

HERITAGE HUNT LITTLE THEATER
General Meeting
September 19, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Walt Meyer at 7:00 PM. Board members Art Moscatello and Bill Harrison were absent. There were 35 HHLTers in attendance.

Secretary Bill Harrison's report (submitted): The minutes for August were approved with one minor correction. Roger Del Rosario had suggested that HHLT do an annual program similar to the recent charity event for the hospital. Tom Taggart suggested that a portion of the proceeds from a play could go to charity.

Mary Glascock presented the Treasurer's report. The balance in the treasury as of September 19, 2013 is \$9947.11.

Vice President Kathryn Schmiel reported:

The nominating committee is calling members and asking them to run for the four Board positions that will open for 2014. Please consider offering to serve if called. The candidates will be announced at the October general meeting and elections will take place at the November meeting. Candidates may make statements at that meeting. The new Board will meet with the current Board in December for the transition to 2014.

Re-chartering and request for dates for the spring play will occur on Monday, September 23rd.

Bets Knepley has given Kathryn several new plays; they are available to members who want to evaluate them for relevance to the HHLT audiences.

Gene Schmiel reported the fall play rehearsals are going well and that it will be a multi-media extravaganza. The play will also be a tribute to Jack Merelman. Everyone is asked to promote the play and encourage folks to buy tickets. The dress rehearsal will be October 14th and members may be asked to attend as an audience.

Bets Knepley was given a round of applause for the excellent production of Play Time, the HHLT monthly newsletter.

President Walt Meyer's report:

A new Sony camcorder has been purchased for use by directors and for other HHLT functions. The package including a case, tri-pod and other accessories was only \$484; well under the budgeted amount. It may be necessary to purchase an external microphone if the internal microphone does not perform well. Sharon Ferguson volunteered to video the Fall play.

Walt announced that Lois Potter needed to turn keeping the HHLT scrapbook up-to-date over to someone else. Kathy Carrico volunteered to take over the task. Lois Potter was recognized for the excellent work she has done to maintain the scrapbook for many years.

The October general meeting will be postponed for one week to Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM in the Craft Room, as the play takes place on October 17. Candidates will be announced at that time and the final budget will be presented.

Membership Chairperson Joan Patton introduced Leslie Morrison, the guest of Jan Rathbun. She also spoke about her plans for an open house for those interested in Little Theater at the January meeting to be held at the Marsh Mansion. This will be to help folks get acquainted with HHLT and not an arm twisting event. There will be a brief meeting and then the social time.

Member-at-Large Tom Taggart stated we are getting closer to selecting a source for the HHLT memorial bench.

Old Business:

MJ Brickach was concerned that the rules of order had not been followed regarding her suggestion to give \$200 to the Gorzka's for storing the HHLT wooden stage elements for a period of time. She felt it was a motion that had been carried. Walt pointed out that she was incorrect and read from the minutes of November 17, 2011, which stated, "MJ made a motion which was seconded and voted upon for the new board to come up with some compensation for the Gorzka's." MJ still felt the Board had not been generous enough.

Sharon Ferguson raised the question of a storage unit in the maintenance compound. Several members responded that this had been investigated in the past and was not allowed.

New Business:

The draft 2014 Budget was distributed and Mary and Walt provided an overview. A very brief discussion was held and some members suggested grouping certain items. Walt asked that the members think about the categories and the items, and announced that a detailed discussion will be held at the October meeting.

Everyone was reminded to be aware of telephone and e-mail scams claiming relatives were in some kind of trouble and funds were needed.

Joyce Mancini suggested the by-laws should be amended to approve play proposals within a month of submission. There was a motion by Joyce to have the by-laws be reviewed by a committee and presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Joan Patton and passed by the membership. A committee was established consisting of: Joyce Mancini, Sandy Thompson, Denny Cumber, Arlene Maroney and Joan Patton. They will submit their proposed amendment in time to be distributed to the membership via email, in advance of the October meeting.

Adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill

WILLIAM HARRISON
Secretary