

Streetcar Company
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

Location: Fellowship Hall, Laconia Congregational Church, Laconia, NH

Call to Order: 6:01pm

Attendance: Brendan Berube, David Nelson, Carey Hough, Becky Guyer, Oriana Filiault, Peter Ayer, Becky Fredette, Jody Fredette, Jennifer Nelson, Kristi Laurendeau, Jordyn Gagnon

Public Comment:

Becky G motion Brendan Seconded

- **MOTION: Conclude public comment at 6:05 pm**
- **Unanimous vote: The motion passes. Public Comment closed at 6:05 pm.**

Secretary Report:

- 05/10/2022 Minutes Approval
 - Fix Filiault
 - Add "Wizard of Oz" to Treasurer's Report to Financials
 - No further discussion
 - Brendan motions, Ori second
 - **MOTION: Accept the draft 05/10/2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
 - **Unanimous vote: The motion passes.**
- Correspondence
 - None

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial Statement
 - Straightforward, deposit came in from Lion King production fees
 - Withdrawals for Oz closes out that production.
 - Director's and Officer's Insurance will add \$698/yr.
 - Carey Motions to accept, Becky G second
 - **MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report**
 - **Unanimous vote: The motion passes**

Old Business:

- Directors and Officers Insurance
 - Covers the Board from personal financial accountability from litigation.
 - David would like clarification
 - Carey motions to obtain Directors and Officers Insurance at the earliest opportunity. Peter seconds
 - **MOTION: Obtain Directors and Officers Insurance for Streetcar Company Board of Directors at earliest opportunity.**



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- ***Unanimous vote: The motion passes***
- Show Pitches
 - End of Meeting
- Tilton School Update
 - School is having construction work done and due to that we cannot have Lion King Jr or Brighton Beach Memoirs. Cannot have a show there until we get an update.
 - Hoping this is just an unfortunate circumstance and we can still work together going forward.
 - Oriana thinks this may be because of miscommunication.
 - Becky F - doesn't think it was malicious, probably just popped up
 - Lion King Jr is switching venues.
 - Brighton Beach is still looking for a venue.
- Congregational Church Usage
 - David spoke with Carolyn at church. Has been a good experience. Let's keep it clean and keep using it well.
- Wizard of Oz post show report update
 - Still a couple outstanding reimbursements.
 - Profit of approximately \$800.
- Lion King Jr. Update
 - Show going well. Cast is extremely talented.
 - June 24-26th
 - Moultonborough Academy Auditorium
 - Peter said keep in mind traffic on Sunday.
 - Assistance of Jordan Tankard in the tech booth. Many school staff have also offered help.
 - Have to pay \$1500 for Moultonborough Academy Auditorium - it is normally \$2500
 - Jordan Tankard is being paid \$10/hr. Down from \$36
 - Move in is this Saturday
 - Oriana asked if the budget for Lion King Jr that was approved if this fits into the budget or if they have to have a larger budget approved. David said they are trying to fit it in by cutting costs and selling as many tickets as possible. But unfortunately due to losing our venue we may have to adjust the budget. Becky F - budget was approved 2 years ago and things have changed in price. Oriana asks in general if you have a show that's pitched with an expected budget, if the budget changes does it have to be reapproved. She doesn't feel we shouldn't adjust a budget, but just wants guidance so that going forward we know how the budget gets modified. David says that it should come up in show updates at Board meetings - we should ask "Will you be within budget". David said maybe we accept a stance that if your budget is going to go over by a significant amount it needs to be reapproved. Becky G states if it goes over by \$1000 budget it should need to be reapproved. Becky F and Oriana think that \$500 is a better number, though \$1000 is okay for a big musical. Oriana suggested 10% over budget.
 - Becky F makes a motion that the board will need to approve increases to show budgets if they exceed \$500 or 10% more of the budget. Oriana seconds
 - Discussion: Oriana if we want to add this and make it stick it will have to be made a policy in the bylaws. Brendan agrees.



