

MCP Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2016

In Attendance: Lara Gonzalez, Jason Gonzalez, Tess Catlin, Julie Poux, Perry Gary, Jonathan Eckman, Matt Lisa, Peyton Hahn, Darren Lee, Laureen Catlin,

Excused: Eric Grimm

Guests: Joel Lind

Julie called meeting to order at 7:35pm.

May Meeting Minutes: Lara motions to accept with amendments, Perry seconds, passed 10-0-0.

May Treasurer's Report: We paid the rent without borrowing \$. There are two checks that have not yet been cashed. After rent, we have about \$2,000. Peyton motions to accept the report as is, Matt seconded, motion passed 10-0-0.

Committee Reports

Communication – Lara reported. Attendance was up...highest attendance in years! Working on DRS; postcards will be going out soon. The postcards will be FREE. Started working on Murder is Bad, but Monday Will Kill You!

Finance – Peyton Reported. See Cincinnati Reds update below. Jon Scheiding is looking into volunteering at Kings Island to make \$ for MCP. Peyton recommends that MCP looks towards Kings Island as a viable fundraising possibility for this fall.

Peyton reported that there may be a partnership with a culinary school (contact through Trish Cooper) for MCP brunch fundraising event on July 9. This would benefit both MCP and provide members of the culinary school with community service hours. Target audience: people who know MCP members, but are not necessarily involved in MCP. The goal is to get 80 people to come and hear more about MCP. Board members are also requested to be present during this event. The event is proposed to be July 9 from 10:30am-12pm.

John Miller proposed to pay MCP \$1000 to perform Santa Fe Café. Laureen is working on this. There are some various hurdles to overcome before this fundraiser could be achieved. Hurdles include getting a Producer, Director, and getting the Communication Committee involved; among others. Peyton reported that it is low risk and the chances of losing \$ is slim; it would be a financial gain.

MCP was approached by Nativity Players, and they have some risers that they are wanting to store at Theatre 42 and Nativity will need to use them once a year, and hopefully MCP will have some risers soon.

In lieu of risers, Peyton suggested to crowdfund for table coverings and tables to dress up Theatre 42, to make the space look nicer to future visitors. Peyton will move forward with this project.

Peyton also brought up the need for other organizations to pay to use Theatre 42 in order to offset the cost of renting the space. Finance will work on the parameters of this happening soon and will give that information to the Communication Committee.

Jonathan brought up that an alternative to ATP will need to be achieved, but right now the possibility of Kings Island in the fall will help offset that loss.

Liaison – Lauren and the Tuna guys are ready to go for excerpting *Greater Tuna* at OCTA Southwest Regional. Julie reported that MCP will be the keeper of the cash box. Joel is going to spearhead this duty.

Joel has taken care of raffle tickets. Joel reported on the last AACT report, but there was not much to report.

Membership – Perry reported. He asked when to extend the invitation to Lebanon theater group to come and be invited to Theatre 42. The board agreed to wait a bit on this invitation because Lebanon just had a change in leadership. Membership will invite them near end of summer/early fall.

Production – The committee met. Matt reported even though he was on vacation during the most recent meeting. The wardrobes are getting done, but not completely done. Jason Gonzalez was there for a rehearsal of the Grand Ole Opry and the show was a success. The performances from the Opry and the show on June 10th (*Tom, Dick & Harry Joseph*) will bring an additional \$1000 for MCP!

It was suggested that sometime in the future MCP will set up some Lighting/Sound instructional sessions. Lauren reported on the meeting (she was present at the meeting). DRS set design is finalized. Once the set is completed, the focus will shift to set décor.

Julie and Phil Catlin will be spearheading the finishing of the wardrobes. Lauren and Susan Berger developed a plan for the function of the Administrative branch of the Production Committee. Lauren will be bringing that plan to Matt soon.

Tuna wrap up – Lauren is not prepared to wrap it up yet.

DRS update – The cast is going along well, the set is coming along. There are still 6 weeks to polish and fix things up. Design and execution for production staff are in place. New members have reported positive experiences so far. Lara has turned a role into a guest star. The idea being to involve those who are involved in MCP, but not involved in DRS to get more audience members.

Matt has secured wine to be sold by Apontes during DRS. Peyton suggested to get DRS posters that the cast has signed, and then sell them for a set fee as a memento to the show.

Julie suggested for Production to move forward with this.

Fundraising

- **Cincinnati Reds** – shifts are going smoothly, supervisors have been impressed with MCP. Five games are coming up in June. The 19th game was moved to the 26th but everyone who is scheduled has been notified. Peyton is looking into additional Reds games later in the year to compensate for a lack of ATP this year.
- **ATP** – will not be happening this year, or possibly ever again.
- **Thomas** – Perry has sent out a modest call for HELP during this FUNdraiser.

Cemetery Walk – it will get done when October comes.

Inspecting Carol Producer – Darren will produce; may the odds be ever in his favor.

Costume Rental – Terry Kahle will be given the board's approval to rent MCP costumes for a production outside MCP. Lauren moved to accept this, Jason seconded, motion approved 10-0-0.

Laureen suggested tonight and through the next few days, go to www.masonplayers.com/j15 and check out the new website

Meeting ended 10:05pm