

Iowa Community Theatre Association Membership Meeting

President Rick Myers convened the Iowa Community Theatre Association membership meeting at the ICTA Convention in Webster City at 12:36 P.M. on March 24, 2018.

Secretary Donna Smithson read the minutes of the membership meeting in Marshalltown on March 18, 2017. Jason Paull moved acceptance; John Olson seconded; carried.

Treasurer Gerard Schwickerath provided the treasurer's report which shows balances of \$5,587.56 in the general fund and \$31,975.00 in the L. K. Boutin fund. Outstanding awards for 2018 equal \$1,125.00. Mel Wilson moved acceptance; Molly Ketchum seconded; carried.

Jason Paull and John Olson distributed ballots to vote for ICTA board members. Each individual member and each member theater receives one vote. Those board members whose terms expire but are running for reelection were introduced: Molly Ketchum, Rick Myers, Jason Paull, Pam Ratliff, Donna Smithson. Nominations were made for Sue Beukema who declined because Newton already has two members on the board. David Kilpatrick was nominated but was ineligible because he is not a current member. With no other nominations, John Olson moved that the five persons on the ballot be elected by acclamation; Cheryl Clark seconded; carried.

Jerry Onik was scheduled to speak for Heartland Scenic Studio but relinquished his spot on the agenda because of time. Gerard Schwickerath asked for time on the agenda to discuss the advantages of board member liability insurance in the individual theatres. He also questioned how theatres should record donations. The American Association of Community Theatres has helpful advice. Check their web site. Gerard advocated becoming a 501(c)3 entity stating that it is not difficult, and it will open avenues for more grants.

Ann Vogelbacher of Travel Iowa encouraged theaters to use Iowa Tourism (www.visitwesterniowa.com; www.iowatourism.com [Central Iowa]; www.easterniowatourism.org) as a vehicle to publicize their theatre events — Information - images, videos, links to social channels, hours, description, etc — may be listed online at no cost; however, entities are asked to update their information every eighteen months.

Loween Getter, newsletter "Center Stage" editor, was introduced. A copy is available online once per quarter with an additional issue following one of the two major ICTA events: Festival or Convention. She asked theaters to share articles, calendar productions, and feedback for the newsletter.

President Myers announced the next Iowa Festival will be in March of 2019 and encouraged the groups to prepare a performance and enter the festival.

At 1:28 P.M. Pam Ratliff moved to adjourn the membership meeting; Molly Ketchum seconded; adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Smithson, Secretary