

January 8, 2012

Minutes for Gilbert and Sullivan Very Light Opera Company board meeting.

Agenda:

Meeting began at 7:50p.m. In attendance were Stephen Hage, Mary Gregory, Richard Rames, Waldyn Benbenek, John Orbison and Shawn Holt

Review of 1-5-12 Production Meeting:

Stephen Hage saw a model of the set and it is in good shape. Set Designer went with the “arty” side with a gazebo in the center and risers on either side. Will use the same set for Act II as Act I.

Costumes are in process - with some being rented and some being built. Costumer is Paula Lee. Men: uniforms and helmets will be rented. Women: Greek like with jewel tones for colors, traditional milk maid outfit. Measurements will begin on 1-16-12 in the second half of the rehearsal.

Discussion of the 1-16-12 rehearsal:

Stephen will do introductions.

Mondays will begin at 7:30p.m.

Stephen is working on the survival guide for cast members. He will send it to the board members for editing.

Male chorus needs tenors. Laura Bidgood is checking on this.

Chorus should be prepared for Tuesday rehearsals if deemed necessary.

An issue was brought up about the times for Saturday principal rehearsals at the church. Stephen Hage has called on this and is working it out.

Publicity:

Discussion of ad prices in Minnesota Opera program for the opera Werther. A cost of \$600.00 was discussed and was approved for the junior size page. The cost will cover Program ads for 5 performances.

Wally will talk to Jack regarding the EatStreet ads.

DVDs;

We have just received 40 Iolanthes and are proposing to duplicate more current ones.

The plan is to keep going back and re-mastering the older tapes.

A question was brought up as to what to do with the older tapes-technology issues.

Website:

Holly Windle and Jack Kravik are working on it. Waldyn is training them in.

On-line ticket sales will begin January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Waldyn is considering posting a seat assignment/chart on-line for the future.

Summer Show:

Short discussion as to which show we should do with Jerry. Decision is pending.

Project Success:

Discussion of what Project Success does. A group that works through public schools to give students access to artistic events. A proposal to give the group 30 tickets for the opening night show was approved.

Posters:

Stephen is hoping to have them by 1-16-12 rehearsal.

T-shirts: Mary Gregory

Discussed cost, color and types of shirts to be ordered. Should there be a large or small logo? It was decided there should be a large logo for the T-shirt. (Black t-shirt with purple stitching.)

Discussed cost and color combinations of mugs to be ordered.

Discussed type and color of water bottle to sell. Steel bottle with a flip-up/screw-on top.

It was also discussed that we should ask Larry about drawing up the Patience logo for the show shirts.

The next board meeting will be held at the church on Monday, January 23, 2012, beginning at 7p.m.

Future board meetings will be:

Monday, February 6, 2012

Monday, February 20, 2012

at 7p.m.

The board meeting ended at 9:10p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawn Holt