

PACIFIC OKINAWA PLAYERS

General Membership Meeting

September 16, 2013

Foster Community Center Auditorium

Meeting called to order @ 6:07 PM by President Trystan Brakefield. Minutes from the August 19, 2013 General Meeting were approved as written and posted on website.

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- Treasurer: For privacy reasons, this information is provided only at the meeting.
- Publicist: no announcements.
- Membership: There have been a few new members since the last meeting. If people are not getting our Membership emails, please see the Membership Secretary to make changes as needed.

Old Business

- *Sweeney Todd*: Since the scripts have not yet arrived, and the Director has resigned from the membership citing family health issues, the show as originally proposed has been cancelled. Members had a lot of questions regarding how this decision was made, asking for transparency and a more detailed explanation, since a lot of time and effort has been committed to this project.
 - Army Entertainment was unable to get the contract signed for the rights to the show until late August, possibly due to clerical error. POPs requested rights in June, but the next step toward fulfilling this request did not occur until August.
 - The Board reiterated the importance of having Army Entertainment help POPs procure rights to shows. If we do not go through them, we would be funding rights to shows out of our own budget. Doing so significantly shrinks the selection of musical and plays we can consider.
 - A member stated that it is in our power and right to report to the Inspector General any attempt at reprisals as a result of discussing with Army Entertainment the problems that we have faced in obtaining rights. There is a need to prevent cancellations of this nature from happening again.
 - As it costs \$400 per month to keep the scripts longer than two months, POPs cannot afford to keep the scripts until next spring for a possible spring show.
 - The total reimbursements for the show are unknown. Currently only 480 yen has been requested for reimbursement for the show.
- Theater workshop performance: it was fun but short. Kristin did a great job getting show together within 6 rehearsals. Survey results for the workshop contained positive, constructive feedback. Including a survey for all shows in the future would be helpful.
- Request for Snow White: Last month, Membership approved an additional \$225 for the Snow White budget as an advance payment to the USO for the venue. In return, POPs will get to keep all profits from the show. Higher profit margin also means that we will sell tickets to this year's pantomime through ITT.

Special Business

- Ombudsman Nominations. Todd Hyson was nominated and accepted last month. Ben Ayres nominated himself.
- Technical Director Nominations. None was offered.
- In light of new nominations and a newly opened Board position, the vote on these positions will take place at the next General Meeting.

New Business

- Trunk or Treat and Fright Night: this year these contests will be on October 26th. There is no fee to register to participate in the contests. POPs will decorate one room and try to win “best room” in the haunted house, and decorate a trunk to give away treats/promotional materials. Two years ago POPs won first place. \$300 was requested, possibly from the Publicity Budget. Membership voted to provide the funds.
- Kadena BX Info Booth: POPs will have a table at the Kadena BX October 6th, 10am-4pm. Please volunteer to answer questions at the booth on the sign-up sheets.

Other Business

- Since the Publicist has resigned, nominations are open for the position. Zaneta Padilla was nominated, and she accepted the nomination.
- Other options in light of the *Sweeney Todd* cancellation:
 - Move Follies to fall? Currently Follies is scheduled to occur before the holidays. Will contact the director to see if she is amenable to moving it to late October.
 - A “Create-a-Character” day has been proposed, with stations set up to teach people how to put together costumes and makeup, and have everyone try their hand at acting out their characters in an improvisational sketch. We would target this for all ages including children, during the Halloween time frame and charge a nominal fee to use our makeup. Possible advance expenses of \$50-100 to cover color printing were requested. Membership voted in the affirmative to cover such expenses should they become necessary.
 - Last meeting there was discussion of organizing a flash mob. The President will follow up on the viability of choreographing one this fall.
- Marketing plan from University of Phoenix class: no new developments. POPs is supposed to get an update from the marketing class in September, with a presentation in October.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Yuen Liang
POPS Recording Secretary