



THE COLONIAL PLAYERS, INC.

108 EAST STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Board Members Present: Shirley Panek (President), Steve Tobin (Vice President), Kaelynn Bedsworth (Treasurer), Beth Terranova (Artistic), Joe Thompson (Education), Fran Marchand (HR), Sarah Wade (Marketing), Wes Bedsworth (Operations), Tim Brown (Production), Rosalie Daelemans (Secretary)

Additional members were present: 14

1. Meeting Commencement: The meeting was brought to order at 7:34 pm by Shirley Panek.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (October 4, 2017)

a. **A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.** The motion was seconded.

(1) The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of agenda

a. **A motion was made to approve the agenda.** The motion was seconded.

(1) The motion carried unanimously.

4. Officers' & Directors' Reports

a. President

(1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.

(2) Shirley Panek expressed words of appreciation to everyone for all their hard work.

b. Vice President

(1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.

(2) Steve Tobin thanked the members of the Memorial Plaque Committee for all their hard work. He read the names of the people to be added to the Memorial Plaque. There will be a ceremony at the end of the season to recognize the accomplishments of these people to get us where we are today.

(3) The following names will be placed on the plaque: Susan Morgan, Loraine Wycherley Shaw, Thomas Ammon, Barry Christy, Bob Smith, Brigitte Marchand, Jack Youmans, Ted Brown, L. Robert Marchand, Bart Evans, and Ed Wintermute.

c. Treasurer

(1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.

Board of Directors

President: Shirley Panek
Vice President: Steve Tobin
Secretary: Rosalie Daelemans
Treasurer: Kaelynn Bedsworth

Artistic: Beth Terranova
Education: Joe Thompson
Human Resources: Fran Marchand

Marketing: Sarah Wade
Operations: Wes Bedsworth
Production: Tim Brown

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(2) Kaelynn Bedsworth reported that we have received a bequest check in February for \$10K from the estate of Don and Sharry Read. This was moved to our money market account to join the funds from the Riley Bequest to earn interest. She added that since none of us are immortal, those present and other members may consider including CP in your will to assist the theater in perpetuity.

d. Artistic

- (1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.
- (2) Beth Terranova said that since we did not get the rights to one of our plays, *Towards Zero* has been picked instead. Mark Allen has been selected to direct it.
- (3) This Saturday, May 12, will be the Director's Orientation from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the CP Annex.
- (4) *The Universal Language* had been selected for the Eastern States Regional One Act Festival (ESTA). For various reasons, we had to withdraw. Therefore, it will be part of a Pub Reading on July 22 at Harry Browne's. Jennifer Cooper is organizing this.
- (5) Other Summer Events:
 - (a) June 22-24, 2018 (4 performances): *The Last Five Years* (musical) by Jason Brown, will be Directed by Ruben Vellekoop. Auditions are coming up.
 - (b) June 28—July 1, 2018 (4 performances): *Benjamin Franklin: An Ingenious Life*, performed by Ray Flynt.
 - (c) July 5 - 8 and July 12—15, 2018 (4 performances): *Job Loss Figures*, by Promising Playwright winner Andrea Fleck Clardy, directed by Carol YoumansSee more in the latest issue of *News & Cues*.

e. Education

- (1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.
- (2) Joe Thompson reported that Tim Brown's Producers Roundtable was successful.
- (3) The Micro-plays Writing Workshop went well. (See more under Open Forum).
- (4) Annalie Ellis is the recipient of this year's Scholarship Award. She was in *Annie*, and helped with *The Secret Garden*.

f. Human Resources

- (1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.

g. Marketing

- (1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.
- (2) Sarah Wade reported that we are still getting free advertising in the Murray Hill publication "Life on the Hill".
- (3) Charitable Efforts: 33 *Variations* raised money for ALS. *Lucky Stiff* is collecting pet supplies for the SPCA.
- (4) We're making a video for *Casa Valentina* and "What's Up Annapolis" is doing a story on it.
- (5) We are building a new website which should make it easier to use, more accessible, and mobile-friendly. We're getting good feedback from online sources.

h. Operations

- (1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.

(2) Wes Bedsworth thanked all the people who worked on the LED replacement project. Because of this, we have cut our energy use in lighting by half. BG&E offered a generous rebate program of \$10K, so after the rebate, we paid \$1600. This will pay for itself in approximately 4 years.

(3) A new conference phone has been put into the conference room.

i. Production

(1) Refer to written report within the General Membership packet.

5. Election Statements

a. **A motion was made to waive the reading of the election statements.** The motion was seconded.

(1) The motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

a. None

7. Promising Playwright Presentation (Darice Clewell and Carol Youmans)

a. Darice Clewell provided an in-depth presentation on the history of the Promising Playwright Contest and Workshop, including its history, purpose, evolution, and current status.

b. A discussion ensued on the benefits and shortcomings, as well as suggestions on where we go from here.

8. Election Results (Presented by Richard Atha-Nicholls)

a. President - Shirley Panek was unanimously voted in.

b. HR Director - Fran Marchand was unanimously voted in.

c. Production Director - Tim Brown and Ernie Morton were the candidates. 18 votes were cast. Tim Brown won the election.

9. Open Forum

a. To demonstrate the style of the Micro Plays workshop, Joe Thompson invited people to participate in a similar exercise. He gave a one-word theme, for example, "zippers". And from that people wrote a brief story and acted it out.

b. Danny Brooks expressed accolades for *Lucky Stiff*. He also mentioned that Prince George's Little Theatre (PGLT) has announced that they will take a hiatus. So their current production, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, may be their last one. All were encouraged to go see it.

c. A discussion ensued on why *Job Loss Figures* is being presented for free. One thought was that this would trivialize the production. A counter-point was that it had been presented to the Board as a mission-driven venue. This topic will be put on the agenda for the Board to discuss at its next meeting.

10. Meeting Adjournment

a. **A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm.** The motion was seconded.

(1) The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Daelemans, Secretary