

## IOWA COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION

The Iowa Community Theatre Association Board of Directors met November 1, 2014, at the Waterloo Center for the Arts, in Waterloo, IA.

Present: President Rick Myer, Vice President Helen Beneke, Secretary Peggy Brown, Treasurer Gerard Schwickerath (via telephone from Singapore 12-1:30 P.M.), Carol Bellairs, Loween Getter, Molly Ketchum, R.J. Lundgren, Bobbi Lutzen, Jason Paull, Donna Smithson, Mel Wilson, Christine Wolf and Cheryl Zieringer.

President Rick called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. He explained that Gerard was on the phone to discuss the Boutin Grant Applications. The treasurer's report was reviewed first with Gerard answering all questions. The following ten Boutin grant applications were reviewed, discussed and four were approved for funding: Ames Children's Theatre (Encourage middle school & high school students to create works of performance), Ames Theatre - Actors (Make-up and costumes for Shrek), Audubon Country Players (Muslin to cover flats), Clarinda Community Theatre (bring an opera group to elementary school), Community Players of Greene County (2 speakers with stands), Judge Story's Theatre Group (Wireless transmitter with body packs), New Minowa Players (Purchase domain name), Great River Players (Help to fund taking a production to State Festival 2015), Old Fort Players (Start up funds to form a youth theatre group) and Wilsons Performing Arts Center (Help to fund taking a production to State Festival 2015). Following in-depth discussion of each application, Jason made a motion, second by Loween, to approve: Old Fort Players the \$300 request to organize a youth theatre group, New Minowa Players request for \$150 for a domain name, Community Players of Greene County \$225 for 2 speakers with stands, and Audubon Country Players request for \$500 for muslin to cover flats. Upon vote, the motion carried. Gerard will notify the theatres.

Mel reported annual dues may be paid today, and she will take the checks for Gerard.

The meeting convened at 1:35 as Helen had brought lunch. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M.

The June 21 minutes had been disseminated via internet. Mel made a motion, second by Molly to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Constance Grimm, Theatre Executive Director with Matthew and Scott joined the board to discuss hosting the 2015 Festival. Considerable discussion was held and a tour of the facility was scheduled following the meeting. Mel and Pam were appointed board liaison members with Constance and her committee.

Rick reported the ICTA web site is up and running at: [lowacommunitytheatresassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lowacommunitytheatresassociation@gmail.com) Board members were encourage to get their picture on the site. Jenn will help. Members were also encouraged to post their theatre productions on the calendar.

Region V Festival report was given by Mel. Date set is April 23-26 in Newton. Adjudicators selected are Allen Eppert, Kristi Quinn and Ron Ziegler. Each will present a workshop.

Awards of Excellence was discussed. The number of review requests have increased greatly each year. Areas of concern were discussed. It was determined the committee made up of Cheryl, Carol, Donna and Mel should meet to review the system.

Nominating Committee this year consists of Gerard, Peggy, Loween, Bobbi and R.J. Terms are expiring for Rick, Molly, Jason, Pam and Donna. Anyone wishing to join the board may contact a member of the nominating committee.

It was reported Center Stage looks great and contains a lot of information. Loween was given the freedom to set publication dates. There are to be four issues per year plus one following festival and/or convention especially to report the Gala Event. Members were encouraged to get theatre information to Loween as well as publish it on the web site.

The next meeting will be February 2015 -- with place and date to be set later.

Mel made a motion, second by Helen, to adjourn. Motion carried. Rick closed the meeting at 3:35 P.M. Many stayed for the tour.

Peg Brown, Secretary