

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER

General Meeting

May 16, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Walt Meyer at 7:00 PM. All board members were present. There were 26 HHLTers in attendance.

Secretary Bill Harrison report: Minutes from April approved.

Mary Glascock presented the Treasurer's report. The club treasury balance as of May 16, 2013 is \$15,655.17. Since the April report there has been income of \$2532 from dues and ticket sales. Expenses were \$1,876.77 primarily for play expenses and the cast party.

Specific information for the play will be reported next month; the club bill has not yet been received.

Mary also gave Member-at-Large Tom Taggart the list of delinquent members. He will follow-up to collect those dues or clear the names from the rolls.

VP Kathryn Schmiel reported the annual election for Board members will be in November. A nominating committee will be formed in a few months. There are four members (Walt, Kathryn, Art and Mary) whose terms expire this year.

Kathryn asked Walt to wrap up the play. Walt gave a big thank you from him and Betty for the excellent cast and crew. He indicated he had received very good feedback on the play and the dinner Friday. Attendance was: Wednesday 154, Thursday 216 and Friday 130 for a total of 500. Both the set up and take down of the set went smoothly. Betty also stated she had received very good comments on the food and the casting.

Kathryn then asked Gene Schmiel to comment on the fall play. Gene said the play would be Ancestral Voices by the author of Love Letters. It will be a reader's theater format performed on a raised platform on the ballroom floor. The will be 5 major characters (3 male, 2 female) and two minor characters (1 male, 1 female). Gene had scripts available for those interested in auditioning. There are also opportunities for folks to volunteer for producer, stage manager, tickets, etc.

President Walt Meyer gave a big welcome back to Lynne Block who attended the meeting for the first time since her illness.

Walt also stated that the HHLT had contributed \$100 to the Cancer Center at Lake Manassas in Jack Merelman's memory.

Activities Chairperson Art Moscatello reported on the upcoming picnic which will be July 18 at the Marsh Mansion starting at 6:00 PM. Members may volunteer to bring appetizers or desserts; pot luck will be supplemented by the Board. We can decide if we want a bartender for adult beverages as we move forward. Having the event at the Mansion will permit us to use the Bocce courts, game room, etc. There will a very short meeting at the Mansion and then let the fun begin.

Membership Chairperson Joan Patton had no new members to report.

Old Business:

Walt indicated that M. J. Brickach has conducted auditions for the hospital benefit and is putting the HHLT program together.

Joyce Mancini who is handling publicity for the event also added some information. The event will be June 30, 2013 with shows at 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM. Participants will include not only HHLT but also Women of Note, Men of Song and The High Steppers. A trio of Ken Duck on woodwind, Sue Wright on piano and Les Collins on bass will play throughout the event. There is a purple signup sheet in the clubhouse. A minimum of a \$20 donation is required and the sheet and your check must be mailed to the hospital; address on the form. Jean Milbradt has overall responsibility for the event.

New Business:

Walt indicated that the \$500 budget for tools is finally being used. HHLT has purchased an electric staple gun and an 8 foot ladder.

The Board has initiated a discussion on our current fund balance. The amount is higher than needed so many ideas are being considered. We could lower ticket prices, set up a budget for certain items like make-up, contributions, etc. We could also help LSTV to purchase lights, get a camcorder that directors could use, etc.

After a lively discussion, Walt indicated these are preliminary discussions and the Board will continue to formalize the program. He also stated that the board will take a deliberate budgetary approach and will not spend funds in a helter-skelter fashion.

Walt also indicated the Board is considering a purchase of a bench with plaques to honor HHLT members who have passed on. Member-at-Large Tom Taggart who was tasked to look into this reported on his initial efforts. Suitable benches were not available at Lowes.com. A member suggested we look at the Front Gate catalog. We will continue to search for an appropriate bench and a location for the bench.

Next general meeting will be Thursday, June 20, 2013 in the Craft Room at 7:00 PM. Adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill
WILLIAM HARRISON
Secretary