

PYTCO

May 21, 2013

Present: Lyn, Grace, Laura, Ray, Edie, Peg, Sarah, Ileen, John

Meeting called to order: 7:03

Secretary's Report- previous meeting's minutes read. Grace motioned to approve, Edie seconded.
Minutes

Treasurer's Report-

Sampson account: \$1,991.98

Operating account: \$1,231.23

Youth account: \$1,357.96

Scholarship account: \$14,404.55

*Ray motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Laura seconded. Report approved.

**Peg proposed opening a new Lyons account for the Sampson Restoration funds and taking the designated money out of the Scholarship account. Laura motioned to do so. Sarah seconded. Motion approved. Edie will do.

OLD Business:

A) 5 to Strive (Landmark Society):

Peg and Grace went to the meeting. We have their assistance for a year. They will help with grants, ect.

B) Zumba-thon:

Friday, June 7th at 6-8PM at the PYE. We need people to be there to help set up around 4:30

C) Sampson open house:

The first weekend was a success! It was open from 9:30 AM- Noon, and there was a steady flow of people. Everyone took fliers and donated \$1 or more. This coming weekend Karen and Dean will be there for the Saturday opening and Edie and Grace will be there for the Sunday opening. Shane and Jason are scheduled to be there for the 8th and 9th.

D) Summer:

Youth- letters are going home this week.

Sweeny- auditions will be May 26th.

E) Ohio trip:

(pink sheet) This is a 3 day trip, from Oct. 4th-6th (Friday-Sunday). Karen will check dates and will get an estimated cost. We may be able to see a show when we are there.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Scholarship:

This year the scholarship will be given to Chelsea Strong. Grace will go to the award ceremony on June 3rd to present it to her.

B) Cruising Night:

June 14th from 5-9PM; We will be there to advertise Sweeny Todd. Grace will email the cast to ask them to help

Next meeting- June 25 @7PM

Meeting adjourned 7:44

There are many options for visits to Ohio theaters and I am happy to provide advice. I and some of the staff, Karen Cook or Frank Whitfield could attend some of those meetings. If and when appropriate. The theaters I would suggest include:

The Great Lakes Theater – Hanna Theater Restoration project in downtown Cleveland
<http://wrlldesign.com/projects/performing-arts/renovation/hanna-theatre-at-playhousesquare>

The Hanna is across the street and part of the larger Playhouse Square renovation in Cleveland which is well known as serving as an anchor for the downtown revitalization.
<http://www.playhousesquare.org/default.asp?playhousesquare=48>

Further to the west in Cleveland is the Cleveland Public Theater which is closer in size to the Sampson Theater <http://www.cptonline.org/>

http://www.cleveland.com/onstage/index.ssf/2010/05/its_only_intermission_for_reno.html

The Nord Family Foundation provided a nice grant to CPT to promote local playwrights and provide them a venue for public performance

http://www.cptonline.org/bobgan_sept12_atm.pdf

CPT is part of a larger project called the Gordon Square Arts District which concentrates performance space in a west-side neighborhood and includes several other theater venues in varying stages of renovation all of which would be easy for us to get you tours. <http://www.gordonsquare.org/>

The other site that would probably be of interest is the restoration of the Apollo Theater in Oberlin. <http://new.oberlin.edu/apollo/> This theater was independently owned for many many years. The theater was about to shut down permanently, but the College opted to purchase it and make it available to the community for movie venues but also a youth outreach and cinema studies program that links beautifully with the local public schools. The college also houses its cinema studies program there. I think there could be lessons learned here if Sampson every linked with Keuka College.

If you had time, 20 minutes north of Oberlin is the city of Lorain which restored the magnificent Palace Theater <http://lorainpalace.com/restoration/> Unfortunately, they have had their challenges recently, but it is a very interesting case study for the Sampson Committee

Finally, further west of Lorain by about a half hour is the City of Sandusky Ohio which restored its downtown theater and turned it into a very exciting venue which has spurred on local downtown development. <http://www.sanduskystate.com/>

That could keep you busy for a day or two. Let us know how we can help.

John Mullaney