

**The Colonial Players, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Carol Youmans, President. Other Board members present: Beth Terranova (Secretary), Herb Elkin (Treasurer), Pat Browning (Human Resources), Wes Bedsworth (Operations), Bob Brewer (Production). Absent: Dan Kavanaugh (Vice president), Ron Giddings (Artistic), Barbara Marder (Education Special Projects). 37 members attended the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of January 27, 2009 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentations

Carol Youmans presented Larry Kushner, Director Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation with the donation from the profits of *A Christmas Carol* 2008. Mr Kushner indicated the donation would be used for the Outreach Center and explained the mission and activities of the center.

Carol Youmans announced 2009 Colonial Players Scholarship winner Hallie Garrison. Diane Hood presented her with a check.

5. Officers' Reports. Written reports were included in the meeting book distributed to attendees. Board Officers presented highlights from their reports.

a. President

Carol Youmans highlighted the strengths of the new seven show season, mentioning that we have attracted outstanding actors and directors, and more subscribers than in the previous year. She mentioned that the awards won this year were a testament to the quality of the productions.

Carol also thanked Board members for their work this year, wished departing Board members well, and gave special acknowledgement to several members who work tirelessly behind the scenes: Jeanie Mincher, Lynda Cunningham, Jim Robinson and Dick Whaley.

Carol asked the membership to hold the dates of November 7 and 14, 2009 for the planned Visioning Meetings.

b. Treasurer

Herb Elkin provided an update on the financial status of the theater.

c. Secretary

Beth Terranova reminded the membership about the Secretary's page on the website and expressed her appreciation for the time she spent as Secretary.

6. Directors' Reports. Written reports from the Artistic, Education/Special Projects, Human Resources, Operations and Production Directors were included in the meeting book distributed to attendees, or provided separately. Board Directors presented highlights from their reports.

a. Artistic Director; Education/Special Projects Director

Carol Youmans covered highlights of and answered questions about the Artistic and Education/Special Reports.

In answer to questions Carol explained that she did not have information yet on the Ruby Griffith award for 2009; also the Christmas play selectin committee was strongly considering a musical version of *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, but there were some issues still to be cleared up.

Carol reminded the membership about the upcoming forum event for *Over My Dead Body* - a presentation by local mystery writer/actor Ray Flynt.

b. Human Resources Director

Pat Browning provided an update on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

c. Production Director

Bob brewer highlighted efforts to improve the volunteer data base.

In response to a question about pre-show announcements, Bob explained that the Board had decided that all shows would use the standard recorded announcement, unless an additional safety warning needed to be added. There was additional discussion on the topic and Carol explained the reasoning of the Board in coming to the decision.

There was additional discussion regarding a process to recruit and retain volunteers beyond maintaining a data base. Several ideas were presented for the Board and volunteer committee to consider in the future.

d. Operations Director

Wes Bedsworth provided an overview of facility changes and improvements and gave special thanks to Dick Whaley and Jim Robinson for their assistance.

7. New Business

a. Presentation

The Name Pending Theater Company gave a presentation on the Summer Camp they will be conducting July 6 – 17 at the theater. In response to a question, Carol Youmans explained that Colonial Players was responsible for ensuring all legal and health requirements were met.

b. Elections

Brayant Centofanti conducted the election of the new Board. He thanked outgoing Board members and Kurt Dornheim, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Only the position of Vice President was contested. The Vice Presidential candidates – Lee Dorsey and Rebecca Feibel addressed the membership. Bryant introduced the unopposed candidates. Bryant collected the marked ballots.

8. Open Forum.

The directors of the first two shows of the 2009/2010 Season were introduced: Gwen Morton (*The Curious Savage*) and Josh Bristol (*The Violet Hour*).

Heather Quinn presented information on the Production Volunteer Open House and Design Workshop being hosted at the theater on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

9. Bryant Centofanti announced Lee Dorsey as the new Vice President of the Board.

10. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:45pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Beth Terranova  
Secretary of the Board  
The Colonial Players, Inc.