

COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SALISBURY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 3, 2020

BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THE MEETING WAS HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mullins, presiding, K. Nagel, R. Finley, C. Linton, K. Johnson, J. Hearn, K. Adkins, M. Dasher, P. Cuesta, N. Drehmer, T. Robinson

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Mumford, L. Bratten, B. Drehmer, S. Thompson, D. Allen, C. Dasher, T. Welsh

GUEST: Travis Ayers

President Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:04

Minutes of the May meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted

Since there were constitutional and by-laws amendments on the agenda, they were attended to first. Both require approval of the general membership, with two thirds vote for constitution amendment, and majority for Bylaws. All the items had been passed by the board on first reading in May, with membership duly notified by their publication in the newsletter and in an email blast.

The constitutional amendments change the category of membership to include a student member category and changed the meeting date for elections to the June meeting to reflect current practice. The amendments were passed without opposition.

The bylaws amendments changed the categories of membership, eliminated membership tiers, added a student membership, changed family membership to including family members under the age of eighteen (twenty-two for full time military or students). Student members under eighteen do not have the right to vote or hold office. The amendments passed without opposition.

The Constitution and Bylaw amendments will be posted on the website and attached to these minutes

Planning update: The planning committee received the final recommendations from our SU consultants and had a virtual meeting to discuss them. Minutes of that meeting have been distributed to the board and will be attached to these minutes.

A sub-committee chaired by Shelbie Thompson will work on the social media recommendations.

Darrell announced that Sharon had convened a small group to discuss planning for next season, including herself, Ken Johnson, Sharon Benchoff and Kel Nagel. It is possible that we may be able to produce either all four of next season's shows, or even none. We will have no word on Wicomico school availability until at least September. Possibly Wor-Wic will be able to tell us something sooner than then. The group discussed possibly doing Senior Follies in an outdoor venue in September. This could be done with low strength FM radio transmission with audience members in their cars.

At this time Lynne Bratten introduced Travis Ayers, who gave some of his extensive background in sound and radio. We hope that he will be able to join us in our productions.

After some brainstorming it was decided that we should have two ad hoc committees to look at short term plans. The long-term planning committee would continue to function separately.

The first committee, the Alternate Activities committee, will be chaired by Robin Finley, and will explore things we could do to entertain our public if and when we are unable to offer live indoor theater.

The contingency planning committee, chaired by Darrell Mullins, will explore ways to get next season's plays done, whether in different venues, with reduced seating and social distancing, etc. All of the directors involved will be asked to participate in this committee.

Elections for officers and board members were held by mail and email because of the pandemic. Results were announced. The officers and board members will be as follows:

President: Sharon Benchoff

Vice-president: Melissa Dasher

Recording Secretary: Kel Nagel

Corresponding Secretary: Rusty Mumford

Treasurer: Charlie Linton

Immediate Past President: Darrell Mullins

Board Members

Bobbie Calloway, Pete Cuesta, Matt Hatfield-Term expires 2021

Sammy Barnes, Nate Drehmer, Tom Robinson-Term expires 2022

David Allen, Ken Johnson, Shelbie Thompson-Term expires 2023

Outgoing board members were thanked for their service, and the entire slate of candidates was thanked for being willing to serve.

Darrell was thanked with virtual applause from the whole group for serving as president in an exceedingly difficult year.

Voting at board meetings was again discussed. The Constitution and Bylaws are clear that the officers and board have full authority to run the organization and are the only ones who can vote at board meetings. All members are encouraged to attend board meetings and to join in the discussion of any items. It is regrettable that some members feel that they are not heard when they participate in discussions but cannot vote

Pete Cuesta requests nominations for the lifetime achievement award

The next board meeting, presumably another virtual meeting, will on Wednesday, July 1, 2020