

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

January 7, 2018

In attendance: Stephen Hage, Malka Key, Wally Benbenek, Mary Gregory, Shawn Holt, John Orbison, and Barb Hovey

The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Orpheus Financial Report Review: Treasurer John Orbison reported that we had a \$25,000.00 short fall primarily due to low ticket sales.

Other Orpheus business: There is no bill from MTN for the video of the show yet.

Princess Ida Schedule: Stephen handed out the rehearsal and performance schedule for show. Lake Harriet United Methodist Church has been booked for all rehearsal spaces. The Howard Conn has also been booked.

Princess Ida Cast: The cast has been set, but Ada has yet to be cast. This will be for Joe Andrews and Randy Buikema to decide when they have heard everyone.

Princess Ida Production Staff: All have been set. Stephen will talk to Jean Van Heel, Randy Buikema and Joe Andrews to determine if more accompanists are needed for split rehearsals.

Princess Ida Costumes: Steampunk is the theme/style this year. G & S is in need of a costume mistress. A stipend of \$200.00 will be offered. Most of the cast has costume changes.

Princess Ida Props: Steampunk style opera glasses, binoculars, eye glasses, parasols, canes etc. will be needed. Professors will carry something that pertains to their specialty. Guns (nerf variety) will be "steampunked" and portable equipment for the King's three advisors will also be needed.

Future board meetings: to be held at LHUMC. Pre-rehearsal: are scheduled for 6:30 pm on:

Monday, January 22nd

Monday, February 5th

Thursday, February 15th

Ticketing: Flyers need to be sent out. Stephen will check with Richard Rames as to when he is getting them from the printers. Website is set up and on line ticket sales begin on Monday, January 15th. Comps have been set aside for production staff, orchestra and cast for either of the first two Fridays.

T-shirts: Mary Gregory discussed the potential use of the text from the Princess Ida poster.

A discussion was held pertaining to who should receive a free t-shirt since everyone has access to a stipend. T-shirts will be given to the 3 ASMs, Wardrobe Mistress Anne Marie and Larry and Jack.

Bowings and Concert Master pay: Stephen will speak with Anne Marie MacIntire about the cost of bowings and how much to pay the concert master. There was some discussion as to how much the soloist/concert master received for Orpheus. Wally Benbenek suggested G & S set a standard rate and if there is to be a deviation from it then the board should discuss it and approve it.

Job Descriptions: The board has been reminded that we need to write our job descriptions in the eventuality of needing a replacement member.

Tablet and charging system: Wally Benbenek will purchase a tablet and charging system for the House. It will be kept with the box office. (cash boxes and card reader) The cost will be approximately \$250.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt