

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 17, 2011
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Present at the meeting were John Charron, Doris George, Dee Dee Pitcher and Maye Hart.

The Board thanked Bea Pzsonowsky and Al Douglas for allowing us to have our meeting at their home.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as amended.

Doris George presented the Treasurer's Report. We have received donations from both Globe Manufacturing and Pleasant View Gardens for new fire doors. Globe has donated \$1600 and Pleasant View \$800. We have also received notice from the Town of Pittsfield that sewer rates will be raised in the coming months. We have made arrangements for money for Rotary dinners with Meggin for the months ahead. Doris and Meggin will be in contact regarding the ongoing dinners. It was reported that last month we only made \$34 on the dinner, so we may have to rethink doing the dinners at all. Dee Dee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Maye seconded, and the report was unanimously accepted.

Maye reported that Space Pirates is almost ready for opening. She said it has been harder than usual without Bob Charron's help. So far, the Wednesday daytime show is sold, but there have been no reservations for Tuesday's show, mainly due to Barnstead being on vacation the week of the show. Maye reported that she usually only uses the Suncook Valley Sun for publicity for this show, but the Sun did not run an article this week, they have a picture for next week and she hopes that will run. The Board agreed that Maye will approach Ross Morse regarding publicity to see if there was a way to improve our coverage in that paper.

Dee Dee reported that she has been in contact with Meggin Dail who has an idea for a Christmas Show.

John reported that rehearsals for Lie, Cheat, etc. are going well and that the cast is nearly off book. His set will be built March 5. Tickets for the show will go on sale March 1.

We still have no dates for the NTW spring show. It was agreed that the PYW Fiddle Contest would be held at the theater on April 29. John Charron will contact Zack at PYW to confirm this date.

It was agreed that Maye would produce Encore this summer, and Dee Dee would direct it. Maye has heard that another group may be actively pursuing replacing our show at Steele Hill, so she will call Larry Mossbrucker to touch base with him. Dee Dee has already signed Keith Belanger up to be the accompanist.

NTW will produce The Odd Couple this summer. The Board discussed the lack of any joint meeting date with the NTW Board. Maye suggested that we renegotiate the gate split with them, and Dee Dee suggested that NTW not be allowed to do a show until a joint meeting is held to iron out all sorts of issues, including who owns lights, what the rental fee and terms are, etc. John agreed that he would contact them and ask for a meeting right away.

John reported that Man of La Mancha will have a production meeting on May 1, 2011, and that auditions will be held in August.

Doris is still working on getting all our figures into the computer for simpler tax preparation.

Dee Dee gave Maye membership cards now that Maye is handling membership. Doris gave Maye new membership information from the mail.

Maye reported that Tamara would be taking the lead on organizing an improv group. Meggin and Maye will work on a pie sale for November. Maye will be having a 50/50 raffle at her three evening shows. John will work on finding items for a silent auction at his shows. Dee Dee is still pursuing Bingo options. Maye said that she would continue to use Curtain Up as a vehicle to generate donations.

The Pittsfield Fire Department will not allow a show to take place in the theater until the snow that was shoveled off the roof of Volpe's building is cleared from the alley. Volpe had said that they would bring in a front loader to clear the snow away, but nothing had been done on Wednesday. John agreed to go by the theater to check the alley, and it was decided that if the alley had not been cleared, we would hire someone to clear the area and send the bill to Volpe. Doris reminded us that the next fire inspection is in March or April.

The next newsletter will be for February and March due to Maye leaving for the month of March.

The board discussed getting a quote on new steel doors from John Maddox, and if he didn't want to do the job, finding someone who could. Maye will contact Bob Hetu regarding how to handle the graffiti on the siding.

A list was made of many businesses and Dee Dee will begin selling ads during her vacation. Maye will find an ad form and send it to Dee Dee.

The Board discussed the need for responding to requests for using the theater quickly, in light of the loss of the Encore Dance recital. It was agreed that we have to be a quick to respond as possible. Maye will contact Diane Rueffert in June to try to woo her back for next season.

Maye has been contacted by Mark Leahy from LCHIP regarding lobbying our representatives to keep LCHIP financed. It was agreed that we would not generate a letter to those representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maye Hart, Secretary