

**Podium Players Community Theater**  
**June 8, 2015 Minutes**  
**East Hampton Library**

Present were: David Schwartz, Roy Gauthier, Cindy Harrington, Jodi Brazal, Meghan Gagne, Val Bozzi, Mimi Jones and Michelle Hettinger. Jennica Serra was present for discussion of My Son Pinocchio.

- I. Approval of minutes: April minutes were approved with a motion by Mimi Jones, seconded by Jodi Brazal and approved unanimously.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Roy Gauthier reported that the fees for the change in Podium Players to Podium Players Community Theater as a 501.3.C were \$720. Roy will open a new checking account on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Meghan Gagne moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mimi Jones and approved unanimously.
- III. Moon Over the Brewery: Cindy Harrington is looking for a brewery that might offer tastings. A suggestion was made by Dave Schwartz to approach local artists to submit moonscape drawings for the show. Cindy will send an e-mail to local school art teachers.
- IV. Art's Commission Grant: The grant we received from the Art's Commission was for the Podium Talent Show. Val is concerned about doing so many things in September, October and November. We need to figure out how to recruit talent. Val offered to write a proposal to the Arts Commission outlining our plans and goals. According to the letter from the Arts Commission, we should provide progress reports in December and again in June 2016 with a final report. January was suggested as a possible date as college students are home at that time and might audition for the talent show.
- V. My Son Pinocchio: Ben Hill will direct this production in November. Mary Markovitz is the choreographer, Jennica Serra is the Music Director, Jodi Brazal and Robin Balletto will produce and Karlene Brooks is the Stage Manager.
- VI. New and Old Business:
  1. Change in status to 501.3.C: A letter will be written to members about the change in status. Among items for this is that the amount of membership is tax deductible, less that amount of ticket included with the membership and that matching gifts

would be accepted. We can also establish criteria for donors and Michelle has a program from the Windham Theatre Guild which can be a guideline.

2. Liberty Bank, other town businesses: Meghan will draft a letter to members asking if anyone wants to lead soliciting local businesses for sponsorship.
3. Val will write an article about our new 501.3.C, non-profit status.
4. Our fiscal year is now July 1<sup>st</sup> as voted on in January. We will give a credit of membership so that everyone with a paid membership will have an extra six months.

VII. Scholarship: Meghan presented the scholarship to Carli Villa and a photo will appear in Rivereast.

VIII. Storage: The walls are up and Roy has explained the setup to Jay Gagne who can finish this. We need to be out of Epoch Arts by July 31<sup>st</sup>. We will vote by e-mail when Jay gives us a price for this project. June 27<sup>th</sup> will be work day, assuming Jay will be done with his work by then.

IX. Slate of Officers: This item was moved to the top so that new officers could be voted into office. The slate is: Dave Schwartz, President; Meghan Gagne, Vice President, Roy Gauthier, Treasurer; Melinda (Mimi) Jones, Secretary; and the following Members-at-Large: Robin Balletto, Jodi Brazal, Val Bozzi and Cindy Harrington. Val Bozzi made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers with the caveat that all is compliant with new constitution. Cindy seconded and voted unanimously.

Jodi Brazal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, second by Meghan Gagne, voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Melinda Jones