

**The Colonial Players, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 29, 2008**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Carol Youmans, President. Other Board members present: Beth Terranova (Secretary), Mike Gidos (Treasurer), Ron Giddings (Artistic), Jean Beall (Director-at-large), Jeanie Mincher, (Human Resources), Joe Thompson (Marketing and Community Relations), Dotti Meggers (Production).

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 September 25, 2007 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Carol Youmans announced Dottie Meggers was appointed to fill the Production Director position and Joan Hamilton agreed to chair the Nominations Committee. In light of recent activity regarding the establishment of an Arts District in Annapolis, Carol Youmans announced her intention to form a Political Outreach/Public Relations Committee and took names of members interested in serving. She highlighted that Colonial Players needs to go beyond just putting on shows and present a louder political voice in the arts community. She stressed the need to continue looking forward. Carol explained the concept of the Arts District and answered a question regarding the Performance Center proposed by Jerry Parks.

Carol Youmans also discussed highlights from the Vice Presidents report.

Mike Gidos presented the current budget, explained the large cash reserve maintained for this year for fiscal planning and as a contingency for unexpected expenses anticipated in the changed 2008/2009 Season. He also announced the market assessment for the Annex buildings had almost doubled, increasing the taxes owed.

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

Artistic Director Ron Giddings announced that Colonial Players had received 4 nominations in its first year as a member organization of Washington Area Community Theater Honors (WATCH). He gave a run-down of upcoming summer projects Colonial Players will be involved with. He acknowledged Beverly van Joolen for her work this year on the lobby displays. Ron Giddings and Carol Youmans also answered a question regarding subscription options on the Arc Productions.

Director-at-Large Jean Beall gave update on bids for roof repair. Richard Atha-Nichols presented an update on the order status of the assisted hearing devices.

Human Resources Director Jeanie Mincher solicited input and volunteers for the Season Celebration.

Marketing Director Joe Thompson gave an update on publicity efforts and workshops.

6. New Business

Beth Terranova presented the changes to By-law Article V to the membership for approval. Several additional changes were proposed, discussed and accepted. A motion was made and seconded to approve the By-law change as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Carol Youmans opened discussion on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Colonial Players, soliciting suggestions, ideas and volunteers.

Ron Giddings announced the 2008/2009 Season Slate

7. Open Forum.

A member asked if there could be a box on the front page of the website with upcoming dates. Carol Youmans agreed to bring the issue up with Ken Sabel (webmaster).

Beth Terranova solicited freelance writers for the *News and Cues* newsletter.

Bryant Centofanti gave information about the Yahoo Theater Group and Facebook Group which have been set up for the Annapolis theater community.

Richard Koster announced an initiative to clean, maintain and organize the lighting and sound booth, equipment and grid.

8. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:50pm. The motion carried.

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