

Message to member June 12, 2013 - Following several focus groups and online surveys, the Board and Artistic Committee met with Researcher, Michelle Ambrose, Saturday, May 25, to look at feedback submitted by volunteers, members and audience in order to work towards a vision to grow and sustain Shuswap Theatre. Kim MacMillan gave a presentation on 'The Life (and Death) Cycle of Organizations'. The day was well spent and the Board came away with 5 priorities in which to work on for the next phase of this process: our season/the run, the theatre atmosphere, communications, productions; cast/crew, and additional events and features in the theatre.

The Board met again on Sat. June 8 to discuss details and timelines for a number of goals that were determined from those 5 priorities. As well, the Board developed a Vision Statement with which to use as a guide when making decisions; **“To enrich the lives of community and theatre members through diverse and inspiring live entertainment.”**

The process is by no means complete and updates will be posted here and sent out in member emails. There will be more opportunities for members to connect with the Board and each other in the coming months. This will include a work bee at Shuswap Theatre to clean and stain the benches, power wash sidewalk, do some weeding, etc. on Sat. July 6 (tentative) and our Annual *Member Appreciate Potluck* on Sat. July 20 at Julia Body's. The fun starts at 2:30 and dinner is around 5:30. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert item, a beverage, a chair and your own plate and cutlery. Children are welcome and feel free to bring frisbees, guitars and whatever else you want to play with! (please RSVP to Monica at 250-833-6100 or pr@shuswaptheatre so we know the number of burgers (meat and veggie) to purchase as well as to assure we have a mix of salads and desserts).

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tues. Sept 24 and the business portion of the meeting will be kept to a minimum so that we can continue with the work being done for the visioning process and get member input. Michelle Ambrose is hoping to join us again and lead the membership through a large group Question and Answer period about the Culture of Shuswap Theatre; what you like about it, what you'd like to change and ideas on how to bring about that change. There will be more information coming soon. Check back here or watch your member emails.