



Shiplake and Dunsden
Dramatic Organisation
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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 June 2009 at Gateways, Station Road,
Lower Shiplake

Present:

Fred Lawson, Beryl Lawson, Hilary Tucker, Liz James, Steve Matthews, Angela Cadman,
Mark Manson, Gareth Jones, Mel Crowder

In attendance:

Dominic Mayer, Penny Caudle

Apologies:

Karen Peters

1. October Play Evening

Mark reported that the Memorial Hall has been booked for 2nd and 3rd October 2009, the only free weekend dates in October.

Dominic reported that he was still keen to direct Metamorphosis and he outlined some of the set requirements. It was agreed that we would aim for two performances – one per night and that there would be no additional play.

It was agreed that Dominic would prepare a "wish list" of stage/set requirements and let Gareth and Mark have this to peruse. Mel said that she was happy to help with set design and Dominic agreed to email Mel some ideas to consider.

Action: Dominic, Gareth, Mark and Mel

Dominic had prepared a character synopsis and details for the membership. He would liaise with Hilary so that this could go out as soon as possible. Hilary agreed to collate the expressions of interest prior to the auditions and let Dominic have a list as soon as the closing date for replies (agreed as 24th June) had passed. There was detailed discussion concerning the timescale and the auditions/casting/rehearsals – these would be reflected in the information sent to members. Dominic wishes to aim for auditions on 6th July.

Action: Dominic and Hilary

It was agreed that we would assess the level of interest etc and then discuss a back up plan at the next committee meeting if there was any doubt that this could go ahead as planned.

Once the cast was in place, Gareth would book more hall time for rehearsals and set building etc.

Action: Gareth

Mark reported that there were free hall dates in November at the moment so there might possibly be some scope for later dates if the October ones prove too tight – we will not however proceed with this in mind at present as we hope to go for this in October.

Dominic will now proceed with the Metamorphosis project as above and ask for assistance (e.g. re audition bookings, audition arrangements and additional committee members to help at the auditions) as and when this is needed.

Action: Dominic and others as required

2. March Play Evening

Mark reported that he had provisionally pencilled in hall bookings for 26th and 27th March 2010. It was agreed that we would talk about this further in the Autumn.

Penny suggested a cabaret style event with sketches, music, songs etc. Gareth suggested that this might be combined with a short play. Penny agreed that she would think about possible formats and items and report back. Penny would ask Gareth to order any potential scripts etc. Beryl also suggested approaching Henley Library as they had been helpful re scripts in the past.

Action: Penny

3. Social Evening at Fred and Beryl's house – 5 September 2009

There was detailed discussion re the format of the evening and the various practical arrangements.

Beryl agreed to put together an "invitation and information for members" email which she would send to Hilary just before the summer holidays (mid July) so that it could go out to the whole membership before the summer break.

Action: Beryl

4. Panto – January 2010

Mark confirmed that the Memorial Hall had been booked. The Panto will be on 21/22/23 January 2010 (Thursday/Friday/Saturday)

As usual, there were some events we would need to work around, but hall space had also been booked during the weekends of 9th and 16th January.

Mel reported that she had been looking at scripts, including Sinbad, Beauty and the Beast, 1001 Nights and the Wizard of Oz.

For various reasons (which Mel outlined) she felt that Sinbad was the best script she had read. It had funny lines, a variety of characters, scope for various age groups and so on, as well as scope for interesting props.

Penny also reported that she had looked at some scripts and had liked Sinbad as well.

It was agreed that a script review group (Dominic, Mel, Penny) would meet on 22nd June to discuss the scripts and then recommend one. It was agreed that Gareth would also look at the script once recommended for technical stage/lighting/set implications.

This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action: Penny, Mel, Dominic, Gareth

5. Shiplake Village Nursery Refurbishment/Opening Event

Hilary reported that she had been invited to attend this as a Shaddo representative. As she was unable to attend on that date, Mark went instead and reported that a very good job had been done. About 20-30 children and adults were there and the children performed songs and presented Shaddo with a card – thanking us for our donation. Hilary had also telephoned Charlotte and thanked her for inviting us, stressing our support for the nursery etc.

6. Costume sort-out

It was agreed that we would re-schedule this for Sunday 28th June (provided there was no commercial booking).

We agreed to start at 10.00am (Gareth and Mark may go up to the hall a little earlier).

Mark agreed to contact Liz T and Karen to see whether they might be able to help.

Gareth would advise Angela of the date.

Action: Mark, Gareth and committee available on the day

7. Other Issues

Gareth reported that he had been working on the Panto manual. He would put this on the web and others could download and advise him of any additional contributions.

Action: Gareth and committee with contributions for the manual

Mark reported that Shaddo information had gone into the Shiplake Village Newsletter and the Binfield Heath Newsletter.

It did not seem that the Henley Standard had included our piece about the Comic Relief Donation. Liz J said that she would ask Helen (her contact at the HS) about this. Liz agreed that she would also arrange for a piece to go to the Belfry re this.

Action: Liz James

8. AOB

Gareth agreed that he would sort out the performing rights for Metamorphosis. Dominic would send him the details of who to contact.

Action: Dominic and Gareth

Penny suggested that we produce a Shaddo calendar for 2010 (which is the 10th Anniversary of MAD – later SHADDO) with pictures of past productions etc. This was thought to be an excellent idea.

Penny agreed to look at the products offered by various photoshops and report back.

Penny would let Gareth know of possible photos to use from the website.

Action: Penny and Gareth

Thanks to Liz James for hosting the meeting.

The next committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 8.00pm at Fred and Beryl's house. Hilary will send out a reminder and agenda before the meeting!