



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2006

Present: Liz James, Mark Manson (Chair), Liz Thomas, Hilary Tucker, Angela Jones, Steve Watkins, Gareth Jones, Angela Cadman, Fred Lawson

Apologies: Chris Irons

In attendance: Neil George

1. Donation to Church Tower Fund

Mark is organising a handover with photographs. The scaffolding will be up for the next couple of weeks. It was agreed that Mark would organise the handover for the weekend after next (20 May weekend). Mark would contact those involved as required.

Action: Mark

2. Donation of tickets to Carnival raffle

Hilary had received a request from Leonie Brown as to whether SHADDO could donate some tickets as a prize for the Carnival raffle. It was agreed that we would donate a prize of tickets for a family of 4 for Thursday night of the Panto. Hilary will write to Leonie and organise a 'prize letter' to be given on the day. If we do decide to put on a play in Autumn 2006, Hilary will also write and promise tickets for that (but this is not yet confirmed).

Action: Hilary

It was also agreed in principle that (if/when approached) SHADDO would donate 4 Thursday Panto tickets for the Auction of Promises.

3. Proposed play production for Autumn 2006

Fred reported that he had read several scripts and had considered the constraints imposed when making a choice (e.g. numbers, ages etc). Fred reported that he is keen to use the Play Reading Evening on 22/5 to test/select scripts by reading sections from several plays. He particularly mentioned 'Maiden Ladies' and 'Billy Liar' as possible plays.

Liz T reported that she had circulated the script library, and had been reading scripts. She particularly mentioned 'Dame Agatha's Greatest Case' for its range of characters and roles.

Hilary reported that she had also been reading scripts and agreed with the usefulness of the play reading evening re possible selection.

Fred said that he hoped he might 'weed it down' to three plays for the play reading evening.

It was felt that 'Allo 'Allo would not be possible due to the roles available.

Hilary agreed that she would circulate all the adult (full) membership with details of the evening plus the invitation to come along. She would collate replies and let Fred and Beryl have a list in advance of the evening so they could plan in line with who was coming.

Action: Hilary, Fred and Beryl

4. Proposed dates for play

Steve reported that he had made the hall bookings as previously agreed. There was further discussion of dates as the original dates automatically ruled out several members. It was agreed that Steve would investigate moving the dates by one week, and would report back to Mark on what was available (this would mean production on 22/23 September). If moving the dates was not possible, it would be left as it was. We need to decide about the play as soon as possible after 22/5 so that Steve can conform or release the bookings.

Action: Mark and Steve

5. Pantomime 2007

Neil George has agreed to direct the Pantomime this year.

Liz James has agreed to be Assistant Director.

There was much discussion re script choices. It was agreed that the first key stages were to choose a script and for Liz/Neil to meet to discuss the Panto. Liz suggested that a script committee be organised to read scripts and grade them. Gareth will let Liz have the script grading guidelines used last year.

It was felt important to find a good script that did not require too much re-writing.

Liz T will get out some scripts she has from last year. Mark will contact Lazy Bees and get some scripts.

The Hall has been booked for the Panto as per previous minutes.

Panto progress will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Action: Neil George, Liz James, Gareth, Liz T, Mark

6. AOB

Gareth recommended 'The Firerisers' this Saturday at the Henley Drama Festival, Kenton Theatre.

Steve explained various works which the MHC wish to make to the MH. They propose taking the carpet off the stage and sanding down/staining the stage area. They also propose to paint the panelling. The hall may be closed for a week in August for the repairs. There will be rendering work carried out to the inside of the tower. We may have to take out the SHADDO effects (costumes etc) stored there. Steve will find out when the work is to be done and report back in due course.

Action: Steve

Mark reported that the commercial dry store facilities are much too expensive for us to consider. This will be discussed again once we know more re the proposed hall work as we may need to consider asking members etc if they know of any cheaper options for a more modest sum.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 May 2006 in the Plowden Arms at 8.00pm