

Pacific Okinawa Players

General Meeting
February 9, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by President Stephanie Jones.

Improv: Clap

Minutes from January were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month due to Christine Davies having her baby on Friday night. Both mom and baby are doing well.

Membership Report: New members are joining and cast members from Children of Eden will be joining.

Old Business:

Private Org. Status: Still in pursuit

Ravenscroft: Christine Smith (director) reported that over 90 people saw the play the first weekend. The cast is doing very well. The final dates are Feb. 12, 13 & 14. Help is still needed in the house for ushers and concession workers. If you are available to help, please go to the POPS website and click on the link to box office.

New Business:

New Publicist: Chrissy Miller was officially voted in as the new publicist for POPS.

Children of Eden: Jamaal Solomon (director) reported that rehearsals are going well. The pit band has some members but more are needed. If you are interested or know of someone, please see Jamaal or Leah Harrell (music director). The rehearsals will move to the theater soon. If you are interested in helping with the house, see Jamaal or Rachel Ferguson (producer).

Follies: Audition date is March 16 at 6 PM. Come to the audition with your act ready. If you need an accompanist, you will need to locate one. This will be a variety show, so actors, singers, dancers are all welcome to prepare a piece and audition. The show dates are April 30 and May 1 and will be held at the new Amphitheater on Torii.

Night of One Acts: The three one acts will be directed by Anda Slater, Eleanor Esparza and Karin Mordt. Auditions will be April 14 with the possibility of call backs on April 15. The audition will consist of a cold read from the scripts. Following are the titles and castings.

Plaza Suite 2 women, 2 men

California Suite 2 women, 2 men

Star Spangled Girl 1 woman, 2 men

The performance dates are May 22, 23, 29 & 30.

Perusals: If you are interested in directing next season and are interested in getting a script for perusal, contact Dave Jones at phelpsgirl1@gmail.com by Feb. 23. When you submit your request, you need the title of the show, author and name of the licensing company. There will be a meeting later in the season for people interested in submitting a proposal. (To direct with POPS you must have previous directing experience that may include asst. director.)

Scholarship Committee: Each year, POPS gives out several thousand dollars in scholarships to graduating SOFA status seniors who are interested in pursuing their study of the performing arts. The committee prepares the audition packets, distributes them to school and adjudicates the student performances to award the scholarships. If you are interested in being on the scholarship committee, please see Christine Smith.

Membership Dinner: The date will be April 25 in the evening. The dinner will be free to current POPS members. More information will be forthcoming.

Membership Drive/Movie Sing-A-Long: Rachel Ferguson is suggesting that POPS have a summer movie sing-a-long series with the following dates and titles:

June 27 Sound of Music
July 25 West Side Story
August 29 Grease (with costumes and prizes)

There will be concessions, membership information and sign up and information regarding the upcoming season at each event.

Board Members: Nominations for the board will be taken at the next meeting (March 9) with the vote in April. The new president and Vice President will take office in May with the other board members taking office in July. Following is a list of the board positions:

President	Vice-President
Treasurer	Recording Secretary
Membership Secretary	Historian
Artistic Director	Army Entertainment Liaison
Publicist	Sgt. at Arms

Technical Needs:

- The batteries for the electric drills need to be replaced. A motion was made and approved for Rob Jones to spend up to \$200 for new batteries.
- Gary Hughes proposed that a microphone be hooked up to the camera so that sound could be heard in the lighting booth and in the green room. A motion was made and approved for \$80 for the cost of the pre-amp and S&H.
- Portable Orchestra pit – It would involve building a wall, laying down carpeting, creating a sled to hold the items and storing the pit under the stage. Two hundred dollars was approved to begin the project.

III MEF Band: The III MEF band was interested in having POPS help them on their next production. Jamey Pellegrini will liaison with the band and bring us more information.

Talent Show: Jamaal Solomon will be singing at the Banyan Tree this Saturday.

Extra Wood: It was brought up that the wooden "Christmas Cards" that are sponsored by 18 Services are often thrown away. It was suggested that POPS take the wood if it has not been damaged by sitting outside. It will be looked into next year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. Next meeting will be March 9, 2009 at 6 PM at the Foster Performing Arts Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Smith
POPS Recording Secretary.