

Pacific Okinawa Players

General Membership Meeting

May 12, 2014

Amelia Earhart Intermediate School Cafeteria, Kadena

Meeting called to order @ 6:08 PM by President Jeanadette Ayres.

Officer's Reports

- Treasurer: For privacy reasons, this report is only announced at the meeting.
- Artistic Director: POPs has provided Army Entertainment with number of hours worked on shows for the season.

Old Business

- Nominations and elections for next season's Board of Directors: Nominations for next year's Board were announced at the April meeting. The President also announced a nomination that came in by e-mail from Kate Smithyman for Publicist. Kate is currently administering POPs' website. No other nominations were announced by the membership.

All of the candidates present gave a short speech about themselves and their qualifications for the role for which they were nominated. Ballots were distributed; members cast their votes; the votes were counted; and the results are as follows:

- President: Jeanadette Ayres
 - Vice President: Krista Hurley
 - Treasurer: Becky Thomas
 - Membership Secretary: Grace Leiper
 - Recording Secretary: MiLyn Ward
 - Publicist: Tanna Taubenheim
 - Technical Director: Regina Desamours
 - Artistic Director: Christine Smith
 - Historian: Cathy Pickens
 - Ombudsman: Jackie Weizer
- A Night of One Acts: the books closed with a profit. According to the Treasurer's report, expenses were about \$200 and revenue was about \$800, yielding a net profit of about \$600, with a significant portion of the revenue coming from the dinner theater night on May 2nd. Many members agreed that more dinner-theater events should be planned, especially for shows such as NOA which have a small cast and set.
Given all of the difficulties that this show has encountered with production team and cast changes, this was a very good showing. Members were grateful that Trystan Brakefield stepped in to fill a director role.
 - Proposal to change membership dues cycle: Membership Secretary was absent, so the President has tabled this issue until it can be discussed in her presence.
 - Membership Dinner updates:
 - Last call for performances: if you want to perform at the event, please let the Ball Committee know right away.

- DJ: the Committee has secured a DJ for the ball. He agreed to the job in return for a Letter of Appreciation and a dinner. The Committee moved to vote to pay for his dinner, since the Ball has no budget. Motion was seconded, and discussion commenced. A member discussed the need for more funds to cover the cost of the ball. Board members emphasized that because there were so many financial problems with this season, this year's Committee was notified in advance that they would not receive any funds to put the event together, and the Committee agreed ahead of time to organize the event with this knowledge. Whether the DJ's dinner would be covered also depended upon whether other funds were going to be requested in a piecemeal fashion. Members then voted, and a majority of votes was received to cover this particular cost.
- Logo contest: no submissions were received in response to a request for a new POPs logo design to be presented at the Ball. Therefore, the Committee has decided to continue receiving submissions and to have the membership review any designs submitted for consideration at the June meeting.
- Sound Board: Artistic Director has no new update.
- Scholarship update: The Artistic Director announced the winners of the Ed Kirstein Memorial Scholarship: Megan McClain of Kadena High School, and Bailey Lisk of Kubasaki High School. Both awardees have accepted our invitation to attend the POPS Ball and perform their winning piece during the Showcase portion of the event. Their dinners will be paid for from the remaining amount in the scholarship budget.
- Laptop donation: The President has donated a laptop to POPs to run the lighting design software that POPs purchased this year.

New Business

- Newcomers' Orientation (NOWA) Booth: POPs has another slot at the USMC/MCCS Newcomers' Orientation on May 21st. The commitment is from about 6:30-9am. Since MCCS organized a rotation for attending these events, we now get a booth about twice per month. If anyone is interested to meet newcomers and spread the word about POPs, please see the Publicist.
- MWR requesting another dinner theater night at Havana's on August 16th. Any members interested in directing for them must have a Director's Credit and submit a show proposal for the Board and membership to review on or before the June meeting. Keep in mind that this proposal should have auditions held no later than July and performance rights need to be requested from the Artistic Director if the script is not in the public domain. The production team for this event should also consider negotiating the fee structure with Havana's, whether to pay POPs a flat fee or per ticket sold.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Yuen Liang
Recording Secretary

Action Items:

Person(s)	Due Date	Task
All; Membership Dinner Committee	Jun mtg	Logo contest: review any submissions
AD	Sep mtg	Sound board evaluation by Phil Snook; get estimate on costs for replacing any items and purchasing a sound board cover.
MS; all	Jun mtg	Membership cycle change to August proposed by MS – needs member discussion and vote.
Pres (?)	June	Reply to MWR regarding August 16 th dinner theater request