

Pacific Okinawa Players

General Meeting

April 13, 2009

Meeting called to order by President, Stephanie Jones, at 6:09 PM. Improv: *Freeze....*

Minutes from March were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Due to privacy issues, balance is only available to membership attending the meeting.

Membership Report: People are still joining. We have over 50 junior members and over 100 adult members. Please see Karin Mordt if interested in joining or renewing membership.

Historian Report: No historian report.

Old Business

Private Org. Status: Still in pursuit

Children of Eden: Approximately 580 people attended the show. It brought in many new members. It gave us the opportunity to try out the brand new orchestra pit (thanks Gary) & it worked well (we still need donations of carpet to line the inside of the pit). Jamaal appreciates all of the support he received throughout the production.

New Business

Follies: Changed from 2 performances to only 1 – Friday, May 1st on Torii Beach (next to slide) at 7 p.m. Admission is FREE. Amount POPS will receive lowered from \$1,200.00 to \$800.00. Beach venue – new, but not a great location. All participants have been informed of changes & understand the situation.

Night of One Acts: Auditions were Tuesday & Wednesday, April 14th & 15th at 7:00 p.m. Showdates are: May 22nd & 29th at 7:30 p.m. and May 23rd & 30th at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. A brief explanation of each one act play was given.

Board nominations: Previously nominations were reviewed & updated (see notes below).

<i>President:</i>	*Jamey Pellegrini
<i>Vice President:</i>	*Melanie Bales
<i>Treasurer:</i>	*Bernice Wittwer Sarah Moyers <i>Lindsey Bethea (withdrew)</i>
<i>Artistic Director:</i>	*Leah Harrell <i>Anda Slater (withdrew)</i>
<i>Recording Sec.:</i>	*Christine Smith
<i>Membership Sec.:</i>	*Lee Romero <i>Karin Mordt (withdrew)</i>
<i>Historians:</i>	*Shawna Hopp *Lindsay Bethea <i>Lee Romero (withdrew)</i> <i>Cathy Pickens (withdrew)</i>
<i>Sgt. at Arms:</i>	Cory Slater *Gary Hughes <i>Lee Romero (withdrew)</i>
<i>Publicist:</i>	*Chrissy Miller <i>Janine Romero (withdrew)</i>
<i>Army Ent. Liaison:</i>	*David & Brenda Jones

Voting took place. People selected are noted above with an asterisk* & bold font. The new president will assume his job in May. The other positions will take over in July.

Scholarships: Due to privacy issues, scholarship amounts are only available to members attending the meeting. Auditions for scholarships will be held from 9 – 12:00 p.m. on Sat. 2 May at Kadena H.S. auditorium. Applications have been delivered to the high schools (through guidance counselors) & are also on the website. Deadline to submit applications is 29 April.

Summer Movie Series: Rachel Ferguson announced the dates: June 27th for Sound of Music, July 25th for West Side Story, & August 29th for Grease. It will be held at Foster's Performing Arts Center (seating capacity can not exceed 400 people). Admission is FREE. A membership table will be set-up & the concession stand will be open. Donations will be accepted. Help is needed. Please see Rachel if you can assist in any way.

Money Proposals: Gary found an 8 channel audioboard for \$200.00. Would like to purchase for future productions. Jamaal moved & Jamey 2nded & it was approved. He also requested \$100.00 to replace broken microphones & purchase 8 additional clips to attach them to actors. This request was put on hold until next month's meeting. Rachel Ferguson proposed \$ to purchase new cleaning supplies. It was suggested that we request donations from people PCSing instead.

Other Business: Melanie & Rachel raised issue of hiring musical accompanists. It was proposed that if a person is hired by POPS (as opposed to simply volunteering), they should sign a contract clearly stating our expectations. The board will discuss this issue more in-depth.

Malia proposed adding a student ticket price for our shows. The board will discuss this also.

Joe & Rachel recommended that we no longer use "Ultra Graphics" for t-shirt orders. Too many problems: poor quality + poor service. Recommends using "CustomInk.com" for future orders.

Gary informed all that he will no longer be available to do lighting or sound for ALL upcoming performances. He is interested in getting involved backstage instead. He is willing to train anyone interested in learning how to run the lightboard & spotlight. He will fulfill his commitments to the remainder of the shows this season. This will be a good time for interested parties to apprentice under his tutelage. He thanked Jim Engel profusely for all of his hard work & assistance in past shows.

New Board Member Proposal: Position of "POPS Technical Director" was proposed to be added as a board member. This person would order & replace technical equipment and materials as needed, as well as oversee light, sound, & other technical equipment. Proposal was passed after Kristie & Jamey moved to accept it. Gary Hughes was nominated for the position. Voting will take place at May's meeting. If he is voted into this position, he will resign from the position of "Sgt. at Arms."

POPS Membership Dinner: This will be held on Sat. May 2nd at Jack's Place on KAB. The price is free to card carrying full members. Due to seating arrangements and menu choices, this is a mandatory **RSVP dinner**. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, it is discouraged to bring young children or junior members.

This dinner is designed to unite production teams, casts, and crews from the past season's shows with patrons of the membership body (as well as each other). If you can not find your card, or don't know if you are still a member contact Jamey or Karin as soon as possible to rectify the discrepancy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. Next meeting is May 11, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Mordt

Substitute for the POPS Recording Secretary (who was busy on safari in Africa)