

Streetcar Company
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022

Location: Third Floor Belknap Mill Laconia, NH

Call to Order: 6:03pm

Attendance: Brendan Berube, David Nelson, Carey Hough, Becky Fredette, Oriana Filiault, Jennifer Nelson, Jordan Gagan

Public Comment:

- **Public comment open at 6:03pm**
 - Jordan Gagan - July minutes not up (Carey said they are), Community auction (donated by local businesses and members/families, lap dance from Ray, lessons, etc), Grants, Gardens theater (Jordan said it's Ray's idea) second and third floor Pemco building of the no handicap access/fire escape needs repair) - Jordan reached out to owner - he is open to discussions. Asked to see the space, two emails later, owner said property manager can show it. Waiting to hear back. Oriana said thank you. Asking Streetcar members for sizable donations. Was a little alarmed that it got scoffed at, at last meeting. Longtime members may want to support if they know that Streetcar could be in trouble. Working with other homeless performing arts companies (3-5 other groups) to build a theater performance space. Tilton School - thinks the label of residency goes a long way. Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce - asked opinion on fundraising, told him to reach out to Rita Toth. She would love to meet with us but we have to fill out an application. Are we registered with small business development center? NH Center for Nonprofits, are we members? \$92/yr comes with help desk, insurance services, grant database, discount on development classes. NH Council on the Arts - offered to put in touch with other organizations in similar situations but didn't hear anything back. Lakes Region Community Theater Initiative - Other groups communicate over email and discuss productions coming up. We are not part of that. Reach out to groups and create that. Jordan feels like all the community theaters should work together. Cataloging the barn - offering to make a master list for us and asking other theater groups if they have lists too if not he will go make a list for them too so we can share resources. Joint meeting between all groups - one representative from each group get together to talk. Facebook is lacking in content, how much traffic does our website get? Need more faces to names so the community knows who is on the board. Image needs to be worked on. Instagram is another good idea but no other social media outlets. Feels that everyone needs to get involved and be honest about what they are willing to do or not do.
 - David - thanked Jordan for his hard work and heart in his words. Asked group which ones stuck out to group most. Oriana - fundraising committee. Reaching out to community and making a statement that Streetcar is still here. David and Brendan to work on article/info about who we are here and we need help.
 - **Conclude public comment at 6:25 pm with option to reopen**

Secretary Report:

- 08/9/2022 Minutes Approval
 - Change Location to Riverside Gallery Belknap Mill
 - Becky F motions, Brendan seconds
 - **MOTION: Accept the draft 08/9/2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
 - **Unanimous vote: The motion passes.**



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- Correspondence
 - None

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial Statement
 - Passage Into Fear \$416.25 fee..
 - Need to amend the final figure of Lion King Jr. Return of check from MTI of \$160 for the performance we didn't do.. Net loss now \$1,038.98.
 - Carey Motion, Becky F second
 - **MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report**
 - **Unanimous vote: The motion passes**

Old Business:

- Directors and Officers Insurance
 - Check cleared we are covered.
- Streetcar summer events/parade result
 - Carey stated that there the only volunteers heard from to help with parades were from Jordan, Samm and Oriana on social media. There was not enough interest to do Belmont or Gilford parades.
 - Streetcar Trailer is official and 100% legal and has the plates. Our neighbor Jason Caldwell took it for a ride and put air in the tires and grease on the wheels. David gave Brendan the bill of sale. Registration and Bill of Sale will get scanned and put into Google Drive. Snafu with registering - our NH Secretary of State listing is "The Streetcar Company"
- Tilton School Update
 - Becky F - They have presented second round of contract we are questioning workers comp and sexual misconduct policy. They are working on MOU right now. Executive board had sit down with Kate and things went much better and we are in a much more favorable situation. David thanked Carey and Becky for maintaining communication with Kate to move things forward. David asked that all communications have Streetcar Company email copied on it. Dates are good for Passage and Wicked. Carey said there is communication with Tilton about help with their fall production.
- Show Updates
 - Brighton - David are we going to do it? There is another theater company interested. Can we fit it in? The earliest we could do it would be mid April to June. Carey doesn't like the idea of squeezing it in. Oriana asked if we can reach out and see if they want to collaborate. David stated we will not do Brighton until 2024 at the earliest. Carey will reach out to Powerhouse and that we do still plan to do it at some point but that we have interested cast and crew members if they'd like to collaborate.
 - 50th Anniversary - how are we going to fundraise? Certain things can be done and not with it as a Putnam Fund event. David wants info in lobby and more activities than just



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what show we have going on next. Oriana thinks that members that are longtime should be celebrated and acknowledged. She will reach out to Becky G to see what is planned. Show is good.

