

News from the Board

Meeting Feb 19, 2014

The Board held a special work session on Feb 2nd to review the input collected from our members at the annual meeting and to develop action plans. A one page summary will be sent out to all members while the complete results will soon be on our website. We also reviewed the work done at our one day retreat last June.

We were generally pleased to note that many of the suggestions from members were already being acted upon. Recognizing that there are far too many good ideas for the Board and Artistic Committee to be able to implement, we identified some key areas where we would like to recruit more volunteers:

1. A *Volunteer Coordinator* to phone all those who complete the *Areas of Interest Questionnaire* on our website. This is to make personal contact, answer questions and help the person get involved in an area that interests them and they have gifts for. This person should know a little about how theatre and our company works but you don't need to be an expert.
2. A *Workshop Committee*; to work under the *Artistic Committee* to do the organizational work of presenting workshops to build the capacity of our company. This includes organizing publicity, food, registration procedures, etc. No theatre experience is needed.
3. A team of *Promoters* to look for opportunities to take our theatre out into the community. They would not necessarily need to do the outreach work, but would organize and support those who do.
4. Two or three people to organize a Shuswap theatre float in the Fall Fair parade
5. Gather input on a new format for posters and programmes for the 2014/2015 mainstage productions

Anyone interested in one of these jobs please contact Joyce Henderson at 832-4127.☐

Other Decisions:

1. We look favorably on the idea of an annual Christmas Pantomime. The Artistic Committee, Youth committee and the Improv group will work together on the details needed to make this happen.
2. To have another Theatre 101 Workshop in September and a Tech 101 Workshop in October.
3. To link with the Literacy program to organize a Shuswap Theatre happening during the "Unplug and Play" week in Jan 2015.
4. To improve communication between the Board and members by posting pictures of the Board on the website and in the Green room.

Our accountant, Joyce Jackson, is doing a great job preparing useful financial statements. Her latest report from July 1st to January 31st will soon be available on the website.

Committee Reports:

Youth – Shannon Hecker reported a Career group at the High school interested in increasing accessibility to the theatre. The theatre will be involved in Wellness week at the Middle School the week of May 12.

A **charge card** is being obtained from the Credit Union. We require one for use with the new Vendini on line ticketing program (for next season) but it will also be useful for making larger purchases for various theatre needs.

Policies: New job descriptions have been developed for the Building Rentals Manager, the costumes and Props Manager and the Building Manager. A new policy was also adopted on committees, how they work and how they relate to the Board. Any of these can be viewed or downloaded from our website.

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