

Shuswap Theatre Society -Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020–5:00 pm at Shuswap Theatre

In attendance: Craig Massey, Nedine Scott, Kim MacMillan, Sherry Bowlby, Julia Body, Peter Molnar, and Joyce Henderson.

Regrets: Paula Shields, Tracy Nash

Guests:Ann Skelhorne, Doug Kyle

1. Call to order–5:01pm
2. **Moved to approve the agenda as presented.**Carried.
3. **Moved to approve the minutes of the August 17 2020 meeting.** Moved by Julia, seconded by Joyce. Carried
4. Theatre BC AGM - Nedine attended the AGM on behalf of Shuswap Theatre and provided a verbal report.
5. Acknowledgement of Secwepemc People: Craig received a suggestion of wording from Neskonlith Indian Band in Kamloops.

Moved by Sherry, Seconded by Peter that the land acknowledgment as presented by approved: “Shuswap Theatre acknowledges that its theatre and activities held within it are carried out on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc People. We are grateful and pay respect to the elders, past and present, descendants and custodians of these lands.” Carried

Building

6. Final Report from Doug Kyle on the review of a new building façade. Doug provided a very thorough review of the process of the possible changes that came about as a result of a possible grant application. He reviewed and provided copies of the concept by Ivana, breakdown of the budget, all required upgrades to current building, and the still unknowns around contamination of the ground and recommended that the board may want to pursue getting a few core samples. The decision whether or not to proceed with

core samples will be for the new board. A huge thank you to Doug for all this hard work!

ACTION: Craig will send out the info Doug sent him

Finance

7. Treasurer's Report: Sherry provided a report. There is still some concern over being able to break even as we are still very reliant on the smaller, personal donations coming in. **ACTION:** the new board will look into new fundraising ideas.

8. Sponsorship: Joyce provided a verbal report and update.

a) New rates: A flat \$200 rate: online exposure, thanks in the program, poster in the lobby but no tickets.

Moved by Joyce, seconded by Peter that Sponsorship for an individual show for 2020/2021 be \$200 and include thanks through online and social media, in the program if applicable, allow for flexibility as required and be reviewed again in Spring 2021. Carried.

Artistic and Production

9. Walk About Theatre - A wonderful Sold Out production! Julia provided a final report. It was well received, great press coverage, and good weather. Learned a lot from working with Interior Health and issues with outdoor factors such as trains. It is also beneficial to have someone in a more producer type role for these events.

10. Picnic Blanket Show - Peter provided a report on his event with Devon More.

11. Outside Mullingar - Kim provided an update. Sept 26 is date of recording with a small invited audience. Oct 16th will be when it is available online for 24 hours. Waiting to hear back on royalty amount but expect it to be around \$100.

12. Artistic Committee Report

a) Youth Halloween Reading: Oct 30 & 31st. Ali Balloun will be directing, with help from Brook and Darby. Plays will be picked by the end of the week, auditions will be happening through a booked time. Will have an audience and will be recorded (possibly Voice of the Shuswap). Sherry, Joyce and Pauline working on COVID regulations.

Action: Need to look for a co-head for Front of House with Pauline.

Action: Julia will contact Lisa to see if she's interested in doing graphic work for upcoming productions.

b) Dead Men Don't Do Radio Shows will be November 13 & 14th.

c) Christmas Show - December 18-20, hoping for local script and music, 9 performances, using flatbed trailer, will be done through a booking system for Salmon Arm Proper. Lots of help needed to organize this one.

d) Tech: It may be most beneficial to look at our recording/video possibility for events as a whole instead of leaving it to each individual show.

e) Next year is our 40th Anniversary. **ACTION:** New board will start thinking about and organizing events and how to reflect back on our first and previous seasons.

13. Tech Report: Ann is working on new season plan. Looking to train new members on tech skills, and to start getting in touch with outside organisations for some of our upcoming needs.

Planning

14. AGM Prep: Have a full 10 members running for the Board. Send all reports to Kim. Only members will be sent an invitation to the zoom meeting, and are encouraged to send any questions ahead of time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.