Western Theatre Arts Association

February 19, 2019

AGENDA

**Call Meeting to Order**: 7:10pm. Those in attendance: Julie Durocher, Scott Sundberg, Chris Polich Stan Gibbs, Suzanne Gibbs, Sherene Melton, Tamara and Emma Mathew

**Approval of Minutes** from January – Scott moved, Chris 2nd, approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Scott reported on the totals from Fiddler on the Roof:

Box office:

ShowTix (online tickets):

Total:

Scott had a check for Stan from Showtix that was $3000?

Box office was big and we had many wonderful responses to the show, people seemed to really enjoy the performances. Even with the large box office we were about a -$624 in contention with the cost of everything.

All expenses have not yet been accounted for, therefore the financial report is not complete.

**Old Business**:

Fiddler- Stan: lots of work, snow days made it rough to accomplish all that needed to be done. Talented kids. Tony was a wonderful addition as Choreographer – the kids really appreciated and enjoyed her in that role. Ran out of time to complete set and costumes –just so much needed to pull it off. Carolyn Buratovich offered to help Suzanne organize a group of ladies who would be happy to help with sewing costumes- this was hugely appreciated. Parents greatly appreciated Julie’s Remind that was sent out and being made aware of later rehearsals. Noted that not everyone got on this email list – we need to make sure when new students are added – that an email is gathered to make sure they get on this list as well. Please keep doing this for future plays. Thank you Julie for taking this role for Fiddler.

Ganton's Retirement did not want to provide transportation for the play this time. They do not have drivers scheduled for the weekend. We talked about options of providing drivers, but realized we do not have insurance/liability to cover the needs.

Middle School Play: Kelly asked if WTAA will cover cost of cast party ( est. $100) for Sunday night: YES!

Also, want MS play to become self sufficient like it used to be: ticket sales will cover paying or script and salaries for directors ( $300/director)[this money will be paid ahead of time from WTAA, but will be reimbursed from ticket sales], all money left over from ticket sales will go to Theatre budget/fund ( Stan).

**NEW BUSINESS:** **WTAA mission statement: Chris**

**Seeking to reinstate/create bylaws, mission and procedures, etc.** Chris created an initial start for this, which we approved. The board will continue to work on putting something in writing – so others will know concretely what we are about and what we do to help the Theatre.

JV Show: May 3rd and 5th. (Friday and Sunday) as Prom is Sat. : Virgil and the City Slickers

Stan and Suzanne talked of possibilities for next year’s musical and we discussed moving the musical to the fall production to offer more time for rehearsals and even summer to help work towards costumes and set. Stan expressed a desire to have guys involved in fall sports coming out for the spring musical – but there just has not been many joining so far. Also, the weather in the winter limits number of rehearsals at times which are greatly needed especially for musicals.

Thespian Society: Since the fall trip was not offered, Stan is considering a trip to Chicago to see a Broadway show and dinner. We would need to hire a bus ( Dean Transportation?) for this trip, and Stan would like to see about creating a time with one of the performing Arts Colleges for the students to see and being able to ask questions and hear what they offer. WTAA has some funds that could go to help support cost.

Adjourned: 8:27pm Chris moved, Julie 2nd.

**Next Meeting:** Would be March 12th, 2019 as it is usually the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month.