

**THE OCEAN PINES PLAYERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 18, 2023

Ocean Pines Community Center East Room

Ocean Pines, MD 21811

DIRECTORS PRESENT		ABSENT	GUESTS
Frank Pasqualino, President	Barbara Miller, Vice President	Wayne Klitsch Director	
Donna Pasqualino, Secretary	Dorothy Leslie, Director	Patty Jo Moore, Director	
Karen Adcock, Treasurer		Ed Guinan, Director	
Cara Downey, Director		Donna Frankowski, Director	

CALL TO ORDER

Having established a quorum, Frank called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 2023

Minutes were not taken at this meeting due to the absence of the secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen presented the general ledger with a current balance of ???. She has paid for storage for the rest of the year and will pay for the post office box in June. On a sad note, Karen informed the Board that she needs to step back from the Players for a long sabbatical due to health reasons. She will continue to perform as our Treasurer though. Upon a motion by Barbara, seconded by Dorothy, the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Love Letters:

Frank reported that rehearsals were going well, but ticket sales are not. Only 7 tickets have been sold. Barbara asked that all Board members sell at least 1 playbill ad for this show; place a poster at a strategic area; and take a turn manning the table at the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. Karen presented a list of questions/issues concerning the venue Mariner's Country Down. These concerns include the cleaning of the facility; parking and transportation (particularly for some of our older mobility-challenged audience); toilet facilities; and additional chairs for seating. Frank said that some of these issues were already addressed in the contract. Cara suggested that we provide more information on

our website addressing the location of the venue and how we will transport those who need assistance from the parking lot to the boathouse. Frank said we could borrow additional chairs from MBS if necessary and that we had leftover refreshments from the previous show (stored at the Pasqualino house) that can be sold at Love Letters performances. Water sold the best. Karen will be contacting people to ask for volunteers to be ushers, run a 50/50, etc.

Children Participation Plays:

Tabled until next meeting because Ed was not present.

50th Anniversary Committee:

Cara talked to Joe Moore to see if he had any archives and is waiting to hear back from him. It was suggested that a mail chimp be sent out after Love Letters asking for volunteers to form a committee for the 50th Anniversary. Marlene Ott said she would be willing to help and be on the committee. Barbara also has a press release that will be out shortly asking for volunteers for this committee.

American Legion Grant:

Tabled until next meeting.

Sponsor/Donor:

Barbara submitted a sponsor/donor list detailing and breaking out all of the various types, levels, and amounts of donors, corporate sponsors and supporting sponsors. Karen made a motion to accept the sponsor/donor list, Cara seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo:

To take place on 4/29/23. Barbara has plenty of volunteers to man a table. We still need to recruit singers to entertain and attract interest in our table.

BOD Headshots/Group Picture:

Barbara needs individual headshots of all the members of the Board of Directors, along with a group picture of the Board to be used for publicity purposes. The plan is to take a group photo at the next meeting in May when hopefully all members of the Board will be present.

Farmer's Market:

Barbara has the supplies needed to man a table for the weekly Farmer's Market in Ocean Pines. She reported that she has been successful in recruiting volunteers each week for the near future.

Educational classes:

Frank's stage manager's class is going well. He's planning to utilize the 5 students who are taking the class to stage manage Love Letters. Classes for the fall season need to be submitted to Ocean Pines by July in order to be printed in their fall directory. Frank volunteered to teach another stage-managing course and an improv class for both actors and non-actors (one for adults and one for children).

Membership/Board Members:

There is a strong need to recruit new Board members. Frank suggested putting out a plea for this in our next newsletter that goes out in July that will hopefully yield results in the next membership meeting in November.

Ticket Tailor (memberships/season passes/automated membership):

More information needed—to be discussed later.

NEW BUSINESS

Winery:

Two cabaret performances are scheduled on July 2nd and September 9th from noon to 3 pm at the Windmill Creek Winery. This is not considered to be part of our regular season—simply an addition. So far, Donna P., Dorothy, Pat Lehnerd, and Jim Ullman will be participating. The Winery will pay the Players for these 2 performances and both the Players and the Winery will advertise the events.

Worcester County History Month at the OC Museum:

Cara asked if the Players would be interested in bringing back the Petticoat Regime for 1 show this October for History Month. This was a play written by Karen consisting of 4 women and 1 man about historically significant women in Worcester County. A director and date are still needed. Dorothy made a motion that OPP perform the Petticoat Regime written by Karen for 1 performance on an undetermined date in October for History Month; Donna P. seconded the motion; and it was unanimously passed.

Happy Birthday USA:

Dorothy and Karen suggested resurrecting Happy Birthday USA possibly for Memorial Day 2024 and then making the show an annual event. It was decided to table it for now to be discussed at greater length in the future.

Summer Wednesday Night Singalong with the Players and Pine Tones:

Frank brought up the idea of collaborating with the Pine Tones and hosting a Wednesday night singalong/karaoke at the Pavilion at White Horse Park possibly during the summer of 2024. To be discussed later.

2023-2024 SEASON

Yacht Club Cabaret:

Frank met with the Yacht Club to discuss another cabaret performance there this fall. If we decide to do this, it would again be our event (like a wedding) but they would want to serve a plated dinner (with 3 menu options as well as seats chosen when tickets are purchased) as opposed to a buffet. The lack of a buffet table would also open up more table space. Frank suggested performing American standards if we decide to go forward with this with auditions held. Karen said that she had a track of music from a

previous cabaret of songs from the 1940s that was well received and could be used for this event. Frank is waiting to hear from Leah at the Yacht Club for confirmation of a date, but thinks it might be November 18th. Ticket prices for the event will be at least \$75 per person, if not more.

Radio Airwaves show:

Frank brought up the need to choose what the group would perform for our Radio Airwaves show for next season. Karen suggested that we perform 1 episode of Father Knows Best and 1 episode of The Thin Man (previously performed at the American Legion prior to the pandemic) for this purpose. Each episode is approximate 30-40 minutes making for a 70-75-minute show. Dorothy made a motion that the Players perform 1 episode of Father Knows Best and 1 episode of The Thin Man for our Radio Airwaves show; Karen seconded the motion; and it was unanimously passed.

Play Selection for season:

Frank suggested that based on our auditions, we need to choose plays with small casts with 1 of those plays preferably being a comedy. Frank asked that the Board read the play submissions and choose their top 3 choices by Friday, April 21st to be discussed and chosen as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm, location to be determined soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Frank, seconded by everyone, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:37 pm.