

Hidden Hills  
Theater Committee Meeting  
February 3, 2020  
10:00 am

The Theater Committee meeting was attended by Farnaz Fardad-Finn, Kedra Gottlieb, Marika Foley, Karleen Basch, Tamika Watkins, Carrie Kasper Levis and guest and resident Randall Wallace.

January Meeting Minutes- A motion to approve the January 2020 minutes was made by Kedra and seconded by Marika. With the correction of the spelling of Eventbrite, the motion passed.

Committee members pointed out that we need to add Board liaison, Patrick Finn, to the email list. He was not on the list this past month and thus not notified of our meeting. Note was also made that since Natalie Blossom has “retired” from the committee, she should be removed from the email list. David Stanley should also be removed (and has requested this) unless we need his advisement regarding equipment.

Old Business: Tal Fox- Tal has reduced her program pricing as follows: Musical Theater performance class ages 7-12 (a min of 12 students required) Tuesday from 4-6pm for a total of 10 weeks at a cost of 350.00 per student. She will be adding an additional class this time only, for a total of 11 weeks, in order to make up for Spring break scheduling. This session will begin on 3/10. The final class/showcase will be held on 5/12 due to hot set in the theater on 5/5. Toddler theater for ages 3-5 (a min of 6 students required) will be held on Tuesdays from 3-3:45 for a period of 8 weeks at the cost of 250.00. This will run from 3/5 through 4/28.

We are not offering the 8-18 age range presented because the committee does not see a demand at this time.

Tal will provide information of background checks.

The committee plans to clarify roles of committee liaisons. Karleen stated and committee agreed that we need to move away from community members or committee members serving as producers of shows. Moving forward, we will require each company to provide their own producers and directors, staff, etc.

Motion made by Karleen to accept the proposal for Toddler theater and Musical theater production workshop with details as stated above, Kedra 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous agreement.

New Business:

JAXX workshop- JAXX proposed, in writing, a new additional program entitled "intro to Musical theater" for kids ages 3-7 or older to run weekly for 90 minutes in 12 week intervals (with a min of 8 students) at a cost of 399.00 per session. This program will introduce students to theater in a fun, creative and nurturing environment and focus on the process over the final production. As the committee has invested considerable time working out an agreement with Tal Fox and is satisfied with the product of those negotiations, we agree to invite JAXX to present options for Summer workshop and/or bootcamp and consider their proposal for the Fall as well. Farnaz will let JAXX know of your decision.

Presentation from new resident, Randall Wallace: Mr. Wallace is a Director and Screen writer known for many successful movies including Braveheart and Secretariat. He would like to present a one man show where he uses his successes and life story as a vehicle for motivating others in pursuing their goals. His plans are to use projections and a few banners and the sound booth. There will not be any sets. The show will run approx. 75 minutes and will be appropriate for audiences 12 and over. He will need to rehearse in the theater 3-4 times in the morning/afternoon and will work around other theater events. He would like to contract with Preston and will provide a flyer to the office for advertising purposes.

The committee suggested collecting a nominal fee, 10.00, that would be donated to a charity as a means of reserving seats and also motivating people to attend once they have purchased those seats. Mr. Wallace mentioned Habitat for Humanity as possible charity.

The committee members are very interested in having Mr. Wallace present his one man show in HH and suggested May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm as shows dates, after verifying with Shannon that those dates are available on the calendar.

The committee thanked Mr. Wallace and welcomed him to the community.

Once Mr. Wallace left, the committee unanimously agreed to bring his show to HH. Karleen will contact Mr. Wallace with our decision and put him in contact with Preston.

New Business: JAXX Spring show is Willy Wonka. Auditions will be held 2/6 and show dates will be 5/8 and 5/9 with a hot set the week before and sets arriving on Sunday prior as usual.

Kedra stated that the theater committee should work on completing our charter and that the charter should specify control of the theater schedule among other things. Once complete, we will submit to the Board.

Karleen feels we should consider Summer camp in our scheduling.

The committee will table discussing Summer scheduling and shed/costume closet organization until the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.