

Jackson County Stage Company Membership Meeting
September 23, 2020
(Via Zoom)

Call to Order: 7:00pm by President Susan McLernon

Present: Brandyn McGhee, Jeff Keasler-Bird, Linda Benz, Elyse Pineau, Greg Kupiec, Jo Ann Hensley, Susan McLernon, Jacquie Betz, Tony Salazar, Clint Inman, Jodie Salazar, Ruth Dougherty, Aur Beck, Sarah Alley, David Rush, Craig Hinde, Cindy Massie, Jan Hinde, Jon Lipe, Emma Stace, Sam Foskey

Craig Hinde made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2020 meeting; Brandyn McGhee seconds motions; the motion is approved unanimously.

Treasury Report

Concord Theatricals accidentally charged us twice for ‘Picasso’ rights. We will get \$875 back from that error. Inflows are very little. Typically, now is when donor letters and membership renewals begin coming in. Those are going out soon so inflows should come up a little. Still no ticket sale inflows though due to COVID. Since we have cancelled the fall productions, we should be getting reimbursed for those soon.

Brandyn McGhee made a motion to approve the treasury report; Greg Kupiec seconds motion; the motion is approved unanimously.

President

--Donor letters haven’t gone out yet, but are set to soon. We were holding off until we figured out raffle situation.

--Jodie and Susan are coordinating getting that letter out as well as membership forms for renewals.

We will be doing a gift card raffle. The raffle will consist of packages of gift cards from local business that we purchased earlier this year as a way to give back to the community.

Donors will be given a couple complimentary tickets for their contribution in the letter with the option to purchase more. Tickets can be bought through the end of October with the drawing being in November.

There will be 10 “packages” each valued at \$150.

--The proposed Diversity Statement Amendment to the Constitution

Greg Kupiec made a motion to approve the presented ‘Diversity Statement’ amendment into The Stage Company constitution under article IIA between Purposes and Membership; Elyse Pineau seconds motion; motion is approved.

- Motion Discussion

- o David inquired implementation and how we plan to continue to promote this statement within our company. Susan discussed starting with things like play selection committee and the productions we choose. The example of Elyse’s directorial and casting decisions with the Crucible was also brought up as an example of a starting point.
- o Point #3 was addressed with regards to “training offered.” Susan spoke to the notion of some people getting certified as intimacy coordinators to help assist with scenes in shows that offer a more sensitive approach to intimacy scenes as just one example. Tony spoke to his intention with the statement to make sure it covered all bases, but still kept things open enough to not hinder directors or make them feel pressured to make changes for the sake of change.

VP of Operations

Jodie addressed membership forms that will be going out soon, as well as the newsletter with brief updates about the cancellation of our two fall productions. We unofficially implemented the policy that donors could receive membership status if they contributed double the amount of the price of membership last season. Currently that would be any amount over \$40.

We decided to officially update the bylaws to reflect as such.

Greg Kupiec made the motion to amend the bylaws under Article 1 Section 2 to state that donors who contribute at least double the cost of what they would traditionally pay for membership will be granted member status; Jacquie Betz seconds; motion passes.

VP of Productions

--Brandyn is beginning to work on options for the fall since we can't do full main stage productions. He is looking to develop a Halloween themed video series during the month of October to record and air for viewing. This could include stories/readings by the campfire, solo music performances, etc. Looking to air a different segment each Saturday in October. "Spooky Saturdays with the Stage Co."

Please email him at brandynpmcghee@gmail.com if you would like to participate or be involved somehow.

--For the Holidays we would do something similar with some seasonal music performances kind of like a revue/concert style. This would be a one-night airing collaboration verses a weekly series like the fall one.

7:55pm meeting adjourned.