- Passage - Becky F is the producer and stated we bought rights, got scripts, started to put announcements about auditions on facebook. Virtual/taped audition if can't go to in person auditions. Jody is very excited. Sets are figured out. November 10 & 11 (three shows)
- Wicked Christmas - Becky F is co/director co/producer. Working on rehearsal and audition schedule with Raelyn. Working on dates with Tilton School. December 2, 3, 4. Audition dates 26 and 28th. Straight play.
- Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf - No update. Slated for February 10, 11, 12. Roll into this production once Passage is done.
- Wedding Singer - another company is planning to do Wedding Singer the same time we wanted to do it. Need new ideas.
 - David - Should be a somewhat lower budget show since our budget isn't strong. The Board brainstormed names of shows. Oriana asked if we should have a special meeting to discuss Spring Show. David said yes.
- Tech Training Workshops
 - Oriana - hasn't heard anything back.

New Business

- Ideas for Spring Musical
 - David - Should be a somewhat lower budget show since our budget isn't strong. The Board brainstormed names of shows. Oriana asked if we should have a special meeting to discuss Spring Show. David said yes. September 30th was an agreed upon date location (most likely a restaurant) TBD
- Belknap Mill Collaboration
 - Cheryl - Thank you! Carey read Cheryl's email about workshop or 2 in exchange for meeting space. Carey will reach out for more information and a meeting.
- Committees Discussion
 - Current committees: fundraising, nominating no others
 - David - Break down and delegate some of the things we need to get done to smaller groups. Would like to establish committees that are empowered to move forward on their own without having to get approval from the board
 - Oriana feels we need to have anything with funding approved.
 - Becky feels like each committee has to have a clear purpose and expectation.
 - Fundraising committee to explore grant funding, community outreach and other prospective means of generating income for the company.
 - Becky F stated all committees should have at least one board member on it.
- Venues
 - Gardens Theater - Jordan will reach out
 - Lakeport Opera House - Carey will reach out



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- Merrill Fay Arena in summer?
- Sanbornton
- Ideas Regarding Company Membership
 - David says we've talked about this subject before and it comes up every once in a while. What defines what a member is. Currently in the bylaws. Do we talk about having paid company membership? Oriana - defining the purpose of membership will help define who is a member. We shouldn't limit membership when we don't have a huge membership currently. But we don't want people just walking off the street making a vote who don't have a vested interest.
 - David - could we create leveled membership and maybe offer incentives like discounts on production fees.
 - Carey - can we come up with another term so that we can remove voting/membership from the terminology where it doesn't limit who can vote and who is considered a member.
 - Becky and Jordan stated "Patron" or "Sponsor"
 - Oriana asked how the information would get out to people. Carey said you could do a drive as well as have information out at performances. Oriana stated that you could mention it before auditions/shows so people could save on production fees if you offer a discount
 - David asked someone before the next meeting to volunteer to make a list of who is considered a member. Becky F volunteered to do that.
- Preparation for End of Year General Meeting and Elections
 - David doesn't want to scramble at the last minute.
 - Becky F will talk to Tilton School about being able to hold annual meeting at the Tilton School.
- Agreement for Doing Show
 - David said that there should be an agreement between producer and the board of what is in agreement for when a show is being produced. Becky F stated the director should be included as well. Carey will reach out to other local theater companies to see if they have an agreement we can see.

Adjournment:

- **Becky F motions to adjourn; Carey seconded**
 - ***MOTION: Adjourn the meeting***
 - ***Unanimous vote: The motion passes***
- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday October 11, 2022 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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