

**Christian Arts Centre Board of Directors meeting minutes
Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 1:00pm in Room 209**

Items appearing in Red are the meeting's agenda

In attendance: Donna Badtke, Jeanna Daebelliehn, Kathy Ferguson (via phone), Makenzie Ferguson (via phone), Don Robison, Janet Palmer, Evan Knutson, Mark Badtke, Sean Walker, Colleen Walker, and Elena Walker.

Meeting was called to order at 1:09pm

I. Opening Prayer

Colleen prayed

II. Approval of minutes from our November 10th meeting

****Janet made a motion to approve the minutes** Jeanna seconded the motion. Vote- passed!**

**III. Old Business – Review of events since our last meeting/Updates on progress
*John Denver Christmas - Dec. 14 & 15, 2019***

Donna had an idea of tying the Christmas offering in future seasons to a charity (ie Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter or Chapel Food Pantry) to boost attendance and interest.

IV. Upcoming/Current events

It's All Because of Jesus - April 3-5, 2020

We are considering a Sensory-Friendly performance, although after much discussion, it is difficult to figure out when because of the already full weekend of performance. Colleen is considering offering a Bible Study for any interested parents during a few of the rehearsals. She will put out feelers to see if there is any interest from the parents. We are bringing back the ticket selling contest!

Wizard of Oz- July 24 - Aug. 2, 2020

The potential audition dates of Monday, May 18th & Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm will be checked with the staff. Janet has a conflict that has come up and suggests reaching out to Adam Drefs as a replacement. Jeanna is interested in Stage Managing. Colleen will check all these things with JaNelle as well as the choreographer position. We would also like to see someone taking on the role of *Prop Master* to be sure that these things are covered.

“Fun in the Sun” Summer Theatre Camp- June 22 - 26, 2020

Staff is starting to come together. We are considering having a separate or more in-depth training for group leaders to better prepare them this year.

V. CAC Maintenance and improvement

Mark reports that the new light board is working well. The water softener filters have been replaced. Light conduit that fell in the ladies dressing room has been fixed, but now we will need to check all the rest to see if they were installed incorrectly. Shan has been contacted to shovel the rest of the snow off of the patio to avoid water leaking into the basement. A toilet needs to be tightened.

We are considering purchasing new legs and a traveler (the traveler would take the place of the middle two legs and then we would replace the remaining 4 legs as well). This could assist the co-habitation of the renters and our productions; allowing more space for the renters on the stage while covering any constructed set pieces behind.

Mark would like to make it clear that we either need to seriously consider making movement on a staircase up to the booth, or we need to find and train younger tech people (we also need to consider the insurance impact if someone were to get hurt from the ladder access to the booth). We will seek some bids and see if more affordable options are out there for this project. If we need to set up a fundraising campaign (as we have seen for projects like the Parish Hall flooring), then we should reach out to people in our congregation that are skilled with fundraising (like Robin and Roger).

We are planning a CAC Clean-up Day on Sat., March 21st, 9 AM -12 PM!
Colleen will speak to Julie to rent a dumpster for this. Donna will reach out to the youth group to see if they can help a few Sundays before this clean-up to get some of the more minor (but time consuming) things out of the way; things like organizing shelves and hanging up costumes.

VI. New Business

2020-2021 Season slate discussion

The following are the titles discussed at the meeting...

- **Fall Secular Musical (Oct. 16-18, 2020):** *Velveteen Rabbit, Peter Rabbit, and Magical Land of Oz*

(Elena Walker was brought in to check a child's opinion. She preferred *Peter Rabbit*, until the concept of "Wizard of Oz Jr" was explained to her more fully, then she preferred that one... just one kid's opinion, but we thought we'd ask.)

- **Christmas Offering:** ideas for a concert, with dinner (piano music during), silent auction during dinner, winners announced at intermission of concert, all to benefit a charity.
- **Spring Christian Musical (March 19-21, 2021?):** *Happily Ever After, In the Big Inning, and Back the the Beginning*
- **Summer Musical (July 23, 24, 25 & 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2021):** *Beauty and the Beast, Mary Poppins, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Tuck Everlasting, and Peter & the Star Catchers.*

- The dates for the spring musical are bumped forward for the spring theatre classes Apr-May 2021. Auditions for this show will then get bumped up to early- or mid-January.

- Since Dear Edwina was our last secular youth musical in the spring, the next secular musical would be in the fall.

Colleen will send another email including company information and links for all of these titles so board members can research these titles on their own to make a well-informed decision at the next meeting.

Potential Long-Term Rental

Pastor Sean shared the possibility of another congregation renting the CAC. We will need to be an effective liaison between this other church and the St. Francis rental.

Classes in Spring?

Colleen wondered if someday in the future we should consider offering spring classes instead of a spring musical or play (as attendance suffers due to spring breaks). After discussion, we decided to pursue the classes from April – May (with no showcase or recital) next spring as well as a spring musical. A committee to work through these ideas was formed including: Evan, Janet, Jeanna, Donna & Colleen. Makenzie also recommended reaching out to some of the Homeschool Moms for input.

VII. Closing and Prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM

Next regular meeting scheduled for:
Mar. 15, 2020 at 1pm