

PACIFIC OKINAWA PLAYERS

General Membership Meeting
August 19, 2013
Foster Community Center Auditorium

Meeting called to order @ 6:04 PM by President Trystan Brakefield. Minutes from the June 3, 2013 General Meeting were approved as written and posted on website.

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- Treasurer: For privacy reasons, this report is only announced at meetings. Publicity:
 - There is a Marketing Class that is creating a Marketing Plan for POPs as part of its class assignment. We should get the results of it by the end of October.
 - There was no AFN announcement in August as the Publicist was out of town; they will recommence in September.
 - There is a schedule for the USMC/MCCS Newcomer's Orientation Brief which POPs can participate in.
 - A flash mob was requested over the summer but it did not come together. However, Kadena BX continues to be interested in using POPs to put together such an event for Halloween or Christmas.
- Membership: If people are not getting our monthly Membership emails, then either they are not members, POPs has the wrong email address, or does not have the email address at all. Please see the Membership Secretary to make changes as needed.

Old Business

- Proposals Vote: To review, the shows for the 2013-2014 will be the following: *Sweeney Todd*, *Christmas Follies*, *Snow White Pantomime*, *Aristocats Kids*, and *A Night of One Acts*.
- Sweeney Todd: MCCS has only approved one weekend of performances. Director is currently looking for another venue to host a second weekend. Most off-base sites are asking for a large amount of money to host the show, e.g., US\$600.
- Christmas Follies: the dates are not yet confirmed. Per the show's director, Schilling's policy is to set dates no earlier than three months prior.
- POPs BBQ: this year's BBQ will take place at Torii Beach at 1-5pm. The Board will provide meat, buns, and condiments and ask attendees to RSVP and bring a dish to share.
- Information Booth: The President is coordinating this event. It will be held in time to advertise *Sweeney Todd*.

Special Business

- Vote for Vice President: Kristin Renfro, the current Vice President, is leaving Okinawa for her next posting and her resignation became effective today. Jeanadette Ayres was nominated for the position at the previous meeting. The President motioned for other nominees from the floor; none were offered. A blind vote was taken, and the majority of members voted Ms. Ayres into the position.

New Business

- *Sweeney Todd* Auditions: Open auditions will take place at 6pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at the Foster Community Center Auditorium. Come prepared with a one-minute monologue and 16 bars of music with accompaniment. iPod and CD players will be provided. Please bring audition forms. Callbacks will take place Thursday 6pm at the Field House (behind the Auditorium). There was a question as to whether a USB adapter would be provided; Director will check on this. Also, the webmaster will be contacted, since the website is not yet updated with audition information. Also, Workshop participants who will be asked to callbacks on Thursday will try to be done by 6:30pm.
- Theater Workshop Performance: a showcase of three 10-minute plays will take place on the last day of the Theater Fundamentals Workshop, which has been ongoing since August 5. The showcase is free to POPs members and friends and family of the workshop participants. A volunteer for front of house and backstage was requested. Lifetime member Melanie Bales thanked Kristin and the entire workshop for taking the mock auditions on August 12 seriously and professionally.
- Request for Snow White Pantomime: The show's Director requested an increase in the show budget to provide an advanced lump sum payment of \$225 to reserve the venue with the USO. In return, the USO has agreed to only charge that amount for the show and not take any percentage profit from ticket sales, as it has done in previous years. A vote was taken for this request, and the majority of the membership agreed to increase the show budget to accommodate this payment.

Other Business

- Board members, new meeting attendees, and new members made introductions.
- Tech budget: There was request to create an annual budget to maintain and replace technical equipment. The President noted that at the last board meeting in June, the board approved to increase the Stage Equipment budget.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Yuen Liang
 POPS Recording Secretary