

MEETING of TRUSTEES and COMMITTEE of the OLD WELL THEATRE
Tuesday 9th October 2018 7.30 @ the theatre

1. APOLOGIES

Liam O'Neill

Present

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

Martin took the chair

2. MINUTES of MEETING of 11th SEPTEMBER 2018

After two corrections the Minutes of the meeting were unanimously accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES and not on the Agenda

SSE Report has been returned. Gareth Shields has requested meeting to view equipment bought.

Umbrella Licence will cost £105.83 + VAT

Bottles of Prosecco will be purchased for the free drink on offer at 'Dirty Dancing' film.

Alcohol prices were discussed. The obvious anomaly is pre-priced Gin and Tonic. On Members' Evenings the theatre loses money on this drink.

Around the World in 80 Days Musical. It is not possible to print off costings without first making an application. Jim has done this.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Actual figures for the three months ending 30th September were provided and the underlying comparison with the budget explained
- PPL/PRS have sent their invoice in the sum of £256.57 for 6-month period ending 29th March. Most of this is for five Music Society concerts and an invoice has been sent to Bruce
- Paul at Ram Shack has confirmed that they are not renewing their sponsorship of seating music which ended on 30th September. PPL/PRS have advised us the cost will be £151.84
- A combined Music licence is now being issued by PPL/PRS
- We have received a payment from D & G Arts Festival in respect of guarantee against loss for Song Cycle and for Joan, Babs and Sheilagh too.
- CAF have advised that one of our savings bonds matures in November and they will write to us about our options.

5. CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS

Artistic

Raw Guffaw comedy evening is booked.

Tannahill Weavers booked for Friday 15th February 2019

'This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl does nothing' - Dumfries & Galloway Arts festival will support this event, both financially via a Support for Ambition grant, and with promotion.

The theatre company staging this play, Stellar Quines/Imagine, has a scheme whereby it can pay 80% of a school's transport costs. The company will also give practical help with contacting schools.

AOCB Into Film Festival for children 5-19 years – Norma to check start times 14/15/21/22nd November

Technical

Moffat Tourist Office is closing at end of year leaving us with a 3 months' hiatus of ticket sales. Claire will approach Town Hall to sell tickets for Tannahill Weavers

There will be no future bookings for Waves Blues Band

Bert/William have requested grand piano. All private hires must seek permission from the Music Society. OWT can always use piano for their own performances.

£800 remains from SSE grant for equipment. Martin/Ben propose to use this for a further bank of LED lights. This will mean entire stage is now covered re lighting.

Printer is seven and a half years old and is temperamental. Replacement will be needed when current ink/drums run out. Ruth will source prices.

6. SSE GRANT YL UPDATE

Claire is to redraft advert for YL clarifying working hours/ negotiable day etc.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING

There will be a production in May.

Alice/Bryony have expressed an interest in 'Sunshine on Leith' Musical

Costings/ licences need to be explored.

October production Possibly 'The Odd Couple'

Two more suggestions are 'Tally's Blood' and 'Dark Road'- Chris is interested in directing.

8. New Perks for Members'

Trust/Committee to think about suggestions

9. PANTO

As there are 22 children and 6 young dancers together with many adults it was suggested that we have a thicker programme that we can sell to make extra money. Claire will explore whether local businesses will buy advertising space.

10. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

We have four volunteers willing to help at MMM/MM who don't want full membership. Associate Membership was discussed but it was decided committee members needed more time to consider the implications

11. AOCB

MMM poster needs to be displayed at front of theatre during performances

Children's' Christmas film 14/15/21/22nd ? Norma to sort out start time

Nursery School would like to show their film Weds 19th am and pm It was decided the theatre would sponsor this performance.

Nick Bullard's e-mail was discussed. The Bar will trial run one bottle of his Whisky. Loaning equipment for 'Visit Moffat' was not practical. Reply to come from Chairman.

A letter will be sent to groups attending Panto about acceptable behaviour and Leaders on free tickets will be asked to sit at end of each row rather than all together.

The auditorium door is to be reversed to limit audience view into foyer when cast exit/enter. Monday Club will sort.

There being no further business the meeting closed

NEXT MEETING Monday 12th November 2018