

Hidden Hills
Theater Committee Meeting
December 2, 2019

The Theater Committee meeting was attended by Kedra Gottlieb, Tamika Watkins, Farnaz Fardad-Finn, Karleen Basch, Courtney Newman, Marsha Weidman, Natalie Blossom and new Board liaison Patrick Finn.

October Meeting Minutes- A motion to approve the November 2019 minutes was made by Farnaz Fardad-Finn and seconded by Tamika Watkins.

Matilda-Karleen reported there were a few issues with plumbing, costuming and unruly children. Tamika and Farnaz assured the Committee that Jaxx will reinstate having the children sign a contract at the first meeting reiterating the rules and behavioral expectations. The children who can read will do so out loud so everyone is engaged. They will also meet with the stage and tech crew. Jaxx will be reminded that they have the ability to reprimand the children who misbehave. Once, child was removed from a production in the past for being rude to an adult. The Committee discussed having a theater committee member representative attend the first meeting to go over the rules, history of the theater and behavior. Courtney said we needed to know so we could handle future situations with compassion and sensitivity. The Committee also discussed issues that come up in between meetings should be directed to the co-chairs first. Karleen said she learned from the Board that the co-chairs have the authority to call a service technician when problem occur during a production, but the Committee would like to have a staff member to be on call when these issues occur to address the problem. Patrick said he will discuss this with the Board.

Valentine Musical Charity Submissions- Karleen and Kedra said there were 3 charities submitted by the residents. Resident Susan Berns requested that CASA of Ventura County be considered to be one of the charities chosen by the Committee. Susan has been an advocate for 11 years and has now been assigned to 6 different teenage girls and young women to help them navigate the foster care dependency system. Farnaz believes that the offices are in Ventura, but they service the San Fernando Valley as well. The next charity submission was requested by Britt Aaronson for the National Brain Tumor Society. Britt has been an NBTS Board member since her husband died in 2014. The NBTS unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes and unites the community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments and advocate for patients and care partners. The third charity was submitted by Linda Raznick for the START rescue shelter. START rescues animals from high kill shelters and transports them to other organizations where they are re-homed. The Committee discussed donating to the local schools as was done in the past because Round Meadow and A.E. Wright really depended on the money. After an extended discussion Karleen Basch made a motion to accept CASA of Ventura County, The National Brain Tumor Society and Round Meadow Elementary School to be the recipients of the proceeds from the valentine Musical, Courtney Newman seconded the motion,, all in favor, I, motion carried.

Background Checks on Vendors Update- Karleen said she's waiting on the Board to move forward. Farnaz will submit a request to Jaxx. Patrick said he will ask to see what our security company Covered 6 does regarding background checks for their employees.

Alice in Wonderland- Karleen reported that the shows are scheduled for this Friday December 6 at 7:00 pm and Saturday December 7 at 2:00 pm. (no intermission on Friday) and so far it has not been discussed who will keep the children quiet, who will help with costumes and backstage. Courtney said she would let Palmer know that in the past there have been issues with the little ones being loud backstage and needing help changing. . Farnaz and Tamika said the producer usually get the parents organized. Patrick said there need to be a protocol in place for the producers so they understand their position.

Future Shows & Workshops- This item was tabled, but it was mentioned that Triple talent will not be producing a show due to her enrollment fee being too high.

Items Not On The Agenda

The Committee thanked Nathalie Blossom for all of her work chairing the Theater Committee and helping with the productions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.