

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

September 16, 2018

In attendance were: Stephen Hage, Mary Gregory, Barb Hovey, Malka Key, Shawn Holt, John Orbison, Alex Gerschak

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

Poster: Stephen

The poster, based on Rick Shiomi's suggestion, will be an Edwardian couple dancing with an ax over their heads. Delivery of the posters will be this coming week.

Production Meeting: Stephen

Set: sketches are of an English country garden, with slight changes for Act II. Discussion was had of adding a platform across the back.

Costumes: Pre WWI Edwardian-Barb Portinga will be doing costumes again.

Choreography: There will be a lot of dancing in the show for principals as well as the chorus. Penny Free will be choreographing the show.

Script: Rick will submit his script for printing, including insertion of revised texts in the music. Rick would like to enlist Holly Windle for help in rewriting "Little List" song. Next production meeting will be in late December or early January.

Auditions: Stephen

Randy Buikema and Rick are confirmed. Lake Harriet United Methodist Church is confirmed. Stephen will work on confirming an accompanist. Scheduled for Saturday, November 3, from 1:00 to 5:00 p. and Sunday, November 4, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm Call Backs are scheduled for Monday, November 5, from 7:00 pm on. Audition notifications will be in MN Playlist on October 8th. Grandparent e-mail is usually sent out one month before auditions.

Venues for *The Mikado*: Stephen

LHUMC is confirmed for rehearsals
Howard Conn is confirmed for performances

House Manager/Ticketing Manager: Stephen

We are in need of a House Manager and Ticketing Manager. A stipend is offered for both positions and could be done by one person. A posting on Minnesota Playlist could be made to find someone if we can't find anyone internally.

Fundraising Profile: Stephen

Discussion was had as to increasing our fundraising profile on our website. An e-mail to people on our mailing list regarding end of year donations was suggested.

Cabaret Shows: Alex

3 performances are scheduled under the title of *A Gilbert & Sullivan Very Light Cabaret*.

Friday, October 19 at Can Can Wonderland at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 27 at Honey

Sunday, October 28 at Honey

A promo image will be put in an e-mail posting and could be put on our website homepage as well as Facebook. Rehearsal space for the group will be at Orion Associates, 820 Lilac Drive, Golden Valley.

Sing-through: Malka

Ruddigore and *Sorcerer*. Deadline for principal roles is Monday, September 19. 34 people have signed up. Malka will send out role assignments on Tuesday, September 18 or Wednesday, September 19. There will be a \$10.00 cover. People can bring their own score. Malka will order around 12-15 scores. The venue is at Becketwood which is free. Steven Norquist will be playing the piano. People are invited to bring snacks and drinks.

Future Meetings:

A plan was made to announce future board meetings with dates and times on the website. All board meetings are open to members of the company.

Next meeting date, time and place:

November 11, 2018 7:00 pm at Malka Key's apartment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shawn Holt