans. Amy Settle The committee will be accepting nominations up until the May meeting. Here are the nominees: Executive Director (1yr. term) – Jane Lester Artistic Director (1 yr. term) – Michael LaVoice Technical Director (2 yr. term) – Anthony Jennings Administrative Director (2 yr. term) – Linda Christy To vote in the elections you will need to pay your yearly dues at the May meeting.

Update on Civic Center: Jane has been attending the School Board and Council meetings. She said that the city will still hold control of the building for at least one more year. The school board is planning to demolish several of the high school buildings during that time. So far no architect has been chosen. Kate Armitage met with the PH51 board and said that her information is consistent with what we have heard.

Arts Fest: PH511 had a booth at the Fest and gave away a pair of season tickets in a drawing. Thanks to Melinda Forsythe and Jane Lester for manning the booth all day. At next year's Fest, PH51 has volunteered to dress the stage and work lights in the auditorium.

Goat Days: Mark your calendar for Goat Days, September 9-10. Because of Goat Days and the M&M bowl we will have to decide what days our Sept. play will run.

Annual Dinner Meeting: Paul Webb and Michael LaVoice are on the committee. The dinner meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday in July (the 19th). No location for the dinner has been set.

New Business: Relay for Life: Velda Dedeaux would like PH51 to participate at the relay. There will be a large stage and she

suggested maybe we could do some sort of music or skit.

Thank you to Liz Evans for the books she donated on hair and makeup.

Bill Roraback stated that the Millington Crisis Center and St. William Church are having a Chinese Auction this Saturday, the 23rd, at 5:30 at the church. For \$10 you can get dinner and auction tickets. Proceeds will go to the Crisis Center.

Danny Armitage will be moving to Texas in May for a new job at the University of North Texas. In the past he has served as Executive Director for 6 terms. We wish him well and to show our appreciation for all he has done for PH51, we are presenting him with an engraved clock.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

Attendance:

Jane Lester Lindy Bayles Melinda Forsythe Mike Evans Bill Roraback Neal Masters Kathy Masters Chuck Riggs Lisa Atkins Jerry Armitage Bonnie Armitage Velda Dedeaux Elizabeth Hartley Bob Medearis Elizabeth Evans Rick Trimmer Janet Trimmer Rhonda Jones