

Minutes of the FCTC Board

December 2, 2009

Present were: Margie Cain, Peter Harrington, San Harrington, Rachelle Howard, Walter Mahany, Jerry Starks and Mary Skidmore Taylor

The meeting was called to order by President Margie Cain at 7:20 pm.

Secretary's Report: Mary summarized the minutes which had been emailed to the Board. Jerry made a motion which Walter seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rachelle has a list of transactions, most of which Margie was able to identify. She needs statements from our accounts which Margie will provide. Rachelle reported that we had approximately \$3400 in the combined accounts prior to the current statements. Margie will give Rachelle the mailbox key and she needs to become a designated signer for both accounts.

Old Business:

Fall Show: Margie reported that she has received a final bill from Bill Kneen for \$339.75, less than earlier anticipated. The Westford Brick Meetinghouse received \$133 and the Congregational Church \$218. With DVD sales, raffle sales and St Albans refreshments the profit will be about \$650. The video is currently streaming on our web site.

BFA Fairfax: Rachelle talked with Peggy Stewart about the new rules concerning custodial services at the school. Peggy said that we should put in a request and they will work with us.

2010 Season: The budget meeting is scheduled for January 7th at 7 and the membership meeting to vote on proposals is on January 14th at 7:30. Margie suggests both meetings be at the school and Mary will contact Carol Stanley to arrange space and let the membership know where the meetings will be. Notice has been posted on the website and emailed to members. Margie will send an announcement to Theatre Notices.

There was a question of what was known so far about potential proposals. San is planning to propose *Narnia* for the summer, but feels that others should be encouraged to propose for that slot as she needs permission from Dramatics Publishing which is not yet obtained. San will do the application and Margie said that she has found this company easy to work with. Jerry is considering a proposal for the fall and Cheri Gagnon has mentioned a proposal for the spring.

Jerry asked whether there was some way to ask members who vote on productions whether they are willing to participate. Margie said that other companies are experiencing the same drop in participation and we need to explore options of how to get more people involved. Walter said he had the sense that our St Albans audience is already developing from exposure and will continue to grow. San said that she is considering Burlington and St Albans locations for the summer show. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of this, including the potential to attract new performers and volunteers and the possible consequences of not performing in Fairfax.

Jerry asked whether it would be helpful to present members with more information about shows before they vote. Margie said that that was the idea behind the playreading committee, that members of that committee would report to the company on each play and their reactions to it. Since there is no longer a board member on this committee, Walter volunteered to participate.

Old Business:

Website: Kevin Cahoon has agreed to take this on, but Kevin Christopher needs to know how to get in touch with him. Margie will email Kevin Cahoon.

Facebook page: Margie has created an FCTC Facebook page which has collected some fans, including some people who we don't know.

The next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, February 21st at Walter's house in St Albans at 2 pm.

Walter made a motion, seconded by San, to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.