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- **MOTION:** The Streetcar Board of Directors will need to approve increases to show budgets if they exceed \$500 or 10% more of the budget; whichever is greater.
- **Unanimous vote: The motion passes**
- Oriana asked if we have an agreement for show directors. Becky G and David discussed creating a director's packet and agreement that outlines all the roles and job descriptions of the production team.
- Becky G asked about raffle baskets. Discussion about breaking up cast to contribute things to raffle baskets.
- David said they were thinking of having a contest for which cast member sold the most tickets. Carey asked who would track the sales and how.
- Brighton Beach Memoirs
 - Brighton Beach is in trouble.
 - Lost venue. Still no replacement venue.
 - Less than a month. Can't bank on Tilton.
 - Reached out to Sanbornton Town Hall. David spoke on the phone; they are looking into availability.
 - Winnisquam Regional High School - facilities request form has been submitted waiting to hear.
 - Belknap Mill - it's not ideal but we made it work for All Together Now. David talked to Cathy who said July 8th and 9th were possibly open but 10th was not. Cheryl Avery called David back, 10th is out. She did pencil us in unofficially. Carey asked if they gave a price. David said no. She asked what we paid for ATN. Oriana felt it's not a good space and will not work at all. Becky G stated the lighting isn't great. Carey stated that she would want to know who is there on Wednesday and if it's ok we leave our set pieces tidily out of the way.
 - Parish Hall at St. Andre Bessette Oriana stated Ray is supposed to be reaching out. Becky G stated they have a stage they don't use.
 - Another alternative is to postpone Brighton Beach Memoirs - it wouldn't be ideal. Trying to find dates where the whole cast can
 - Real Life Church - used to be Goodwill. Becky G suggested David call Tim from there.
 - Oriana asked if we are doing production fees David stated he was planning minimal \$20.
- Gilford Old Home Day Update
 - Oriana and Carey met to discuss GOHD. Unease in regards to the amount of items donated and time donated. All items were donated in the past by Streetcar folks. Would we want to create a budget? Carey is concerned what if someone doesn't deliver? Oriana stated things were delivered early in the past but we did have to find a place to store them overnight. Oriana said we could cut costs by eliminating some items. Also she is concerned about the booth. Brendan stated it's a lot of upfront cost with so many shows also man hours. Need at least 7 people and those people would have to stay all day.
 - Float idea was characters from shows we've done that are also movies and putting giant playbills on the float. Oriana suggested putting the trolley on the float too.
 - Carey and Oriana feel the food booth is a huge cost and risk that we want to get back to it but we need a solid crew of volunteers. We should do the float and see who we get for



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a float. David recommends getting in touch with Gilford Old Home Day and seeing if anyone is doing popcorn and sodas. Oriana will call tomorrow.

- Streetcar 50th Anniversary Update
 - Up to 45 people are coming back.
 - Writing scripts, jokes, history. Songs from shows into a medley.
 - Carey asked about prices for songs Becky G said everyone is telling her that we don't have to pay for rights. David, Brendan and Carey asked for very specific clarification on that.

New Business:

- Venues continuing to be an issue
- Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction "Miscast" Show
 - Two groups featuring adults; one featuring children
 - August 17th
 - Carey feels as a recipient of the Children's Auction Grant we have to participate
 - David says we should open it to the membership.
 - Discussion circled around how we would do auditions and finding out what songs are available (that the other participating companies aren't already doing).
 - Oriana asked if there are multiple dates people are needed to prep. David said they didn't say if there would be a runthrough. They did say we need to provide our own backing tracks.
 - Carey volunteered to head up the Miscast project, but would want to audition so she feels it wouldn't be a good optic because she would like to audition to perform.
- Steamboat
 - In limbo
 - Need a venue
 - Need a date - determined by venue. Hope was the end of summer.
 - David is transcribing. Script is ok, but music is taking a while because it's handwritten.
 - Carey asked if we could look into digitizing music by a third party
 - David wanted a single pianist. David wanted Phil Bretton but has heard he wants to retire or is retired.
- Becky F - went to the barn. The lawn needs to be mowed and weed whacked. David said we should post on Facebook asking for assistance. Oriana is asking Ray if he could mow. Discussion started about selling off or weeding out some properties. Ray said he would mow.
- Discussion of Pitches
 - Active discussion took place of all pitches and pros and cons of each as well as a calendar slot for each show. Brendan pulled The Crucible from consideration for 2023 year. The Board decided to move forward with: Jungle Book Kids, The Holiday Channel Movie Wonderthon, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?, The Wedding Singer, Press Start!, The 25th Annual County Spelling Bee, Death of a Salesman, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Carey will reach out to the pitch presenter for each show to see if they accept their date and want to move forward with their pitch.



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Adjournment:

- Becky F to adjourn and Oriana seconded the motion
 - ***MOTION: Adjourn the meeting***
 - ***Unanimous vote: The motion passes***
- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 12, 2022 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carey Hough
Secretary

