

Pacific Okinawa Players
General Membership Meeting
April 5, 2010

Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Jamey Pellegrini.
- Todd Hyson led the improve portion with volunteers.
- March minutes were approved.

Officer's Reports

- **Treasurer:** Due to privacy issues, the POPS balance is not available on-line.

Old Business

- **POPS Follies:** A lot of talented people auditioned and there will be 20 acts. The show will be at the Schilling Rec Center on April 30 and May 1 at 6:00 PM. This event will be free to the public. POPS Follies will be presented as a private show on May 8 at Butler Officer's Club. Assistance is needed for the shows, especially spot light operators. Please see Melanie Bales if you would like to help.
- **A Night of One Acts:** Bernice Witwer, one of the directors, reported that auditions were held and rehearsals are going well. They have been working on building and painting the set. They are still seeking one woman and may need one man. Also help is needed backstage and a stage manager is still needed.
- **Scholarship:** Applications are due by April 28, 2010. The auditions are May 1st at Kubasaki High School. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the amount of money that should be given out for scholarships this year. It was agreed that POPS would need to retain some money to be sure to start the following season and it was decided that amount should be \$10,000. This money would be used to fund productions at the beginning of next season, pay for insurance, replacement of sound and light items. Many different amounts were proposed. When the membership voted, it was tie between \$3000 and \$4000, so a compromise of \$3500 was agreed to.
- **Membership Dinner:** It will be May 15 at Jack's Place. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. This event is open to adult members. Attendance will be limited to the first 50 people. An e-mail will be going out next week.
- **Proposals/Future Director's Meeting:** The proposals will be voted on next meeting. Please turn in your proposal to Todd Hyson by April 26. The director's meeting will be held after the proposals are voted on.

New Business

- **Changes in Board Positions:** It was proposed that the Sgt at Arms be abolished and the responsibilities and duties be assumed by the Vice-President. The membership approved the proposal.

- **Summer Activities:** Since POPS will not have use of the Foster Performing Arts Center from Thanksgiving until after Christmas, we will need to start our season sooner. The only show that could be done in the November/December time frame would be a traveling show or caroling. It seemed a shame to have only one show from May to September. Proposals were solicited for summer activities:
 - Movie Series – same as last year, but maybe with “younger” movies/musicals. Also more advertising is needed.
 - August show with auditions and rehearsals during the summers. Possibly a small show or a very familiar one.
 - Children’s Workshop: In the past, POPS has held one day events that were well received by the public. Jamey Pellegrini may be proposing a week long event with auditions on Monday and rehearsals the rest of the week with a show on Friday evening.
 - POPS Follies – It was suggested that the season start with a Follies show.
 - Improv group – The clubs on island have been asking POPS to have events. It was thought that a comedy group may infringe on MCCS House of Laughs comedy showcases.
 - Shakespeare – Although some members of the audience have requested a Shakespeare show, it is felt that there is not enough community support. However, a comedy such as Shakespeare Abridged may work.
 - Comedic skits/monologues – this idea is akin to Follies but would have just skits or monologues.
 - Film Festival – POPS members and members of public would submit short films for judging. A small monetary prize would be awarded in several categories including audience favorite.
- **Publicity:** Leah has been working on several ideas for increasing awareness of POPS including signs at shows, signs for booths at events that POPS works, a trifold to hand out, and more information about POPS and upcoming events in local publications.
- **Red Cross Derby Day:** This event is a “soap box” derby to me held on May 1st. The event begins at 9:45 AM and continues until all entrants have raced. Gerry is willing to make the Ragtime car able to be in the derby, but POPS would need to sponsor the car. A minimum donation of \$50 is required to enter your car. POPS voted to enter the derby with Michael Fitzgibbons volunteering to drive the car. Other POPS members are encouraged to come out to the event.
- **Red Cross dinner theater:** The American Red Cross is asking POPS to consider doing a dinner theater with the profits split between POPS and the Red Cross. This would be fund raiser for the ARC. The subject was tabled for a later meeting.
- **Board Member Nominations:** Nominations were taken for the POPS board for the 2010/2011 Season. *(Asterisks denote members who were not*

present to accept or decline the nomination.) Voting will be at the next POPS meeting.

- **President:** Jamey Pellegrini
- **Vice President:** Melanie Bales
- **Recording Secretary:** Christine Smith
- **Membership Secretary:** Bernice Witwer
- **Treasurer:** Jessica Stamper
- **Army Ent. Liaison:** David and Brenda Jones*
- **Publicist:** MJ Fitzgibbons
- **Artistic Director:** Danielle Bird
- **Historian:** Lindsay Bethea*
- **Technical Director:** Gary Hughes

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Smith
POPS Recording Secretary.