

Sudbury Savoyards Board of Trustees
September 21, 2011
7:30 at SUMC (O'Reilly Room)

Attendance: B. Amidon, K. Denney, A. Ferentz, B. Fisher, B. Johnson, K. Meifert, D. O'Brien

Board Staff attendance: Janice Dallas, Peter Stark, Tom Powers, Susan Elberger, Andrea Roessler, Paul Sliney, Ed Fell.

Call to order at 7:32 by Dennis O'Brien.

1) Approval of July Minutes: Motion by Bill Fisher, seconded by Brad Amidon.

2) Staff reports:

a) B. Amidon: treasurer's report distributed, this month we took in more than we spent. Cook books, donations, Capital Fund donation, DVD sales.

b) K. Denney: no report

c) J. Dallas: Costume Rentals: Raylynmore (NH) rented police costumes for Pirates. SLOC is renting Yeoman costumes.

Ironwork Farm is borrowing some of our inventory; the board approved waiving the rental fee.

Potential problem with the number of black belts that we have, because SLOC's and Raylynmore's shows go up at the same time. (One of them can make their own.)

d) P. Sliney: no report.

e) Andrea: no report as archivist.

f) Ed Fell, school report: expects that figure for this year's high school rental might be \$13,000. John Germinata is no longer at the high school because his position and the entire drama department was cut, and he used to clean up our spaces for us and get the school ready for our Put In. Board discussed who might be the contact person now, including chorus teachers, music teachers.

Kate would like contact info for music specialists at LSRHS, both to let them know that high school students interested in being in a play can join our chorus if they want to, and to borrow percussion instruments for Ruddigore.

g) Bill Johnson, church liaison: Sign was painted and posted to advertise for the Craft Fair. Sunny Hill uses that sign holder when Sudbury doesn't need it, and they relinquish it when Sudbury does need it. Dennis will be the contact person for who uses the sign holder at what times of year.

Keys are distributed to directors of main show, producers, Board chairman, etc.

Fire department's requested cleanout (worded "reducing our footprint") has not been done yet. We may need to do this soon to take inventory and come up with a value for insurance purposes. We share insurance with the church.

3) Craft Fair

No one will be out on the lawn, publicity is going well. We are looking for bakers, volunteers to set up and clean up, selling concessions.

4) Ruddigore

a) Susan Elberger: Producer's report. We will be using many costumes from our stock, though we may have to make 8 or 9. Postage may be less than last year because there is only one show of scores to mail to the orchestra.

Playbill ad prices projected to be the same as last year, including donor levels.

We are considering swapping ads with Concord, SLOC and TCAN, who have productions coming up in November.

Susan will collect contact names for these groups.

b) Two Ring will be held at the Powers home on Sunday, October 16 at 7:30 PM.

c) Auditions: Publicity will be on sign, with a small additional sign screwed to it stating audition dates. These have been confirmed as October 24 and 26, with possible callbacks if necessary on October 29.

d) Graphics are in excellent shape! Susan Schultz made a beautiful design, which can be painted on one sign in time for auditions, and then put away until just before the show goes up.

e) We need a paint chief.

f) Peter Stark: Director's report. Rehearsal schedule is in progress, though tentative to be based on availability of cast. Character sketches are ready for Steve to put them on the website. Directors are working on blocking; Susan is working on a choreographer.

Women who sing tenor in the ghost scene will dress as women. (There is historical precedent for Baronets to be female)

g) Kate Meifert: Music Director's report. We have orchestra scores for all, donated by Barry Singer. Orchestra choices are going well, we have decided on orchestra wearing all black rather than tuxes. Kate is working on MP3 files for rehearsal CDs, and is looking for a man who can sing tenor and bass lines (or two different men). We decided to purchase 25 Schirmer scores and sell them to cast members.

h) Other: We are still looking for a Technical Director. Our problems are unique to this year; we are not worried about the future. We also need a Set Construction Chief. Dave Kay has agreed to be Set Designer. Ellen Simmons is Internal Sales Chief. We need small sizes of Tech shirts. We have a supply of plain black shirts that can be silkscreened by Steve Malione; Andrea Roessler has inventory list. Kathryn Denney will approach Laurel Martin and Neil McCormick about being Paint Chief.

5) Fall Donation: In order to have broken \$200,000 total donations from Sudbury Savoyards to UMCOR, we will donate \$5001 at an upcoming church service, as soon as suits the church's convenience. Bill Johnson will confirm a workable date.

Laurel Martin can print out the Big Check, Brad can write the "actual check."

Motion by Bill Fisher to donate \$5001 seconded by Kate Meifert was approved unanimously.

6) 50th anniversary DVD footage of the weekend will be put on a website (TBA, but probably not Sudbury Savoyards because of the size) for individuals to download.

Future meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27.