



Minutes
Winter Meeting
Port Tobacco Players
February 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Gilpin at 7:39 pm. Melissa Ball recognized our Benefactors and thanked them for their continued support. We have begun an Amazon Wish List for our supporters who would like to purchase needed supplies. The list will be in the next E news. Some of the improvements that we have done this year include repairing the trip hazards in the balcony, a new floor in the rehearsal hall, dry locking the Oak Street wall, landscaping thanks to Kate Zabriskie, taking back cleaners location, 38 bricks installed in the front of the theater, new LED lighting. We are planning a new sound system that will be installed in August thank you to Tessa Silvestro. Our One Act Festival entry came in second and won three awards and is moving on. We sold 14,500 tickets this year and we paid off our Charles County Government loan. We are now a historical site in LaPlata and have a plaque on the outside front declaring that honor. We received 20 Watch nominations for this season and Tessa Silvestro won an Acting Watch Award last year. We held our first makeup class this year and we were included the LaPlataopoly game. This year we were VIP hosts at Rocktoberfest. We presented two scholarships to local students. Thank you to all our membership for all your hard work and support of our theater. As a thank you we will be providing a bus to the Watch Awards so that we can all celebrate our success.

Minutes- Joselle Gilpin Keith Linville made a motion to accept the minutes from the Summer Meeting as presented. Henry McPherson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Mike Gahan- When we had our appraisal for our loan our appraisal showed the value of our property increased by \$335,000. Rich Gilpin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Carlton Silvestro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Properties- Tessa Silvestro- Please make sure that you return props to the location in the props loft where you found them. Tessa is working on an organization system. New headsets for the tech crew were purchased and new dimmer packs for the lighting crew. The props committee is looking for members.

Costumes- Melissa Gilpin- The Costume Guild sent out invitations to new members that would double the size of the Guild. The Guild had a successful purge in February of 2019. They have a new computer

in the costume loft as well as a new washing machine. They have expanded their bin system and donated to many different organizations.

Public Affairs- Matt Jones- Thank you to the Public Affairs Committee Amy Cooksey, Ann Marie Watson, Keith Linville, Brooke Howells, and Dave Standish. This year we participated in the Charles County Fair, Small Business Saturday, and Rocktoberfest. Ann Marie Watson completely redid our Website.

Membership-Joselle Gilpin- Thank you to Janice Sagers for the hosting our summer meeting at her home this year. Thank you to Kate Zabriskie for all her help with tonight's banquet. In addition, Janice Sagers, Carol Russell, Neil Twohig and Anne Lockhart. Election Committee- Ben Simpson- Board terms ending this year are Mike Gahan, Ben Simpson, Matt Jones and Joselle Gilpin. 10 people ran for the four spots. 3 3-year terms and 1 1-year term. Stacey Swickert will serve the 1-year term. Mike Gahan, Jason Klunkowski, and Neil Twohig will serve the 3-year terms.

Facilities- Chris Magee- Help is needed to remove the deck out back so that it can be replaced with a safer one. We are closing the theater on August 17th to begin renovations and will reopen for the winter show. We will be looking for help for all the work. Thanks to Chris Magee for all the work that he has been doing.

History/Library-Kyle Rappe- The script library is in the closet house back right. We have two by law changes that were sent out with the ballots and are located at each table. Keith Linville made a motion to accept change #1 and #2 and it was seconded by Craig Hower. Change 1 had 3 votes opposed but the majority said yea and the motion carried. Change 2 was passed unanimously.

Education-Ben Simpson- Adult Encore performed 68 times this year. Kids Encore is up and running with Suzanne Donahue and Bill Righter. They have a Kids Encore and a Teen Encore. Camp Director is again Tessa Silvestro. Thanks to her and her staff for all their hard work. Camp dates will be posted. Melissa Gilpin held a make up class. We now have an education forum on Facebook.

Productions- Tara Waters- Play reading Committee has 18 members special thanks to Jim Watson and Tessa Silvestro. You can now submit shows on the website year-round. The interview committee interviewed 11 directors. Thanks, you to the committee Chris Magee, Neil Twohig, Becky Kuhn and Liz Mildenstein.

New Business-

There were issues with the membership list this year. We must come up with a better system for maintaining our membership lists, so we do not miss members when sending out ballots.

Slate of Shows for 2020/2021

Hello Dolly- Produced by Kathy Mead Directed by Ben Simpson Music Director Will Derr November 20-December 13,2020

Macbeth- Produced by Carol Charnock, Directed by Craig Hower January 15-31,2021

Little Shop of Horrors- Produced by Keith Linville, directed by Kyle Rappe Music Directed by Zack Ball and Brian Kuhn March 5-28,2021

12 Angry Men- Produced by Bill Righter, Directed by Mike Gahan April 9-18,2021

The Importance of being Earnest- Produced by Debbie Gilley, directed by Rachel Wallace May 7-23,2021

Beauty and the Beast- Produced by Bill Righter, directed by Tessa Silvestro Music directed by Will Derr
July 9 August 8,2021

Ben Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Jhonni Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed
unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.