

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

February 11, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

Reviews:

Stephen confirmed that we have three blogger reviews set up for *The Mikado*, with Twin Cities Arts Review, Compendium and Play Off the Page, with a review with Lavender Magazine pending. Rick Shiomi will contact the bloggers for Cherry and Spoon and One Girl / Two Cities for reviews. The Star Tribune is unconfirmed.

Phone System:

Shawn Holt will talk to Cletus Willems about the set-up of the answering service, as well as the virtual box office.

Ticket Sales:

John Orbison says that we are 25% ahead of last year in ticket sales. Online sales are going well.

Wally Benbenek says that we are almost half sold and the sales are mostly coming via online and NOT by mail.

The ticket availability charts are up on the website, with one in the Members Only Section specifying the number of tickets remaining per show.

Phones:

Malka Key has arranged for three volunteers to man phones.

The Mikado and More: A Very Light Cabaret:

The cabaret show to promote *The Mikado* will be held at Honey in northeast Minneapolis on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 9th. The event is currently posted in Facebook and will be posted on the website. Cassie Utt will issue emails to our mailing list about the event a week before each of the two dates.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shawn Holt