

**MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATRE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 * 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Arnie Steinmetz.

Forty-nine people were in attendance including numerous new members whom President Steinmetz asked to introduce themselves.

The agenda was approved. Minutes from the last quarterly meeting were approved.

GM report was emailed to all members. Loretta highlighted a few points focusing on the fact that we need more advertisers for the annual program. The goal is \$10,000. There is still room for sponsorships as well. Sponsorships are available at \$500 or \$250 with varying benefits. We are also seeking champagne sponsors for *One Weekend Only*.

Treasurer, Jim Pettorini, reported that the fiscal year-end for the 2008-2009 season was very positive. Expenses were down 11% from the previous year. We continue to pay down the mortgage and now have a balance of approximately \$58,000. MCT's new bookkeeper, Donna Ferenci, is in the process of streamlining the accounting procedures. The membership will see improved financial statements in the coming months.

Alicia reported for the VP of Production in Rita Irwin's absence.

The new season is well underway regarding preparations, and auditions are scheduled for September 12 and 13. Alicia encouraged each participant to audition for every play. In addition to casting for every show, numerous backstage workers are needed for every production. We currently are looking for new people to learn sound and lighting procedures. New talent is highly encouraged. No experience is necessary to audition.

Fred Hundhammer, director of *One Weekend Only*, reported that the show is cast and is in rehearsals. The theme/title is *Southernmost Broadway* and features music and skits from *Sound of Music*, directed by Mike Edwards; *Grease*, directed by Kathryn Rummery; *Carousel*, directed by Lesley Aaron; and *Chorus Line*, directed by Fred.

The *One Weekend Only* production tickets have been reduced to \$30 with an additional Sunday matinee performance scheduled to encourage increased ability for attendance. Food will be provided, as usual, but scaled down slightly to finger foods and desserts. All drinks and champagne is included. Champagne sponsors are needed.

Marilyn Tempest, director of *Incorruptible*, the November show, gave a short synopsis of the content of the play enticing members to audition and attend. The *Incorruptible* set is already well underway and on-stage. Marilyn introduced her crew.

Kathryn Rummery, director of the MCT Chorus, reported that the chorus has many new members and the rehearsals are going very well. The chorus is rehearsing at the Methodist Church.

Alicia Merel, director of *Sylvia*, also gave a brief play description. *Sylvia* has a unique role for someone to play three parts, a real challenge for anyone. Alicia introduced her crew as well.

Fred Hundhammer, director of the musical for this season, *Guys and Dolls*, reported that *Guys and Dolls* is a many-time Tony winner with wonderful music. MCT has rented a full-orchestra rendition of the music for what promises to be an outstanding production. Jackie O'Neil will be choreographing the dance portion. Rehearsals will begin in November and early December.

Michael Edwards will be directing *Deathtrap*, the final show of the season. *Deathtrap* is a great comedy with some physical roles requiring actors who can fall down and hit the floor.

Claudia McEwen was recognized as MCT's faithful-for-many-years, make-up artist.

Bob Rowand announced that complete audition packets are available on the website. They are also available at the box office.

Props and Costume Committee Chairperson, Riet Steinmetz, advised members of a new prop procedure and form for signing in and out and tracking props to ensure they are returned appropriately to the lender. Also, Riet asked that anyone with costume or prop donations, please contact her prior to dropping items off at the theatre.

By-Laws Committee Chairperson, Claudia McEwen, noted that proposed changes to the by-laws has been posted on the website for several weeks for review. She noted a brief description of the changes. Discussion was held, the vote was taken with the acceptance of the proposed current changes. Future by-laws committee meetings are scheduled. Please review the by-laws and submit any proposals in writing to Claudia or to the GM via email or hand-delivered.

Playreading Committee has met and is reading plays.

Tom O'Neil, Stage and Sound Committee Chairperson, reported that the new "green" lights need to be turned off by the switch when the slide is at the higher position in order to avoid burning out of the lights. Signs will be posted on the switches.

Building Committee reported that many projects have been completed such as a new box office window installed, thank you C. J. Geotis; rehearsal room floor has been painted, thank you Paul Buckley and Alan Andrews; all new rope lights are installed, thank you Paul; numerous miscellaneous projects were completed by Mike Edwards

and Dan Gallagher; and new front doors will be installed by C.J. and Arnie Steinmetz in the coming days.

Entertainment Committee Co-Chairperson, Paula Pettorini, gave an all-inclusive report about details for the *One Weekend Only* event. We will be needing food donations and clean-up help. A sign-up sheet was passed, thank you to those who have already offered assistance. And a “passing of the hat” for cash donations was a huge success. Thank you to all who so graciously donated to this event.

Historical Committee reports that Ward Saylor has given more DVDs of old shows produced at MCT in past years. These DVDs are available for your viewing.

Suzanne Terpos, Membership Chairperson, reported approximately 135 members have renewed memberships for the 2009-2010 season. Membership is \$10 per person, \$15 per family and \$5 per student for the entire year. Membership covers all members on our insurance in case of injury.

Loretta Geotis, GM, offered the new season brochures to members who can distribute the brochures to hotels and restaurants and businesses for visitors’ information. Please contact the business office if you can assist with this project.

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Good of the Order, Paula Pettorini thanked members for cash donations toward food and decorations for *One Weekend Only*.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.