

Marais Players Minutes Annual Meeting 5-12-11

Meeting was called to order by President, Dennis Gourlie at 7:05pm. Members in attendance were Lyman Schulz, Carol Del Ponte, Jane Mester, Melf Gourlie, Diane Rabehl, Trina Justman Reichert and guest Lyle Krueger. Melf introduced Lyle to the group. He is active in the Hartford Players.

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted after a change was made to the "Almost Maine" Summary. One of the bills wasn't entered into the final total. The total profit originally listed as 1969.04 was adjusted to 1769.04. Motion was made by Lyman and 2nd by Carol to accept the minutes with the correction. All voted in favor.

Dennis reported on the conversations that he had with Ron Hill who was the author of "House for Sale". We did send him a DVD and a program. He keeps a scrapbook of his shows. If we do another of his plays, he would try to attend the show. We did order "Ladies of Harmony" and this show is equally as good as his first show. This show is ordered through Big Dog Publishing. They also have special packages which include many of the same things that we order separately so would look at going through them using their promotional items. There are several plays in their book that we will be ordering as well.

Treasurer's report was as follows. The current balance in the check book is at \$8024.46. We have received the grants from Alliant Energy for \$1000.00 and Bachhuber Foundation of \$1500.00. These grants have to be used for the items in the grant and not for general funding. We have already done the wiring down at the Legion as part of that grant. We need to get the new cameras, program and lap top. Alliant advised that we can apply in 2012 for another grant. Grants ideas are welcome. We are looking at doing a grant for the lighter weight platforms as well. Dennis cashed in our CD and it was put into the general fund. Amount was \$1225.71.

We also received a total of \$1750.00 in memorials for Ron Sternat. Those were received from Elmer and Mardell Steinbach, Joyce Peterman, Lorie Figel, Janice Walters, Mitch and Diane McKinnon, Harvey and Sherri Gysbers, Shirley Quandt, Lois Helmbrecht, Marian Giese, Donald and Karen Pugh, John and Nan Gable, Lyn Beck, Mountin's Piggly Wiggly and Mary Ann Sternat. Diane sent thank you notes to all of the above for their donation. Motion made by Carol and 2nd by Lyman to accept the report. All voted in favor.

Diane reported on House for Sale. The final total was a profit of 2272.33. She was very thankful for the cast and crew. They spent many hours outside of the regular rehearsal time working together. We had several snow storms that created a few problems but were worked around. We had some new faces and some returning members in the show. Thank you for the opportunity to direct such a good group of people.

There were no new scholarship applicants from the high school. Our returning applicants are Jennifer Krueger and John Dobbratz.

The proposed dates for the 2012 season are as follows: April 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 for spring and Fall Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11. Dennis needs to take these dates to the Legion to see how it works with their schedule. None of the dates are firm.

The 40th anniversary kickoff was accomplished. Network night wasn't good with the Chamber. Thank you to all who helped and were there for the evening. The total amount we spent for the event with the food and the address books, signs, and placemats was 1404.62. We also gave away 4 Silver Patron Memberships. They were won by Lyle Lahr, Harvey Weigard, Sam DeStefano and Ginny Bell. Ginny asked that we donate hers to the Children's Radiothon in Ron's memory along with our usual donation. They have the option to wait and use it for next year's season or they can do the fall 2011/spring 2012 show. Diane has sent out letters to them.

Audubon Days –Ron and Diane did the organization of this weekend for the past 10 years. Diane has advised that she can't do this alone. If nobody steps up to assist with the planning, set up, take down and clean up, we will not be having a food booth this year. Carol is also not going to do the information booth this year. Trina suggested that we consider doing a float for the parade. She is willing to chair the float committee so if you are willing to help, please contact her. We have done this in the past so at least it keeps our name out there in the public.

Children's Theatre-They are asking to use our lights and platforms again for their performance of "Pinocchio" this summer. Their show dates are July 21, 22, 23 and 24th. Kurt Krueger will be responsible for the equipment. Motion was made by Lyman and 2nd by Melf to allow the use of the equipment. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis advised that there will be work day for the shed maintenance and flat building. We need to re-skin the flats, make new flats; we have 3 more door flats to build for the new doors, as well as lowering the length of the flats. Kurt and Dennis are looking at making the flats 8 inches so they will fit on top of the staging. The archway has to be rebuilt. Dennis spoke with Hometown Glass and Improvements in Beaver Dam and they are willing to sell us 2 windows with the glass removed for approx 20.00. He will check on that further. We will need to purchase materials for this project. Lyle also had some suggestions for us on the flats. Motion was made by Carol and 2nd by Melf to approve the purchase of the materials that will be required. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Dennis will be sending out an email in regard to when this will happen over the summer.

Fall dates are November 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13th. Dan Bell will direct Plaza Suite or another show if the group has a suggestion. There are 2 other possible shows, one being Ladies of Harmony by Ron Hill and the other Christmas Belles by Wooten, Hope and Jones. Carol has also suggested 2 Husbands in Heaven but we need to locate the script (we do have it). There has been some concern expressed about Lend me a Tenor for Spring and the script is available from Diane if anybody would like to read it for further input. At sometime, Trina is still interested in directing and Lyle as well. The play

reading committee needs to regroup and start looking again at plays. We will be ordering some from Big Dog Publishing as they had some that looked interesting.

Diane also reported that as of this time we have the largest patron membership that we have ever had with a good increase from last year. We have 30 Gold patrons, 34 Silver patrons and 14 bronze patrons for a total of 78. We added several after the last show.

Trina expressed her thanks to us from St. Stephen's in Horicon. They used some of our equipment for their play.

Election of Officers:

President: Dennis Gourlie was nominated by Carol. No other nominations. Unanimous vote.

Vice President: Dennis nominated Kurt Krueger. Ann nominated Diane Rabehl. No other nominations. Unanimous vote for Kurt Krueger as Vice President.

Secretary: Kurt Krueger nominated Ann Krueger. No other nominations. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer: Ann Krueger nominated Kurt Krueger. Carol Del Ponte nominated Diane Rabehl. No other nominations. Unanimous vote for Diane Rabehl as Treasurer.

Sgt of Arms: Diane nominated Lyman Schulz. No other nominations. Unanimous vote.

Directors:

Melf Gourlie nominated Trina Justman Reichert.

Dennis Gourlie nominated Melf Gourlie

Diane Rabehl nominated Jane Mester

No other nominations. Unanimous vote.

Carol made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Jane Mester 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rabehl

Secretary