

Stone Creek Community Theater Club
May 8, 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes

Officers:

President: Tom Enrico, Past President: Bev Wiggins, Vice President: Dave Kinney,
Treasurer: Linda Chizmar, Secretary: Viv Biermann

Opening Comments:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Club President Tom Enrico welcomed everyone to the meeting. New member Diana Bint introduced herself.

1. Tom shared the grievous loss of our member Bruce Kaplan. Members who wish to contribute to the SCCT Patron/ Actor Circle with a goal of \$250 from the Club in honor of Bruce Kaplan may pay Treasurer Linda Chizmar by the end of June which will be in time to be in the Ripcord Playbill. The Club could possibly reach the next patron level.
2. At its May 7th, 2024 meeting the Board approved to make a donation of \$500 in memory Bruce Kaplan from SCCT to Culture Vultures. Mark Labadia, Treasurer of Culture Vultures, accepted the donation. Dave Kinney and Mark Labadia were thanked for their lovely eulogy at Bruce's funeral. The funeral was attended by many of the Theater Club members.

Secretary's Report:

Viv Biermann asked if there were any questions or changes as to the draft minutes from the April 10th meeting that were sent by email to the members and were posted on the club webpage. There being no changes, motion was made by John McCormick and seconded by Wes Jones to accept as posted. The motion was passed without objection. The minutes will be posted on the club webpage as well as placed in the club binder in the Reunion Center lobby.

Membership Report:

Linda Chizmar reported the SCCT April 30th membership roster shows no new members with a total of 58 paid members. Members who have not yet paid their \$15.00 dues for 2024 are encouraged to see Linda Chizmar.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Chizmar presented the SCCT financial report as of April 30,2024. The club started the month of April with a balance of \$22,447.54. Income for the month of April totaled \$2,463.49. primarily from ticket sales for The Fox on the Fairway. Against this, the club incurred expenses of \$2,713.66, mostly associated with the play, bringing the account balance as of April 30,2024 to \$22,197.37. From the profit from The Fox on the Fairway, \$1,259 was added to the Capital Expense Fund, bringing it to a total of \$12,625 as of April 30, 2024.

Old Business

- Wed. May 14th will be the Benoit's Appreciation Dinner. Bev Wiggins will be available after the meeting and tomorrow in the lobby 1:00-3:00 pm to collect money for catering services. Tom will send out a reminder today.
- Final Report- Fox on the Fairway
 1. John McCormick producer reported, The Fox on the Fairway came under budget.
Revenue \$4410.00 Expenses \$1945.08 Profit \$2464.92.
 2. Thank you cast, crew and all who helped with The Fox on the Fairway.
 3. Dave Kinney, assistant producer, suggested that the next cast party be renamed so the name of the after party reflects everyone involved. Tom Enrico agreed. Attendance- 500 total, plus a few comp tickets. The actual number can not be verified due to some season ticket holders may have entered through the main door.
 4. Tom Enrico acknowledged and thanked all involved in the production. A special recognition was made to the first time actors.
- **Suggestions Season Ticket VIP Ticket Lounge-** Viv Biermann and Cheree Gallant
 1. Set up a sign in the lobby directing season ticket holders to the VIP Lounge.
 2. Lounge open 30 min. before the show.
 3. Have plenty of pencils for the ballots.
 4. Group ballot instructions in the ballroom 5 min. before main door opens.
 5. Divide list of names on the busiest night for quicker check in.

• **Stony Awards- Ken Ames**

Number of ballots turned in for The Fox on the Fairway- Fri. 46, Sat. 37, Sun. 34

A few remarks that stood out. Negative Comments- lack of publicity, sound, back stage light too hot. Positive comments- Great! Well done! I don't usually attend plays but I enjoyed this! Tom Enrico added several "likes" and positive comments on facebook.

- **Progress Report on Ripcord- Director, Wes Jones** -Dave Kinney Assistant Director.
 1. Scripts have been passed out to the actors: Lina Ricks, Mary Mattson, Ken Hull, Cheree Gallant, Wayne Werner, Dan Liotta, Eva Iorrilo, Goldy Simon and Cindy Kinney.
 2. Wayne, Dan and Goldy are all new to the stage.
 3. The play is well underway. Lifestyle has shifted the rehearsal time in the Ballroom on several occasions. This will be a challenge.
 4. This will be a low budget play. Nancy Jones reported the following props are needed: men's top and bottom scrubs size L, Halloween prison outfit size L or XL, twin sheets for 2 beds- not black, Halloween fake meat clever, park bench, large electrical switch, white nursery size rocking chair.
 5. Mark Labadia will provide the clown costume. Kathy Linden will provide the large crucifix. Report on Play Reading Committee- Wes Jones
- **Report on Play Reading Committee- Wes Jones.**
 1. Those interested in reading plays have been contacted through email. The committee members represent a wide variety of backgrounds. Anyone else who may have a play in mind for consideration by the committee see Wes after the meeting. Please read the plays quickly and pass to another committee member to review and vote on so that the committee can meet by the end of August to provide recommendations to the Board.
 2. Question- Do we want to pursue a musical? Ken Ames stated the 2023 Interest Survey showed there is an interest within Stone Creek. Club Members voted yes to considering *Gilligan's Island, The Musical!* Wes stated Gilligan's Island musical has a simple set and will have the same time frame to prepare as a play. It will now be added for the committee's consideration.
 3. Pianist and track music both have disadvantages and advantages.
- **Work Session to Build New Flats- Wes Jones**
Work to build new flats will take place after Ripcord. Existing scenery flats will be reused. Anyone interested in helping Dave Kinney and Joel Duvall on conversion of old flats to new flats can sign up at the June meeting. 2-3 jigsaws are needed to build the flats.
- **Club Library Reminder**
List of the inventory of books and scripts are available in the club library and let Roseann Staple know you would like to borrow anything.

New Business

- **Club Expo-** May 29th 2:00-4:00 pm.
 1. Life Style Director Nikki will now have a Club Expo in both the spring and fall.
 2. Cheree Gallant will put together additional folders to pass out at the Expo.
 3. A sign up sheet was passed around to work at the SCCT table.
 4. Tom Enrico suggested a Club interest sheet for those interested in learning more about the club, noting any special talent/ interest and contact information.
- **PLAYground Workshop, Nancy Luellan**
9:45 am Nancy Luellan conducted Part Two session on *Memory* with 8 in attendance. During today's session members focused on how to remember names of people.
Next month's Playground Workshop will cover reading scripts.

Other new business

- John McCormick made the following suggestion- A Stoney Award be named in honor of Bruce Kaplan.
 - Kathy Linden led members in a standing ovation recognizing Paul and Susan Benoit for their dedicated work over the years in SCCT. The Benoit's will be leaving the end of May for Vermont to be with their family.
 - Reminder- Theater Club monogrammed polo shirts are available at Mitchell's Design and Graphics 7355 SW 38th St. Suite #101.
- **Adjournment:** There being no other business, Paul Benoit moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Benoit. The motion was unanimously approved. The Business meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Viv Biermann, Secretary