

Community Players Monthly Meeting Agenda for December 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports

Facilities Management	Ken Johnson
Grants	Matt Bogdan
Membership	Melissa Dasher
Hospitality	Rusty Mumford
Social Media	Kate Adkins
Season Tickets	Darrell Mullins & Rusty Mumford
Box Office	Darrell Mullins & Rusty Mumford
Patrons	Kel Nagel
Historical	Bonnie Bosies
Concessions	Brenda Allen
Program	Tom Robinson
Program Advertising	Tom Robinson
Publicity	Debby Nagel
Nominating	Sharon Benchoff
House	Betsy Metzger
Production	Matt Bogdan
Scholarship	Lynne Bratten
Lifetime Achievement Awards	Pete Cuesta

Old Business

Pippin – Final Update

Rumors – Update

Old Time Radio Show – Update

Parking Lot

WorWic Update for *Rumors*

Performance Space

“The Shore Gives More” results

Other

New Business

Next Meeting – January 3

Other

Presidents Report for December

Thank you to Vice President Matt Bogdan for filling in for me at this month's meeting.

A few things from me:

1. The paving of the parking lot is finished. The silt fence should be removed soon – just waiting for the final approval from the State of Maryland. The drainage problem is being worked on.
2. All the date for *Rumors* at WorWic have been finally approved.
3. The request for dates for *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* has been submitted again to our new contact person at WorWic. Waiting on final approval.
4. Thank you to everyone who gives so much time and dedication to Community Players.
5. Treasurer Charlie Linton could not be there this month. He reports that everything is payed and we still have money in the ban. Hoping for a couple of large donations in 2024 so we can pay off the loan from Farmers Bank.

Tom Robinson, President

Committee Reports for December 2023 Meeting

NOTE: If a report is identified as TBA, it means I did not get a report from the chair of that committee, those can be updated during our meeting.

Facilities Management: TBA

Building: TBA

Membership: Nothing to report.

Hospitality: Rusty Mumford reported that we continue to be hospitable.

Social Media: TBA

Season Tickets/Box Office: TBA

Patrons: TBA

Historical: TBA

Concessions: Brenda Allen reported that the committee is on break until after the New Year. She wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Program/Program Advertising: Nothing to report

Publicity: TBA

Nominating: Nothing to report

Lifetime Achievement Award: Nothing to report

House: Nothing to report

Production: TBA

Scholarship: Lynne Bratten reported that scholarship info will be distributed after the 1st of the year to guidance personnel, supervisors and theatre teachers.

Newsletter: Rusty Mumford reminded us that the deadline for submitting newsletter content is the 15th of the month.

Fundraising Report

1. The fundraising committee met on November 19, 2023, and discussed the previous 2023 fundraisers, which included Trivia Nights, 50/50 raffles, Old-Time Radio show, Jammin' in July at Kylan Barn, the 86th Season Appreciation Celebration, Paths to Freedom, and Poe's Tales of Horror. Overall, we found these to be very successful fundraisers.

2. The November fundraiser was Giving Tuesday, held November 28. As of this report, there are no details regarding this event.

3. December's fundraiser is an Old-Time Radio Christmas show, featuring the radio plays *Miracle on 34th Street* and *A Christmas Carol*. Matt Bogdan is coordinating the performance. Cast has been selected and rehearsals are underway. Performances will be held at the Players Playhouse on Nutters Cross Road on Saturday, December 16, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. We have two sponsors at \$200 each for the show: The Bank of Delmarva and Ernie Matthews, in memory of his wife Elizabeth. We also have a \$50 ad from The Country House. Also, we will be performing *Miracle on 34th Street* (but not *A Christmas Carol*) in Snow Hill at the old firehouse on Greene Street on Friday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Free admission but donations accepted.

4. We discussed 2024 fundraisers.

January: Nothing scheduled as of yet

February: Matt Bogdan is working on a Harlem Renaissance production with a tentative performance date February 16-18 and February 23-25.

March: A Movie Night is tentatively scheduled. No specific date is established.

April: A Comedy night is tentatively scheduled. No specific date is established.

May: A Kids' show is tentatively scheduled. No specific date is established.

June: Nothing scheduled as of yet.

July: Rusty Mumford and perhaps Shelbie Thompson are working on A New Directors' One Act Play showcase. No set date established.

August: Matt Bogdan is working on a One-Act Play Festival in which various community theater organization present one-act plays.

No other fundraisers for September through December were discussed.

5. We discussed 50/50 raffles, and we recommend that 50/50 raffles should be held at all main show performances.

6. We discussed getting restaurants to cooperate with Players in doing dinner theaters. Kel Nagel was going to look into the local restaurant association to see if this is viable.

7. The next fundraising meeting will be held on January 14 at 2 p.m., during which the Capital Campaign will be discussed.

Grant Writing Report

1. Began application for Google Ad grants.

2. Requested donation from Farmers and Planters Too.

3. Requested donation from Verizon.

4. Applied for Sony Corporation of America grant.

5. Began application for Nora Roberts Foundation.

6. Submitted application to Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) for Grants for Organization (Off-Year).

7. Applied to be a panelist for MSAC to review and score applications. If accepted, it would be beneficial in learning more about what MSAC requires in the grant applications.

8. Attended on on-line webinar regarding ArtsHERE, a new grant program launched by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Statement of interest is due January 19, 2024. Although MSAC is not involved in the running of this program, they did make me aware of this new initiative from NEA.

9. Registered for a Responsive Nonprofit Summit in 2024 (dates tbd). The summit focuses on how to be a more responsive fundraiser who caters to the needs of donors. It is a free three-day event that takes place exclusively online with 75 speakers and 36 sessions.

10. Submitted a letter of inquiry to the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust for a capital grant.

11. I contacted MASC regarding a grant so that we could hire an architect. They said that such a request would fall under the Arts Capital grant, which will be available next year. There is a webinar on December 12 from 1-2 that I will be attending online for information about the Arts Capital grant. After applying, the notification of acceptance will occur by May 2024. Spending can start after July 1. The program cannot support any work begun or costs incurred before July 1. I assume that we will be hiring an architect before July 1, and, given that, the grant application can still go forward with our asking for funds for various renovations.