

MEETING of TRUSTEES and COMMITTEE of OLD WELL THEATRE TRUST
11th September 2018 at 19.30 at the Theatre

Present: Liam O'Neill, Martin O'Hare, Ann Falch, Jim McConnell, Claire Black, Chris Jerrett, Janette Richardson, Norma Fears

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of Meeting of Meeting of 14th August

These were unanimously accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes and not on the Agenda.

Frozen sing-a-long would cost £84 + VAT but was not proving popular so this is cancelled.

Jim will provide costings for Musical for next meeting

Raw Guffaw has been booked for Saturday 18th November @ a cost of £400.

Keith and Gill Curry will take over 'Props' for a six-month trial.

SSE Grant. Chris has completed as much as he can. Martin has all SSE receipts in e-mail form. Liam will complete the form and return it.

Flats have been built

Chris reported that there has been lots of interest in 'The Odd Couple'. Now a Director is needed, Chris will explore the options.

Play reading group has read a couple of good plays which would be suitable for UADS. Tally's Blood a possibility. Chris/Norma will liaise and take a closer look.

A steering group is needed to look at possible plays from all angles. This to be formed after Sea Maidens has finished.

4. Treasurer's Report

A budget spreadsheet was distributed at meeting showing receipts and payments. This shows a possible deficit of £1800.

The annual insurance has been renewed.

Jim has applied for a discount for the cost of the Panto. If successful we would pay ½ % instead of 2%.

Regarding small extension Ann to contact Simpson's re the Deeds of the Theatre.

Ann to remind Courtney to contact the Council Planning Department.

Paul Barber Paid for PRS Licence for a year but we have not yet been billed for this. Jim to explore whether or not Paul would like to continue his sponsorship.

Claire/Sandra are sorting Panto Costumes. Claire will approach Moffatt Community Shop for a donation towards costumes as children are performing in Panto.

Natural wardrobe wastage will be disposed to 'Nathan's Wayfarers'

5. Reports

Entertainments: Dundee Rep Company 'Stellar Quines' would like to perform 'This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries' at OWT next May. It's a play for 7-12 years olds and would cost £500. Norma to pursue.

Robert Burns Theatre are applying for a group grant for Comedy Films. We could possibly screen 'The Life of Brian'

Technical: Youth Tech Theatre Course has been completed. The two youngsters are now involved in backstage for both 'Sea Maidens' and 'Panto' and are doing really well.

PA System and LED lights have been integrated into theatre lighting system. We now have two sound systems which will greatly improve use of microphones.

New cleaner has started work. She has done two hours and will suggest what cleaning time is needed.

Claire has taken on the role of Front of House Coordinator.

6. SSE Grant – Youth Leader Appointment – Update

The YL section of our original bid for SSE Grant needs to be checked. Re salary/hours of YL

Nick Bullard is going to write an article for Moffatt News.

Advert for YL is going to press next week. Hopefully successful candidate will begin work in January and follow academic year.

7. Strategic Plans

Chris now has the strategic plan framework and will investigate the substance of the plan for the next meeting.

Chris has contacted Terry with a view to OWT performing a play that is relevant to English/Drama school studies but has not heard back. He will chase this up.

8. New Perks for Members

Investigate the cost of an 'Umbrella Licence' so members can perhaps use the theatre for private functions and show videos etc.

Perks for Members to be put on Agenda for next meeting.

There was a suggestion that Bar Takings should be taken into account when assessing the success of theatre events.

Ruth has offered to organise 'Dirty Dancing' film and disco on Saturday 13th October. £10 per ticket and first drink free.

9. AOCB

Jim reported that the owners of Tibbie Shiels Inn have been very supportive in our search for filming locations and they suggested our best possibility was to contact the fishing club which we did. St Mary's Angling Club could not have been more helpful and have given us use of a boat free of charge and have offered to promote the show in their newsletter. This will be acknowledged in the programme credits. Gerry Griffin who is the author of 'Sea Maidens' is to attend the first night of the play together with 7 of the original cast.

Peter Farrell/Charles 9fiddler0 have sorted the music for the play. All above to be acknowledged on programme

Bookers alcohol prices need to be checked to see if price increases are needed.

Stellar Musical Company want to hire theatre next July from the 22nd-26th and 9.30 – 5pm

We need to explore staffing before agreeing.

Chris and Erin have been PVG accredited

Dani Rae is the new leader of D & G Arts Association. Could have good contacts.

A copy of draft minutes will be sent to Charlie so he has latest information on prospective bookings and events at the theatre.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

Next Meeting MONDAY 8th October 2018 at 19.30 at OWT