

**MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THEATRE WEST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

President Don Hehman opened the general meeting in due form at 1:30 pm and welcomed everyone to our first meeting of the year.

Kasey Huhta, Recreation Manager, introduced Tia Wooley who is the new Production Coordinator for Stardust Theatre.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Don announced that the dues will NOT increase this year. Dues are \$15. Guests, at this time, will not be charged for attending our Tuesday programs and will be asked to sign in. We have been asked to count the number of guests who attend on Tuesdays. Currently we have 185 members with only 65-70 active. PLEASE GET INVOLVED. There are activities you may help with: Ushering, technical, sewing, costuming, backstage work. Please contact directors or producers with your availability. Tickets will now be \$15 for main stage plays, \$20 for musicals and \$50 for all three. Prices have been raised due to the higher cost for licenses/royalties.

The ticket booth is open on Monday and Friday from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Westernaires and Dance Sensations are helping in the booth as well as Theatre West. Please come and volunteer to sell tickets.

President Don reported the lights, lighting board, sound system, RTS, rear screen projection booth, online ticket sales and other equipment has been updated or purchased throughout the summer and then thanked Robert and Jamie Bubon for all their help with this and all they have done to move our theatre forward. They will be missed and are wished much luck in their new state of Wisconsin.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President, Steve Johnsen, informed the members about a new committee that will be in charge of reading scripts for the next season and recommending plays to the board who then will make the final selection. Steve would like current and past directors on the committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Don introduced Mike Baker as chair of the Nominating Committee. Mike asked that those interested in joining him on the committee contact him.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marion reported the following:

Checkbook balance beginning of the month	\$55,940.05
Deposits (+)	5,385.26
Expenses (-)	3,450.12
Transfer to Savings (-)	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	\$37,875.19
Savings balance beginning of the month	\$53,857.68
Interest	145.18
Transfer from Checking	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	\$74,002.86

MEMBERSHIP

Vicky Johnsen reported 185 members with 4 joining today. The theatre now takes cash, check or online payments and you may begin renewing your membership in November and December.

PROGRAM

Jenny Kaupu has planned the 2024-2025 season and is beginning to plan for the following season. We need more people to get involved. If acting, directing or working backstage on Tuesday programs is something you would like to do please contact her.

SUNSHINE

Valerie Griffin reported on the passing of long-time member Janice Lombardos. Kathy Moran was recognized and thanked for her contribution as our Sunshine Lady for many years. Please contact Valerie Griffin or Tony Tucker if someone needs a little sunshine.

NOVEMBER RADIO SHOW

Director, Judy Ross, announced the November radio show, "It's a Wonderful Life" will have auditions on September 18th at 9:00 am. The play will run November 29th and 30th at 7:00 pm and December 1st at 2:00 pm. This year we will once again be supporting Valley View Food Bank.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Aletha Dellamo asked about the cameras in the back 40 and changing the locks inside the building.

Many members asked why the adult language in the play "Rumors" could not be taken out.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Peggy Robbins
Secretary

Program: Jenny Kaupu introduced our entertainment for the afternoon "Complaint Department and Lemonade" directed by Valerie Griffin and Fred Schneider.