

Minutes of NIETF Board Meeting, Viewer Elections, and Member Theatre Meeting

July 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Street Theater, Chesterton, IN

Present:

Amy Johnson-Sobek – viewer

Donna Rowland – viewer

David Pifko – 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Dean Johanson - viewer

Board Members Present: Becky Jasoviak, Peggy Glennie, Jerry Jasoviak, Maggie Reister, Kali Rasala, Angela Heid, Jared Riddle

Called to order at 5:44

Discussion was held on using conference calls or electronic means for voting in the future. No decision made.

Becky explained that for nominations both the president and viewing secretary count the votes. We do receive the results after the gala on how people have voted. We have sent this to be statistically analyzed in the past.

Becky reported that after the application information was sent out that Luke Bouman & Jerry Jascoviak have added their names as potential viewers.

The slate of viewers is:

Plays: Luke Bouman, Matthew Byerly, Tom Byerly, Jon Fetsch, Peggy Glennie, Amy Johnson-Sobek, Andy Leahy, Angie Lowe, Erin Sharpe, Donna Rowland, Maggie Reister & Laura Sullivan

Musicals: Andrew Bauer, Luke Bouman, Matthew Byerly, Tom Byerly, Jon Fetsch, Peggy Glennie, Anthony Holt, Jerry Jascoviak, Amy Johnson-Sobek, Andy Leahy, Angie Lowe, Kristi Peterson, Erin Sharpe, Donna Rowland, & Maggie Reister, & Kay Wagman

Maggie motioned to approve the slate. Jared seconded. Motion passed. All viewers were elected.

Becky reported that she will schedule a training session in August.

Becky will be scheduling a voting meeting for 2018-2019 viewers before the nominations are announced on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Becky thanked the viewers for their time & and effort.

Board meeting started at 6:20

Minutes from the June meeting were tabled.

Treasurer's report – Maggie reported that our current bank account balance is \$1013.80. We have not received a check yet from the insurance company for the stolen equipment.

Insurance – Becky reported she spoke to a lawyer about the director's and officer's insurance they did not feel the cost of the insurance outweighed the benefits. There was concern that it could encourage a lawsuit.

Gala report – Becky reported that she is working on getting the link working for tickets. We will get the funds deposited weekly from Arts People as the tickets are sold. She reported that Hellenic center did not request a deposit this year.

Board attendance – Becky reported that we have a board member that has not communicated about missing meetings and this is his fourth meeting in a row that he has missed. Peggy made a motion to remove Doc Kuhn from the board. The motion was then withdrawn after a discussion on making him emeritus status. Peggy moved to suspend the bylaws. Kalie seconded. Motion passed. Jared motioned to change Doc's status to emeritus through December 31, 2019 effective immediately. Angie seconded. There was 1 abstain. Motion passed.

#### Viewers & theaters

- Becky reported that during discussion with the boards of our member theaters we have some theatres that are deciding on whether to leave or stay based on viewing.
- Becky said some theatres like viewing and believe that it encourages community and putting on the best show.
- Maggie reported that she spoke to another theatre and they didn't feel the need for viewing because when NIETF was first started there wasn't the marketing resources & social media that is available today.
- Discussion has had on viewing shows that are parts of a kids camp. The concern was expressed on whether or not the camp fee meant there was truly opening casting or not. Also expressed was concerns on how to fairly view it compared to other shows. Discussion was held on that maybe we should have a subcommittee of viewers to give feedback for kids camp shows instead of regular viewing/eligibility for awards. No decision made.
- Becky reported that we received a complaint about viewer behavior. This will be incorporated into the training session for next year as a reminder to be a good audience member.
- Becky said we also have received complaints from viewers that a different theatres box office staff has been rude to viewers about giving them seats to view shows.
- Becky asked each board member to talk to their theatres about what they want from NIETF & what NIETF programs are most important to them.

Theatrepalooza – Becky reported that we are looking at coffee creek. She will send out a poll for people to pick a date. They should be 10-15 minute excerpts.

Becky reported that bulldog park in Crown Point has invited us to perform. She is looking into possible dates to have a lake county version of theatrepalooza.

Angela motioned to adjourn. Kali seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.