

Pacific Okinawa Players

General Membership Meeting

April 14, 2014

Foster Community Center Auditorium

Meeting called to order @ 6:10 PM by President Jeanadette Ayres. Minutes from the March 2014 general meeting were approved as written and posted on website.

Officer's Reports

- Ombudsman has resigned his position due to pending employment back in the U.S. The President has accepted his resignation.
- Treasurer: For privacy reasons, this report is only announced at the meeting.
- Membership Secretary:
 - New membership cards are in. Those who have been waiting since last year, please get yours!
 - August membership cycle: A new membership policy is proposed to the membership in which members would all renew in August, rather than on the current monthly schedule. The Membership Secretary proposes that a set cycle will save time chasing members for renewal. The membership will vote on this change in policy at the May meeting.
- Artistic Director: new policy for proposals is to add crew T-shirts and set-building lunches to each show's budget, as opposed to making them general POPs expenses. Directors for next and future seasons' shows are requested to add about \$250 for crew t-shirts and budget for set-building meals. NOA will be the last show to not include these expenses, as it is already in production and will be "grandfathered."
- Publicity: POPs' turn at Foster's Newcomers' Orientation (NOWA) is this Wednesday at 6am. Anyone interested can come help out. Also, our second radio spot of the month is coming up on Friday at 4pm. NOA cast and production team are invited to discuss the show on the air.

Old Business

- Night of One Acts:
 - A Dinner Theater performance has been added on Friday, May 2nd. Tickets are \$25 and include a full steak dinner, one glass of wine, and the show. Dinner will be served 5:30-7pm, and the show starts at 6:30pm. Krista Hurley, one of the show's directors, will announce when tickets for this event go on sale.
 - Buy-one-get-one tickets for the Foster performances (not available for Dinner Theater night) are available from the cast only, deadline tomorrow.
- Membership Dinner May 16th: See menu options on the paper form at the meeting and online. Deadline for payment to reserve your spot is May 12th. Theme this year is "Hollywood's Golden Age."
- Scholarship: applications are due April 26th and have been distributed to high school counselors, music teachers, and are on the website. Auditions will be at Foster Auditorium on May 10th. The Scholarship Committee requested a maximum of \$3000 to

give away this year to one or more students, depending on the caliber of applicants. Membership moved to vote and approved the requested funds.

- Sound Board: Phil Snook, a musician and sound expert, will come into the auditorium in May, after NOA, to test all of the sound equipment on his own. He has already had a preliminary look at the condition of our current equipment, and his initial evaluation is that our equipment (e.g., sound board, microphones) is very high-end, almost too high-end for our needs. He thinks that we may not need a new sound board; rather, we could just need to ensure the proper connections are made and used, and that perhaps we need to use our own speakers given the current acoustics of the auditorium. Even if we did need a new board, we do not need to replace it with the same high-end brand that we have now. After Mr. Snook provides a full evaluation, recommendations will be made regarding new equipment next season. At that time we will also need to set a better tech budget to include a replacement parts schedule.

New Business

- Nominations for the Board of Directors for Next Season as follows. Elections will be held at the May meeting.
 - President: Jeanadette Ayres
 - Vice President: Krista Hurley
 - Treasurer: Becky Thomas
 - Membership Secretary: Grace Leiper
 - Recording Secretary: MiLyn Ward, Monica Poulsen
 - Publicist: Tanna Taubenheim (nomination accepted week of 21 April 2014)
 - Ombudsman: Jeremiah Johnson, Jackie Weizer
 - Technical Director: Regina Desamours, Matthew Baca
 - Artistic Director: Christine Smith
 - Historian: Cathy Pickens
- Vote on Proposals:
 - The membership voted to approve funds for the following shows for the 2014-5 season as proposed at the last meeting (for proposal summaries, see March meeting notes):
 - *Snow Queen*
 - *Disney's Peter Pan, Jr.*
 - *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*
 - The membership also voted to approve funds for two new shows proposed at this meeting:
 - *The Pretentious Young Ladies*, by Moliere, proposed by Heather Havel, with January or March auditions and Feb/March or May performances, respectively. A classic comedy/satire to be set in modern-day fashion runways of Paris. Will request school auditoriums and possibly travelling performances. Requested budget \$500.
 - *Follies: Forever Christmas*, proposed by Melanie Bales. This year's Follies will use a musical revue that consists of popular Christmas and winter

tunes. We will have Santa hand out candy and a carol sing-a-long is planned. Budget of \$300, Auditions on Monday, Nov. 10, venue TBD.

- Publicist Zaneta Padilla resigned in March. Yuen Liang has been appointed Acting Publicist until someone volunteers to be Acting Publicist for the rest of the season or a new Publicist is elected for next season. If anyone is interested in training now for next season, please contact the Board.

Other Business

- Logo contest: The Membership Ball Committee will advertise a logo contest to solicit designs for a new POPs logo, as the current one has a website address that we no longer maintain. Requirements include that 2 designs must be submitted per person, and that the deadline is May 12th for submissions. The Ball Committee will decide on the top 3 designs to be unveiled at the May 16th dinner, and the membership can vote whether any of these designs are a suitable replacement at a future general meeting.
- Workshops: Though our shows for the 2014-5 season are now set, workshops can be proposed mid-season and are encouraged to do so. Last summer’s acting workshop forged great relationships and brought out the talents of a few people who normally would not have time to commit to a full production. Though workshops do not have a budget, they still require POPs’ name and assistance to promote it, and therefore, require a proposal to be submitted to the Board and Membership for consideration.
- Next General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014 6:00p.m. at the Amelia Earhart Intermediate School Cafeteria on Kadena Air Force Base.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Yuen Liang
Recording Secretary

Action Items:

Person	Due Date	Task
Membership Ball Committee	7 days	Create promotional material to advertise logo contest
MS/All	May	Vote on new membership cycle proposal
All	May	Elections for 2014-5 Board of Directors
2014-5 Directors	Sep GM	Revise proposal budgets to include t-shirts and meals, if not already done
RS	May GM	Search for laptop on Okinawayardsales.com-update: Cash & Carry