

General Meeting – May 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at – 12:04

19 of 33 voting members present

- Officer Reports
 - President
 - Extra Performance with Troy Night Out
 - Side show over family Weekend
 - Rewrote constitution and bylaws
 - Tried to do independent scene night which fell through
 - Tried to plan event for 85th season but this did not advance
 - Considered having murder mystery dinner
 - Had the normal productions
 - We had many producers put in this year
 - Publicity got better and better throughout the year
 - We had more communication with other clubs especially the Poly, RPI TV, UPAC, RPI Ballroom
 - Met with PU and GM candidates before elections
 - Business Manager
 - The Year in Review
 - Current business manager elected in February
 - Understanding of how to better organize things for next semester
 - Ran into some issues with accompanists because of Union policies
 - Now better equipped to know how to handle this next year
 - The Plan for the Future
 - Pizza for next year
 - Going to be in contact with PU to get a budget
 - If this is not possible, might be able to tack it on to production budget
 - Possible to ask alumni for donations to fund it
 - Possible to make an exchange with Big Apple (ads for pizza)
 - Technical Director
 - We got the lobby painted last summer
 - Acquired new furniture from Union

- Card access was implemented
 - New costume racks
 - Gas grill on porch
 - Completed new curtains reserve line
 - Had Genericon and Rusty Pipes show in Union this year
 - Other general operations went as normal
 - We never got new chairs
 - This is on the new TD's list
- Membership Chair
 - We had three closing night parties
 - Changes to party
 - Party monitors
 - Guest list
 - Had normal membership events including apple picking
 - Had one TIPS training session
 - Had Membership Committee meetings mostly in the first half of the year
 - Had picnic last week
- Secretary-Historian
 - Posters for last season were framed
 - They should be framed earlier next season
 - VIP comp. tickets went out as usual
 - These should also go out earlier, preferably two or three weeks before tech week
 - Perhaps send out season comp. tickets to VVIPs
 - Show selection went well
 - More discussion would be helpful
 - The office was not kept very clean, but this has been improving
- Season Publicity
 - We advertised shows
 - We replaced a marquee
 - Met with Holly to talk about advertising on campus
 - Mason elected as new publicity director
 - Changed how publicity director works
 - Mason will coordinate whole season and take assistants each season

- Working on getting a google drive of publicity information to pass down
- Member Feedback and Discussion
 - Will there be an 85th season event?
 - We have not planned anything yet
 - If there will be, it would have to be towards the end of the season
 - We could consider hosting something for alumni weekend
 - This is the second weekend of October
 - We currently have work party on the schedule
 - Could have a special performance of the musical for it
 - Possibly have an social event beforehand
 - The idea of having an assistant musical director
 - This person would help the musical director assemble a pit orchestra but not be involved with the casting side of things
 - Are there any current reserve funds for renovations to the building?
 - We do not believe so
 - This concern was about seeing the dressing room redone
 - Requests for specific fixes are best done for the summer
 - Positive feelings toward the modifications we made to work party towards the end of the year
 - Would be nice to see more acting opportunities in the fall, more than the main stage show and side show
 - No specific ideas
 - If we want to do theater, B-Rad's said they would give us a discount on catering
 - A scene night or a shake and bake would be good
 - Also possibility of "theater slam" (not during finals)
 - This might be good for alumni weekend
 - We have not done this for a while because there was little interest in acting, but it was also during study days
 - This has come up several times at Membership Committee meetings, but logistically it is hard to block out 24 hours for people
 - Could do it over an extended period of time instead of 24-48 hours
 - Positive feelings toward shift in thinking about publicity as everyone's duty
 - Possible to implement a reward system for people participating in Players' events (ex: fill out all the tasks on a card, get a Players shot glass)

- Might not have the funding for this for a while
- Tech workshops worked poorly this year, but they could be very useful
 - Feeling expressed that they should be shorter
 - AYW in the fall will have a two weekend long workshop series
 - They are looking for people to host or help with workshops
 - Suggestion that workshops be more interactive and hands-on
 - We tend to schedule workshops to overlap, which is bad idea if people want to attend more than one
- How do alumni stay informed about what is happening with us?
 - We need to rethink how we are doing this
 - If someone wants to stay on the announcement list, email the Secretary-Historian
 - Maybe sending out a monthly email to interested alumni
- How do we get on the list for the Old Timer Newsletter?
 - There is form to fill out online to fill out

Meeting Adjourned at – 12:39