

**The Sudbury Savoyards Board of Trustees**  
**Sunday, March 21, 2010 – Meeting Minutes**  
**1:00 P.M. @ SUMC (Hawes Hall)**

**Attendees:** Trustees: Kirsten Chetwynd, Bill Johnson, Ellen Simmons, Bill Fisher, John Gorgone, Laurel Martin, Paul Sliney

Board Staff: Janice Dallas, Costume Rentals, Andrea Roessler, Princess Ida – Producer, Ed Fell, Theater Liaison

Guests: Brad Amidon, Kate Meifert - Newly Elected Trustees

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 P.M. by Ellen Simmons, Chairman

- 1) Consideration of Agenda - Facebook Page for group tabled to April.
- 2) Secretary's Report (P. Sliney)
  - a. General report – Voice Mail – Turned back to Secretary on February 28. – Two messages forwarded to appropriate parties.
  - b. Annual Meeting Minutes, Motion to approve by Bill Fisher, Second by John Gorgone - Approved
  - c. February 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Kirsten Chetwynd , Second by Bill Fisher - Approved
- 3) Treasurer's Report (J. Gorgone) – \$24,404.74 Current balance as of 03/20/2010, \$21,722.13 in Credits. Major Items: IDA Tickets \$17,218.63, Ida Internal Sales \$2,662.50, Remainder Ida proceeds. \$16,259.10 in Debits. Major Items; Ida LSRHS Rental \$11,000.00 Ida Playbill/Postage \$1,519.09, Newsletter \$1,010.37, remainder IDA expenses. Current Outstanding Debits \$3,298.16 Ida Police Detail, \$1,144.00, Video \$1,820.00 remainder Ida expenses. Princess Ida – Proceeds net to \$4,896.52
- 4) Staff Reports
  - (a) Costume Rentals - (J. Dallas) – MITGASP rented sailor jackets for Gondoliers.
  - (b) Equipment/Scenery Rentals (L. Martin) – No report
  - (c) Theater Liaison (E. Fell) – Ida – previously submitted E-Mail Report Princess Ida
    - Received the invoice from the High School for the expected balance (\$11,000). The check has been delivered and a receipt received. All my normal “thank you” notes have gone out and I have heard nothing negative from any quarter. Total rent was for \$14,000, as agreed with the school three years ago.
    - Additional issues have been reported to the Producer via my Debrief Report, available on our Web Site.

On Golden Pond

  - The Sudbury Public School Board has voted to eliminate the “non-profit waiver” we have enjoyed. They will now be charging a \$40 hourly fee for the use of the auditorium, with a separate \$5 hourly fee for the use of the Music Classroom that we have usually used as a dressing room. In addition, they have increased the custodian overtime fee from \$35 to \$40 per hour. The total fee for our planned schedule is \$6,655. Minor adjustments are possible, but unlikely to have a major effect unless we cut out an entire weekend of the run.
  - We are penciled in for our desired dates of Friday July 16 through Sunday August 1. The detailed schedule is similar to what we have done the last few years. Formal request will be submitted in April pending Board approval. Adjustments based on OGP Production Meetings will still be possible through the middle of June.

Trial by Pinafore

  - Focusing on preparing for 2011 at Lincoln-Sudbury and this report assumes that we will be there next year. A search committee lead by Bill Fisher is actively seeking alternate venues, which I am assisting but not coordinating. I will defer to the Committee Chair for any reports.
  - Iain Ryrie is retiring and his replacement has not been named. This person will have a major impact on how painful or easy the rental process is.

- The school calendar is out for next year, with the February vacation jumping a week to Feb 21 through 25, 2011. This dictates our schedule: Put-In will be Feb 19, Opening Night (assuming Saturday) on Feb 26, and strike on March 6.
- The price is likely to go up from \$14,000, and I have not been able to get a read on how much. The school has asked that we not begin this discussion until after Town Meeting in May to allow them to focus on their budget issues. The success or failure of an override will also dictate how magnanimous or desperate they will be. Based on our “experiment” to cut the Friday performance and halve our Monster Sunday rehearsal, there may be room to make significant cuts in our schedule and mitigate the fee increase.

(d) Church Liaison - (B. Johnson) – New key pad lock on Hawes Hall. Checked cellars for water damage after the last sever storm - none found.

5) Main Show 2011 “Trial By Pinafore”

(a) Producer Selection - John Gorgone and Paul Sliney offered to be Co-Producers. Motion to Approve by Bill Fisher, Second by Kirsten Chetwynd, Approved

(b) Directors Solicitation – Letters to be sent in April looking for two stage and two music directors.

6) Summer Show 2010 “On Golden Pond” –

(a) Producers) – Nomination of Donna Roessler and Ellen Simmons by Laurel Martin, Second by Bill Fisher, Approved.

(b) Report (D. Roessler, E. Simmons) – E. Simmons – Director Mary Spinosa Wilson, Auditions April 13 and 14 in Chapel and Hawes Hall. Posting notice on Savoyard Web Site. Show at Curtis Middle School July 23-25 and July 30-31.

Recruiting- Graphic in process – need Publicity Chair.

Theater Liaison – Letter from school on price increase (See Item 4 (d)). Price increased from \$2695 to \$6655. Discussion on the impact of the price increase, our budget, and show ticket prices currently at \$16 for adults and \$12 SR and Student. Last increase was two years ago.

Motion to set ticket prices for “On Golden Pond” at \$20 for Adults and \$16 for SR and Students by P. Sliney, Second by John Gorgone. Approved.

7) Other Business – None

Future Meetings Scheduled for: Wednesday April 21, and Tuesday May 11,

Motion to adjourn by Laurel Martin, Second by Bill Johnson

**Adjourned at 1:43 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted – Paul Sliney, Secretary