

IOWA COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting

The Iowa Community Theatre Association Board of Directors met at the Webster City Community Theatre April 9, 2016, at 11:00 A.M.

Present: President Rick Myers, Secretary Peg Brown, Helen Beneke, Loween Getter, Molly Ketchum, R.J. Lundgren, Donna Smithson, Mel Wilson, Christine Wolf, and Cheryl Zieringer.

President Rick called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. The minutes of the January 16, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Gerard was in Singapore so there was no treasurer's report available. Conversation regarding rebuilding the Boutin funds occurred; however, there are questions to be answered by Gerard before moving forward too quickly. A fund raising committee consisting of Mel as Chairman, R.J. and Chris was named. It was suggested to add Jason also. Various types of raffles were discussed. R.J. presented a contest to design a tee shirt representing community theatre. The committee will make decisions and inform the board. A program "Fund Raising with Fudge" was presented; there was no interest in pursuing it.

The Nominating Committee Report revealed three individuals who are interested in running for a position on the board. They are Cheryl Clark of Des Moines, Joey Hartshorn of Sioux City, and Norman Ussery from Waterloo. Current board members whose 3-year term will expire this year are: Gerard, Peggy, Loween, Bobbi and R.J. Loween asked Cheryl to send her all the information so it could be included in the upcoming Center Stage. Nominations may be accepted from the floor at convention. A biography must be available. Rick stated when he gets the information he will have a sheet at the noon meeting with all the biographical information for all candidates. Information will also be available on the Web Site. All members were encouraged to view the web site at least monthly and be sure to let Jenn know if the information is incorrect or outdated.

Articles for Center Stage are to be received by April 18 for inclusion in the upcoming issue. Registration for the annual convention to be held June 11, 2016 in Sioux City will be included. The day's schedule will be included. A welcome party is being planned for the evening of June 10.

Rick presented a brief overview of the convention schedule. The annual meeting will be held over lunch at noon, the ICTA board of directors will meet at 2:45 P.M. and the Awards Gala is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. All events will be held at the

theatre. A block of rooms will be available at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Registration fee is \$60. if made before June 1. Room rates for the Holiday Inn is \$79. Information is available on Facebook.

Cheryl reported she had heard nothing from Bogenrief Studios regarding the goblets. Another business had been contacted and follow through will be made to order more goblets. Cheryl, Mel and/or Jason will do this. Considerable discussion was held regarding the Awards ceremony. Agreement was made to have a list of all competing theatres asking for a review, and naming only the top five candidates in each category prior to naming the winner.

Marshalltown submitted a bid to host the 2017 Festival March 17-19. Mel made a motion, second by Helen, to accept this bid. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Donna gave a Region V Representative report. Copies of an AACT Team Conference to be held in Des Moines were shared. Pipestone, MN is presenting a Fast Fact Play festival August 19-20, 2016. AACT information is available on their Web Site. The 2017 Region V meeting will be in Brainard, MN, April 27-30. The AACT National Festival will be held in Rochester, MN, June 26-July 1, 2017. Donna submits a report twice each year to the Region V Representative, Nancy Eppert.

Sue Beukema requested permission to assist hosting theatres select qualified adjudicators. It was agreed Mel could serve as an ICTA board member to work with Sue thus providing the aid to hosting theatres in adjudicator selection.

Rick shared an idea of hosting a play writing competition which would be open to all member theatres. He will be forthcoming with his plan. The board agreed this sounds like an exciting project.

The next meeting will be June 11, 2016, in Sioux City.

The meeting was closed at 1:55 P.M.

Peg Brown, Secretary