

The Colonial Players, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 27, 2008

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Carol Youmans, President. Other Board members present: Dan Kavanaugh (Vice President), Beth Terranova (Secretary), Mike Gidos (Treasurer), Ron Giddings (Artistic), Jean Beall (Director-at-large), Jeanie Mincher, (Human Resources). Absent: Joe Thompson (Marketing and Community Relations), Dottie Meggers (Production). 35 members attended the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda/Presentations

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

Carol Youmans announced the winner of the Colonial Players scholarship was Mallory Newbrough.

Carol Youmans announced the Annapolis Boys and Girls Club as the recipient of the donation from the 2007 presentation of *A Christmas Carol*.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of January 29, 2008 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Special Membership Meeting of April 4, 2008 as written. The motion carried.

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

President Carol Youmans thanked the Board members for their service during the past year. She announced that Dottie Meggers had withdrawn her name from the ballot for the position of Production Director.

Vice President Dan Kavanaugh said he would present the 5-yr Plan later under the discussion of New Business.

Secretary Beth Terranova discussed the Calendar on the Colonial Players Website, and highlighted the full schedule of summer activities.

Mike Gidos presented the status of the budget. Income was current excluding the last two weeks of *Hauptmann*; expenses did not include credit card/ticket system fees from April and May. Income has been excellent this year; Colonial Players had not had to dip into its cash account as of May 2008. Mike attributed this to extraordinary box office intake, as well as the decision to raise ticket prices, which he felt was a wise one. He explained that the large cash account would help fund replacement of the roof and air conditioning system at the theater this summer, as well as provide a reserve for the expanded 2008/9 season.

5. Directors' Reports. Written reports from Artistic, Human Resources and Production Directors were included in the meeting book distributed to attendees. The Director-at-Large presented verbal report. Board Directors presented highlights from their reports.

Artistic Director Ron Giddings gave a run-down of upcoming summer projects Colonial Players: *The Busie Body*, and the 24-Hour project. Beth Terranova provided an update on the One Act Festival and solicited help with the production aspects. Ron thanked Beverly van Joolen for her work on the Lobby displays and solicited additional assistance. Ron announced the upcoming Executive Producers meeting for June 7, 2008 and invited the membership to attend.

Human Resources Director Jeanie Mincher provided an update for the Season Celebration with chair, Pat Browning. The theme for the year will be Journeys. Members will receive e-vites and hold-the-date cards prior to the actual invitations.

Director-at-Large Jean Beall provided the final report for the position, which has been abolished under the Board restructuring. She reported that the e-mailed "Reflections" was popular; people seemed to trust their responses would remain anonymous and were very honest. She provided updates on the roof and AC replacements.

Heather Quinn provided an update and answered questions on the technical projects scheduled for the summer: sound and light maintenance, upgrades and repairs.

Carol Youmans announced that Joe Thompson had resigned as Marketing and Community Relations Director. She explained she was leaving it for the newly elected President would appoint a Marketing Director to complete the term. Carol presented Marketing information. She thanked the Box Office Team. She stated that Colonial Players enjoyed a good relationship with the local press, and they were working with *The Capital* to get reviews out earlier in the runs. Carol solicited for someone to work as Program editor. On the Community Relations side, Carol stated that the Annapolis Boys and Girls Club would like to use the Colonial Players donation as seed money for starting a drama program.

6. New Business

5 Year Plan. Dan Kavanaugh presented the new Colonial Players 5-Year Plan. He thanked the people who served on the Committee. He announced the formation of a new Future Spaces Committee. He solicited expertise in finance, legal, architecture and construction.

Elections. Bryant Centofanti thanked the nominations committee. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the candidate biographies. The motion carried unanimously. Bryant announced the candidates and introduced those in attendance. He collected the ballots from those in attendance and explained he had collected two absentee ballots that would be included in the totals.

7. Open Forum.

A member asked if the roof repair included the lobby roof. Carol Youmans explained that replacement was for the roof over the theater area – there were no major problems with the area over the lobby. However, a leak in the Annex roof also needs repairs.

A member asked if there was any plan to replace the carpeting in the theater. Carol answered that was not on the agenda for this year.

Carol Youmans and Mike Gidos that the total for the work being done in the summer was projected to be under \$80,000.

A member commented that it had become common to shorten the name Colonial Players to “Colonial” and requested people use the correct short form of “The Players”.

A member asked about the status of a dumbwaiter at the annex for the costume loft. Dick Whaley said he would provide the information to the new Operations Director.

Carol Youmans thanked the Departing Board members and acknowledged work of those remaining for the final year of their terms.

8. Announcement of the election results for the new Board of Directors:

Production Director – Bob Brewer

Operations Director – Wes Bedsworth

Human Resources Director – Pat Browning

Education/Special Projects Director – Barbara Marder

President – Carol Youmans.

9. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:55pm. The motion carried unanimously.

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