

Savoyards Board of Trustees
July 11, 2011
7:30 PM in the O'Reilley Room

Attendees: Brad Amidon, Kathryn Denney, Ann Ferentz, Bill Fisher, Bill Johnson, Dennis O'Brien.

Board Staff: Janice Dallas, Costume Rental Agent; Susan Elberger, Ruddigore Producer; Ed Fell, Theatre Liaison; Andrea Roessler, Archivist; Tom Powers, Mary Rose Producer; Paul Sliney, webmaster.

Absent: Kate Meifert.

Called to order by Dennis O'Brien at 7:33

1) Approval of June minutes: Motion by Brad Amidon, seconded by Bill Fisher.

2) Ruddigore staff assignments: Dennis O'Brien moves that Susan Elberger is the Producer for Ruddigore (unanimous approval). Katherine Meifert is the Music Director. Director interviews are still going on.

3) Staff reports:

a) B. Amidon—treasurer report. All debits this month were from 50th weekend. Check book is in Brad's name, after 3 attempts. We have over \$30K in the bank and we may make another donation in the early fall. We discussed the implications of the Bylaws Amendment passed in March, and what it means when we have a surplus that goes into our "endowment." Conclusion: profits from the show go to World Hunger. Large donations can go to the Sudbury Savoyards. B. Amidon will pull out a separate line for large donations on his treasurer report.

b) Janice Dallas- Costume rental. One rental, which was Janice renting for a recital.

c) Ed Fell—school liaison. Attended Ian Ryrie's funeral. Gave out Ruddigore calendars, which demonstrate that we do NOT have to split weekends this year because there is no conflict between February and March until after our show has closed. (Thank you Ed!)

d) Laurel Martin—set/props rentals: No report.

4) July 4 weekend: (B. Johnson)

Borrowed a neighbor's car, engine overheated, Betty had a good time. It was a low-key presence, as promised!

Dennis believes that we should be careful about how we are represented. He thinks this event didn't look like the Savoyards because it wasn't community-run; the structure that is usually in place was not available to us.

Bill Fisher thought it was great, people recognized us and enjoyed seeing us, and they asked for our fliers, etc.

5) Summer Show: Mary Rose

Peter is having rehearsals tonight, and he is very happy with the progress of the show. He communicates with the cast very clearly and extensively.

Had a tech rehearsal yesterday, Steve Malionek is sound operator. House staff is full, enough bakers, publicity is post cards, posters, online distribution, etc.

We may or may not break even on this show; we need to sell 100 tickets to do so. Expenses were few, but the mailing was costly.

B. Amidon will email house manager Donna Roessler to find out if she wants seed money for ticket sales.

6) Main Show: Ruddigore

Director status: Kate Meifert, Music Director. Stage Director interviews will be completed next week, and decision will be made by July 20.

Producer status: Susan Elberger. She wants to be in the show and to have a co-producer. We need to re-contact the people we already asked and see if they would like to help Susan. She has been with the company less than a year, but her business is organizing. “We’ve always done it that way” is the worst reason to do anything.

Andrea reserved the road signs for February.

Tech directors to contact (done by the board)—Mariah Howland and Dave Lopshire, Brendon Chetwynd, Lin Olson.

Ann Ferentz will keep the list of volunteers who are and are not selected to work for us, and will contact the people who are not needed to assure they are still feeling open to help us in the future.

7) DASH-EMACT nominations

We are invited to sponsor one of the Dash awards. \$50 per category. Deadline August 1. This is publicity. Dennis moves that Sudbury Savoyards sponsor 2 awards for DASH-EMACT. Vote 4-2.

8) Fall Craft Fair

Saturday, October 8. Enrollment for crafters is full. One of the church people asked if he could be outside on the lawn. The weather would be a consideration so they would need back up space.

9) New business:

Bill Fisher volunteered to be gatekeeper for email lists, and will contact Steve about replacing him. Ann Ferentz will help.

K Denney will contact Tom Powers about how to get the access to the phone.

Future meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30 PM. We will try for the third Tuesday of each month for the next several months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10: motion by Ann Ferentz, seconded by Bill Fisher.