

**Wabeno Area Players
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
The Bartlein Residence, Wabeno, WI**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Josh Jameson. All board members were present.

Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Harter presented the treasurer's report. Currently we have \$9936.22 in WAP's checking account. Kathy Millan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Carol Bartlein seconded. Motion carried.

Josh reviewed upcoming payments for WAP. Our insurance payment for the year will be significantly less due to a credit we received (the company had rated our liquor sales incorrectly). Other payments include royalties for the 2018 Season, season brochures, fund drive brochures, copies/perusals, budget for *Miss Reardon Drinks A Little*, and budget for *Julia's Great Pie Bakeoff*.

Discussion was held regarding *The Letter* production. Overall, we heard that it was an amazing show and got good feedback from the community. We also received positive feedback from the Wabeno Firefighters. They were impressed with how we took care of and cleaned the facility and reiterated that we were welcome to utilize the facilities again in the future (in May or in the fall).

Carol reported on the Theater Camp which was held June 19-23. Eleven students participated in the camp and this was a good number for WAP's first camp efforts. In the future, the number of participants for the camp will be limited to 25. Good learning took place at the camp and positive feedback has been received from the participants, parents and community members. Carol will write a thank you note to the school board for use of the school facilities.

Discussion was held regarding *The Dastardly Dr. Devereaux* production. Some calls are coming in about the show. Notice will be put on Facebook and on our website about the show being cancelled. We were refunded for the royalties. The show will be done in the future.

Josh reported on *Julia's Pie Bake-Off*. This will be performed at Art in the Square on September 16. Money from auctioning off the pies will be donated to Wabeno Area Players. Set up will be minimal. Bulletins will be sent to churches to encourage people to bake pies and to let them know about the show.

Josh gave updates on *Miss Reardon Drinks a Little* which will be performed at Madonna Hall November 16-19. Josh and Carol will be meeting soon so that information can be sent out about casting and auditions. Josh and Carol will get information to Dave about set construction.

Josh discussed the Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser which will be August 18-28. These dates include set up and take down. The actual sale will be August 25-27. Volunteers are needed to set up and work the event. Proceeds will be split with Madonna Hall. Josh will be contacting Marcia Appel about assisting with the sale. Ian said there is additional storage space available in Townsend if needed.

The 2018 Production Season was discussed. Several suggestions have been made about the next season in regard to reducing the number of shows. There have also been recommendations made about getting out of the “food” business and promoting area restaurants for patrons to go to before the shows. WAP could still serve popcorn and drinks. Josh also talked about advertising an “Afterglow” where a place would be advertised to go to after a show to have drinks and conversation with cast, crew and audience members. Josh reiterated that Madonna Hall is a perfect place for plays while the High School Auditorium is a perfect place for summer musicals. Linda Boatright commented about the recent Reader’s Theatre at the Bistro that was a positive experience for all. Denise Smith suggested the possibility of using her cabins to do a Holiday/Christmas performance/event. Joan Sackett suggested doing a Polar Express performance/event with the Laona Train. Wendy Richards suggested a caroling performance/event. A meeting will be held soon to set the 2018 season.

Discussion was held regarding membership, sponsorship and our Facebook page and website. We have been picking up some new members but we still need to encourage people to join us. Linda Zuleger questioned when dues are due. Dues will be discussed at the Annual Meeting following this meeting. Discussions continue about sponsorship and a committee will be meeting soon about promotions for this. Josh requested more assistance with the administration of the website and Facebook page. Ian McKenna said he could assist with this.

Josh discussed WAP’s involvement with the Forest County Chamber. He suggested that we join all of the Chamber of Commerce groups in our area. Bob Brown made a motion to join the Wabeno, Lakewood, Laona and Forest County Chamber of Commerce groups. Daniel Boatright seconded. Motion carried.

Josh presented information about purchasing high pub tables and chairs to use in the back of Madonna Hall and other venues. Kim will check into the possibility and cost of renting these items.

Josh would like Ian and a few other people trained on the lightboard and dimmer boxes. Kathy Millan made a motion to send people for training on the lightboard and dimmer boxes. Linda Harter seconded. Motion carried. Bob Brown volunteered to attend the training with Ian.

Dave Zuleger relayed information on WAP allowing a student group to utilize stage sections for a fund raiser.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Daniel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M..