

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

December 22, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 .m by Stephen Hage.

Printing show post cards: The bid from Cedar Printing for 2500 4x6 inch cards was \$217.83.

The posters have arrived.

Rehearsal Schedules:

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church: The schedule has been set, there may be some minor conflicts with the space. There may be some principal rehearsals on Wednesdays, but they will have to be at Joe Andrews' house as space at church on Wednesdays is at a premium.

Plymouth Congregational Church: Eric Pasternak is talking to them about times.

Set: The set is built. It is a rake stage and will need to be assembled in the space. More details are being worked out as to set props i.e. flowers popping up on stage, etc.

Costuming: Edwardian for men as well as blue and purple robes. Unitards of varying colors with wings for women who will be woodland fairies. There will be wing making parties set to occur sometime in January. (maybe 16th and 23rd?) All of the men will get wings as well at the end. (possibly in a tub at Acorn)

Music: No changes

Props: We have no props master this year, therefore the cast will be called upon to help. There is a need for LOTS of ivy and perhaps spears and stilettos.

Choreographer: Linda Lee has been hired to choreograph Tripping Hither and the men's opening number. There may/will be movement in the overture as well.

Treats List: Mary Gregory will be in charge of the sign up. Shawn Holt will provide a treat for January 4.

Future Board Meetings: Stephen would like board meetings every other Monday 1/2 hour before rehearsal. Eric Pasternak will try to Skype into meetings and rehearsal when in Dallas.

Publicity and Tickets: Wally Benbenek will subscribe to Gold Star for the first 2 Fridays of the run.

Comp. Tix: 2 comps will be offered to cast and crew. Orchestra members will be able to rush the show for free. Comps will need to be reserved in advance. Wally will set up something in the on-line order form.

Code of Ethics: Stephen Hage will pull something together and the board will meet to discuss the specifics.

Stipend: A stipend of \$200.00 will be paid out at the end of the run and cast and crew will sign a paper indicating whether or not they will be receiving it. Malka will collect the sheets and tally who will not be taking the stipend.

Merchandise: The company needs to order more coffee mugs and G&S logo shirts. (short sleeves, hoodies with zippers) The t-shirt for the show will be light green with only part of parliament on it. Wally B. will "vectorize" it.

Wally will set up a new google group e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt