

USITT@PSU

General Meeting Minutes: December 3rd, 2006

7:00 PM, TAPS

Prepared by Rachel Harpham, Secretary

Present: President J. Jacobsen, Vice President E. Gast, Secretary R. Harpham, Treasurer S. Riddle, IPP N. Gonsman, Historian J. Stasiw, PR Chair S. Rowland, Ad/Marketing Chair K. Kudrick, Concessions Coord. P. Cardona, THON Chair A. Radebaugh, Outreach Education Chair E. Hendrickson, Executive Assistants A. Ciampi, Katie McNiff, Josh Schlader + 19 general members

I. Meeting called to order at 7:28 PM.

II. The minutes from our last general meeting were passed by acclamation.

III. Open Forum

A. None

IV. Reports

A. Officers

1. Historian

-Once Frog & Toad closes Justin will update the website.

2. Public Relations

-None

3. Advertising & Marketing

-None

4. Programming

-Bowling tonight!

-We can add one more person to each lane if you have not signed up.

-Steph has the bowling money from Greg.

5. Concessions

-The Google calendar is updated.

-The rest of Cloud Nine is filled up and Five Women is halfway filled up.

-Urinetown Concessions:

-Average of \$40 brought in each night.

-\$550 brought in for the entire run.

-Most popular items: water, Starburst, Skittles, Reece's and regular M&M's.

-We spent \$200-\$300 on stocking concessions.

6. THON

-Amy talked to the custodians about saving cans from the Arts building.

-Trash is “university property” so technically they cannot give them to us but if you just happen to see a bag of cans sitting on the loading dock, take it to the SM office.

-Amy is going to work on sending letters to businesses about corporate donations/sponsorship. Let her know if you are willing to help out.

-Amy is also working on a sample letter for us to send to family and friends over winter break.

7. Outreach Education

-None

B. Executive Board

1. Treasurer

-No financial report

-Our donation to Behind the Scenes will be sent soon.

-The T-shirt sale will be over soon, finance-wise.

-Steph still needs to deposit concession money and get final totals.

2. Secretary

-Pay your dues if you have not yet!

3. Vice President

-None

4. President

-Big news!

-Dan Carter has made Penn State a sustaining member in USITT with a very generous donation.

-This makes us a more prominent name with USITT.

-We will have a 10' x 10' booth very close to the entrance, across from Rosebrand.

-Dan really believes in our organization which is why he made this donation, despite money being tight.

-If you see Dan, THANK HIM!

-Juniors and seniors who were not at the BFA Forum see William about Works in Progress.

V. Old Business

A. Conference Delegation

1. \$60 and registration forms due tonight.

-If you don't have them and are definitely going to conference, talk to John.

-John needs the final number of members going to submit to UPAC before we can have a hearing.

2. The Exec Board has decided that flights will be organized on your own.

-Most people will be flying on 3/13 and returning on 3/18. Please book your flight to Phoenix so that you arrive before 5:00 PM (Mountain Standard Time).

-Make your reservation SOON and e-mail John with your flight information so we can make arrangements to get people to and from the hotel.

-Check out www.kayak.com for cheap airfare but do it soon!

-Fly from Pittsburgh or Philadelphia, not State College.

-If you live in the dorms and need housing before we leave or need a ride to either city, talk to an upperclassman.

3. 21 people said they were definitely going to conference.

4. Hotel Information

-We are hoping for one of the conference hotels, the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. For a 4-person, double room it costs \$231 for the week.

5. Try not to fly by yourself. Make arrangements with others going and book together.

6. Another payment of \$100 will be due soon after we return from winter break.

B. Student Advisory Board Report

1. Tentative 2006/2007 Season

-Fall: Big River (CBT), Pentacost (Playhouse), As You Like it (CBT)

-Spring: The Devised Project (CBT), Die flader mouse (Spelling? Playhouse), The Hip-Hop Project (Playhouse).

2. The faculty is going through a diversity-refresher course.

3. End of semester party? May or may not happen.

4. The School of Theatre recently purchased a new light board that cost \$30,000.

5. After the SAB meeting, John talked to Dan Carter about collaboration and concept shows. If you are interested, see John.

C. Study Night

1. At next week's meeting we will have a very short regular meeting followed by a study night.

2. We will supply pizza and various carbonated beverages.

3. We will keep the refreshments at a cost of less than \$150.

4. Nick motioned to have a study night next week and have the organization provide pizza and beverages.

-The vote was unanimous.

VI. New Business

A. PA Thespians Conference

1. Ben Gasper, Katie McNiff and Peter George attended the conference with Eric, Curtis and William to recruit high school students.

2. A teacher from Parkland H.S. was very enthusiastic in us doing a program with their students. He was concerned about what we look for in students interested in technical direction.

3. Ben and Eric discussed why we don't get a large number of incoming TD's. High school students don't realized that technical direction is a real career choice. They talked about technical direction as a viable career.

VII. Announcements

A. A Year with Frog & Toad opens this week! Public performances are on Saturday at 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

B. Let's go bowling!

VIII. Adjournment

A. Our next general meeting is on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 PM in TAPS.

B. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.