

**The Gilbert and Sullivan Very Light Opera Company
Board Meeting**

October 22, 2012

In Attendance: Stephen Hage, Malka Key, Mary Gregory, Shawn Holt, John Orbison, Eric Pasternak, Wally Benbenek

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Review:

Stephen mentioned that the audition posting went up on October 21, 2012 and will repost in 2 weeks. November 5, 2012.

Stephen will call Lake Harriet United Methodist Church to confirm rooms for the auditions-held on November 11 and 12, 2012.

Chorus Reps report:

Mary Gregory reported that Shawn Holt, Holly Windle, Charlotte Morrison, Rhea Sullivan, Mary Benbenek, Holly MacDonald and herself will be returning for chorus roles.

John Orbison reported all positive responses from the men but was still awaiting responses for Wendell Peck and Christopher Michaela.

Production Meeting update: October 21, 2012

The set will be simple with stark grays, blues and greens making up the colors in the set. Stage right will have a house, there will be an arch and a long platform. No Styrofoam is allowed in the set construction due to fire codes. The church is currently fund raising for a sprinkler system throughout the church.

It was voted on and accepted by the board to donate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Plymouth Congregational Church toward the sprinkler fund. Eric P. will present the check.

Costumes: Amanda is our costumer. She will be renting the majority of our costumes from a company in Texas, and possibly a company in Canada.

The rest of the production staff is all in place:

David Morrison will be House Manager. He will find substitutes when needed.

Dean and Jack will be in charge of set construction.

Laura Bidgood will be stage manager

ASMs will be Trina Morrison, and Malka Key.

Set Strike:

Set strike will have to be Monday, March 25 due to the church service that will be in the theater later that day. Eric P. will speak with Seth from Safe House about this on Thursday, October 25, 2012.

We will be able to clear out the dressing rooms, orchestra pit and the costumes on Sunday, March 24, 2012, as Safe House does not use the backstage area for their services.

Photography: Daniels Studio is coming on the second Saturday before the show. They will have comp tickets reserved for them that night.

MTN: Stephen called Art regarding the sound quality on the DVD of Patience and asked him for another one.

Posters, Flyers and Advertising: Posters are ready for the taking and Mary G. discussed what to put on the t-shirts. Richard is willing to do the flyers.

Wally is not planning on doing any paid advertisements this year.

GSVLOC will buy some space in Lake Harriet's program during their show.

Treasurers Report: Malka Key reported that there was approximately over \$80,000.00 in reserves and approximately \$12,000.00 in checking.

Miscellaneous:

Reviews: Wally B. will ask a Star Tribune critic if he will review us and Eric P. knows an art hound that he could ask to review GSVLOC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt