

**Wabeno Area Players
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. President Josh Jameson.

Minutes from the July 31, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Daniel Boatright made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Harter seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented and there is \$745.57 in the WAP checking account. Bob Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carol Bartlein seconded. Motion carried.

Performance venues for the 2017 Season were discussed.

Tim and Connie Friesen confirmed that they will no longer be leasing the Essen Haus as of the end of August and they talked about plans for the Bistro. They pointed out that WAP performances began at the Bistro prior to having access to the Essen Haus. They talked about possibly having a tent and possibly adding outside bathrooms by the kitchen. For performances inside the Bistro, Connie believes that 40 could be seated with tables, 70 without tables.

Venues and Performances--Some concerns and ideas that were discussed:

- Bistro is not an ideal venue for productions with large casts
- Bistro might be the best venue for winter productions with smaller casts
- Rehearsal space
- A tent not being an ideal venue for all productions--perhaps do one tent show in the summer
- Using different venues for different shows
- Having alternate venues as back up for bad weather when scheduling outside venues
- Not planning too many productions for one season so that core cast members are not burned out

Venue Contracts

WAP has developed and grown to the point of needing to have contracts. Furthermore, WAP cannot lose money on productions as we have in the past.

Splitting marketing costs 50/50 was discussed.

Using a system such as ArtsPeople to take reservations and pre-sell tickets. Connie expressed some concerns about this, pointing out that some of the individualized care and service would be lost. Board Members acknowledged these concerns, but also stressed the need for such a system, particularly since WAP will be utilizing a variety of venues in the future. Josh encouraged members to look at Sauk Prairie Theatre as an example. The possibility of partnering with another organization to share the cost of ArtsPeople was also discussed.

No action was taken on venues and contracts at this meeting.

Information was shared about "Arts in the Community" Awards. Daniel and Bob volunteered to work on an application for this. The deadline is August 19, 2016.

Bob Brown made a motion to adjourn. Daniel Boatright seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 P.M.