



Minutes of the SHADDO committee meeting held on 28th April 2015

at 'Gateways', Station Road, Shiplake.

Present

Liz James (LJ), Peter Crowther (PSC), Becky Ilderton (BI), Gareth Jones (GJ), Simon Classey (SC), Neill Wilkinson (NW), Henry Loud (HL), Cheryl Milne (CM), Pip Collings (PC) and Rosemary Appleby (RA).

1 Minutes of previous meeting.

Liz had sent the donation cheque for use of the nursery but as yet hadn't had an acknowledgement.

2 Plans for tower storage and costume sort

Mark and Phil had completed the storage work in the tower. Cheryl, with help, would co-ordinate the sorting of the costumes and asked for help with the handling of the boxes from a couple of the men. The date decided on was 23rd May. Other available dates when the hall wasn't being used were 14/21 June. (CM)

3 Playreadings

Peter had booked the next Playreading for 11th May, the second Monday, so as not to clash with the bank holiday. From June they would revert to the first Monday. He said there were a good choice of scripts in Reading library and had been given a list of suitable ones from a friend. (PSC)

4 Programme for the year

a Prop building workshop

It was hoped that Mark could persuade Charmaine to run a workshop for a small group of keen adults perhaps at a cost of £20 per person. It was thought that it could be an autumn activity to tie in with the next production. Liz would contact Mark. (LJ)

b Summer BBQ

Dates were discussed but it was thought best to ask Phil and Liz said she would send him an e-mail. (LJ)

c Junior Drama Club

Becky was happy to do this again but with some adult help. Tina had shown an interest and Becky would contact her. There were discussions about what form it would take and the timing. It was thought best to start when the schools returned after the summer break but to overlap with the panto, instead of finishing at the launch, which would give more time. It was thought a good idea to send out notices before the summer holiday to aim at years 5/6 and to involve the parents more. Gareth asked that there be a budget for the expenses. A start date in the 2nd week of September was suggested. (BI)

d Pantomime

There was a discussion about the choice of a pantomime with volunteers willing to read different scripts. Pip would co-ordinate this. The dates decided for the production were 28/29/30 January 2016 and Gareth would make the Memorial Hall bookings. Publicity was important and Simon agreed to take on this role. The village website should be used and Gareth volunteered to pass on any copy to the co-ordinator for inclusion. With Pip wanting to be on stage this time, the roles of Director and Producer were defined and it was thought that, via the website, volunteers could be asked to help. A plan should be in place before taking this step. Liz stressed the need for someone to write a review for the Henley Standard. **(PC), (GJ), (SC)**

e Any other performances

A Murder Mystery or a Variety show with a defined theme were suggested. A Murder Mystery would need someone to 'own' it and Neill would find out a contact for the Primary School PTA and Liz would make enquiries. Dates suggested were 19th September or 3rd October. **(NW), (LJ)**

5 Replacement of lighting desk

This had been decided at the previous meeting

6 Finance

Gareth gave a summary of our finances to date and stressed the need for giving him budgets for any activities. Expenditure to date and proposed expenditure would take us below the ideal working figure of £3000 and so it was essential that the pantomime generated a decent profit. It was thought that the parish council might be approached for a grant towards the junior drama club.

7 Harriet and Liz Thomas

Gareth thought that we had given Liz a montage of photos when she had been made Life Member and that the same could be done for Harriet. However with Liz's tragic death this would be put on hold. He gave details of her funeral on 9th May and said that there were to be only family flowers but in her memory a donation to the Woodland Trust or a tree for their garden could be made. It was thought a tree from SHADDO with added donations from members would be appropriate. Pip would send an e-mail to members of the decision. **(PC)**

8 AOB

None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4th June at 'Gateways'

The meeting closed at 9.50 and Liz was thanked for hosting it.