



Minutes
Winter Membership Meeting
Port Tobacco Players, Inc.
February 18, 2023
American Legion, La Plata

Meeting was called to order at 7:15

Board members in attendance: Tara Waters (President), Jason Klonkowski (Vice President), Mike Gahan (Treasurer), Carol Russell (Secretary), Carol Charnock, Craig Hower, Stacey Swickert

Secretary (Carol Russell) Minutes from the Winter Membership Meeting (August 28, 2022) were presented. Motion to accept (Kyle Rappe). Second (Ben Simpson). Accepted as written.

Nominating Committee Three members who submitted applications are new members of the Board: Craig Hower, Michael Beyrle, and Heather Bauer. The remaining open position will be filled with a one-year appointment at the March board meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mike Gahan) Total assets \$290,639.18 Motion to accept (Chris Magee), Second (Quentin Sagers). Accepted as presented.

Education (Carol Russell) – Adult Encore gave twenty-two performances in 2022 and in 2023 have already had six performances. Board of Directors have helped with updated equipment and technical assistance. The program is ready for growth. Encore Kids and Teens – Program for 23-24 not yet in place. Seeking those interested in producer and possibly director for program. Camp Mockabee – Board has expanded support for Camp as production.

Properties (Stacey Swickert) Props loft has been cleaned and organized (ongoing). Thanks to the efforts of Kathy Mead.

Costumes (Tara Waters for Janice Sagers) Still seeking a costume director for *Ragtime*.

Public Affairs (Jason Klonkowski) The County Fair had a good turnout of volunteers. We still seek more people to serve on the Public Affairs Committee. Also, someone needed to take over the road banners.

Membership (Carol Charnock) Membership year is July 1 – June 30. If dues are not paid by end of December, membership will lapse. Appreciation to Bailey's Catering this evening and to Heather Bauer for setting up.

History/Library (No report)

Facilities (Craig Hower) Appreciation to Mike Gahan for his handling of our funds, allowing us to not only survive, but make the repairs and additions to the theater. Finally, there are NO roof leaks. The sump pump was messy and costly, but it is fixed and alarm in order (Thanks Michael Beyrle and Mike Gahan).. Our sound system has been upgraded. We are working on upgrading the light system. Soon, the keyless entry system will be in place.

Productions (Tara Waters)

Slide presentation of the 23-24 productions:

Dates	Production	Director
September 22-October 8, 2023	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Suzanne Donahue
November 24 – December 17, 2023	<i>Little Women (Musical)</i>	Bill Smolter
January 26 – Feb 11, 2024	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>	Mike Gahan
March 1 – 17, 2024 March 22-23, 2024	75 th Anniversary Cabaret (Title TBD) Guest Shemika Renee	Becky Kuhn, Tara Waters
May 3 – May 19, 2024	<i>Raisin in the Sun</i>	Jeremy Hunter
July 12 – August 4, 2024	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Kyle Bailey

New Business

- (Mike Gahan) PTP hosted the One-Act Festival. Seven Maryland theaters participated. PTP presented “Hotline,” written and directed by Jason Klonkowski. Nina McNeal Grover was awarded special recognition for outstanding set dressing/properties. Nathan Detweiler awarded outstanding achievement in acting for portrayal of Operator 72.
- Mike Gahan is now in the position of Business Manager for PTP.
- Member suggestion that some of the seats in the theater need to be replaced. Member suggestion that some funding for that might be seats dedicated by plaques with names.
- Member recognition of Mary Beth Reckeweg passing away recently and her dedication to PTO for more than 30 years.

Three musical numbers by the cast of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Meeting was adjourned 7:53

Carol Russell, Secretary
Port Tobacco Players

Reviewed by Board: March 14, 2023

Approved Winter Membership Meeting _____