

Kingsley Players Committee Meeting 26th June 2018

Present: Colin, Jo, Sue C, Jake, Lynn, Sue E, Arnold, Mary
Apologies: Audrey, Malcolm

Minutes of last meeting

Mary had sent apologies for previous meeting. Jo updated the bank account figure.

Treasurers Report

A Bunch of Amateurs made a profit of £723.02.
At end of May £4,134.35 balance. This breaks down into £1401.30 in regular account, then £2,733.05 in youth account (includes £1000 grant money).
Our current account is quite low at the moment.
Saver account £12,318.89.

Next Production

Kelly was not present at the meeting. She has 4 people interested in the role of Charlotte (being re-recruited because someone had to drop out). Had a set meeting with Vic to discuss ideas.

January Production

Lynn has applied for the license and been successful. It's quite expensive, £125 per night plus hire of scripts £300. Expecting to have some challenging set issues to work on, Lynn will schedule a meeting with Vic. Colin suggested looking at whether the new projector could be used for some of it. There are lots of parts including plenty of small ones. Auditions will be one Sunday in early October (before Pride & Prejudice) to start rehearsing beginning of November. It includes the songs people will know (talk to the animals etc) plus some people may not.

May 2019

Lynn mentioned that next year is the Peterloo bicentenary. There is a play about it which is about an hour long. It's about Lancashire, so we could do a Lancashire hotpot beforehand then the shorter play afterwards. Can work for minimum 4 men and 4 women if people double up, or more parts (up to 20) if separate people for each part. The story is about a mill owners family and the workers protesting about parliament. The magistrates get scared and call in the cavalry, resulting in a massacre. Set August 1819. Lynn has been doing a lot of research into this and is interested in putting it on. It needs a stage, but minimal scenery – quite like Oh What a Lovely War. This could be the last week of April, 25th – 27th.

Youth Theatre

Jake still interested in doing James and the Giant Peach. This would have around 12 in the cast. This could be the last week of May. Although this is not long after the May play the two productions are for very different audiences. Hoping to do 4 performances. Perhaps a matinee on Saturday and not the evening, as it's a lot for the young people to do two in a day.

Colin will find out from Elizabeth when the centre is available before we make any final decisions.

Auditions were held on Sunday for the Remembrance performance, it's now fully cast. However Jake also needs 2 adult men for small parts as politicians.

There have been two workshops, which went well – lead by Lynn and Colin. There were around 10 at each, including a couple of new people. 8th July is the next one, which is the West End workshop.

Colin thanked Jake for all his hard work on the Youth Theatre – the CTG nominations are a testament to this!

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The next one is Neil's last, so Malcolm is looking to replace him. One option is for Jo to be director. Need a new Herr Flick.

October 2019

How the Other Half Loves.

January 2020

Jack & the Beanstalk.

October 2020

Where is the Glory.

Remembrance Sunday Event

Colin has reiterated that Kingsley Players will take part, but that we are not taking over the organising of it – the Parish Council are to do it. Next meeting 22nd July, 7pm at Red Bull. Colin to attend.

There's a church service, then the Cenotaph. There's food at the school and a display in the community centre. The youth theatre is in the afternoon, then there's a sing-a-long in the Red Bull in the evening. Colin happy to offer for us to co-ordinate the sing-a-long.

Capital Expenditure Suggestions

Colin re-explained the projector idea. You can create your own visuals or buy stock ones. Colin will ask Kenton / Mike to propose a choice of two which they would want, which is capable of what we need it to do, with costs, so the committee can make a decision.

We were hoping Kelly would have been at the meeting, to discuss her idea about floorboards for P&P. The committee can't move forward with what to do about this until we discuss the options further.

Data Protection

One last email to those who haven't signed up to try and have them added to the database.

Any Other Business

We've been nominated for 16 awards at the Cheshire Theatre Guild. July 11th is the presentation evening. If anyone wants to attend, please apply for your own tickets. We've been asked to do an excerpt from Goodnight Mr Tom during the awards. Colin thinks we may be nominated in a couple of additional categories which are only announced on the night. Well done to everyone!

Mary asked if we've ever written a thank you letter to Cheshire Roof Trusses for the materials they provided for free for our proscenium. Colin isn't sure.

Mary asked again if one of the raffles during the week could be for another charity. Colin suggested that we do it for P&P and asked Mary to select the charity for that occasion.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 24th July. 7.00pm, Red Bull.