

COSMOPOLITAN PLAYERS – COMMITTEE MEETING – 24th NOVEMBER 2021
(On Zoom)

PRESENT: Lara Woodhouse (in the Chair), Carolyn Craven, Elaine Jackson,
Jan Morrell

APOLOGIES: Rachel Bickedike, Leah Hamilton, Gillian Myers, Emma McGrath

It was agreed that the meeting would go ahead as planned despite being non-quorate and that any decisions made would be ratified at the next meeting/

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October were agreed in principal to be approved at the next meeting

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising from the minutes which would not be covered later in the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rachel had advised via e.mail that she had contacted Brian and Reasha Hollingsworth and had received a response indicating that they would be happy to manage Front of House for the next two Agatha Crusty productions. There was no other correspondence brought forward for consideration.

TREASURERS REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report but Carolyn advised the meeting that prior to Gillian going on holiday she had signed cheques for the hire of the rehearsal rooms at 74A for October and November.

CURRENT PRODUCTION

- Jan advised that rehearsals were going well at 74A but there had been one or two issues around transport for some of the cast. There had also been a problem with the heating but it was hoped that this was now sorted.
- Jan expressed concern at the aggressive attitude of the person living in the property adjacent to the rehearsal rooms, which she felt needed to be monitored – her concerns had also been mentioned to the landlord.
- Concern expressed by Jan at the extended absence of Graham Siddle at forthcoming rehearsals due to other commitments. Whilst he was only in the first act she hoped this would not cause too much of a problem but would keep an eye on the situation
- Ann Sadler had indicated that she may not be able to manage props without assistance and Carolyn agreed to approach Mandi Rugg to see if she would be able to assist
- Carolyn advised that the 'promo' was still in the planning stage and that she was still awaiting photos from cast members. She would follow this up.
- Carolyn has put together a basket of dummy props for rehearsal purposes and cast members had expressed their appreciation at having these available
- Some costumes were still to be sourced but it was not anticipated there would be any problems

- With regard to publicity there were concerns that nothing had been heard from Rachel Savage at The Carriageworks, neither had anyone been able to make contact with her despite numerous attempts having been made. Lara would continue her quest to make contact.
- Responses were required in relation to show times, number of publicity flyers required. A lot of interest had already been expressed by people wishing to buy tickets but these were not yet on sale due to a lack of response from the theatre.

Carolyn and Brian have been actively looking for alternative rehearsal space and have identified premises in Morley - the former Morley Labour Rooms now known as Unity Hall – which have recently been refurbished. Carolyn circulated photos prior to the meeting. The cost of hire is £15 per hour and the premises would also be suitable for hire for Green Room Productions, and other fundraising events. Jan indicated that she would consider cancelling some of the existing bookings with the Carriageworks and use this new venture if considered feasible. She also agreed to raise with the cast members as it is another venue which is out of town and therefore less accessible for some of the cast. Jan and Carolyn agreed to look at the rehearsal schedule to check if a move would be workable.

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders

- The Licence had been applied for and Gillian was looking at rehearsal space
- Carolyn was discussing with both Derek Webb and Gillian the format of the publicity image for the production
- The date of the audition was yet to be determined and agreed with Gillian. Jan emphasised that this should be after the current production had been on stage

Other Activities

- Carolyn had identified some interesting productions which might be available for future consideration
- Dan Dainter has expressed an interest in directing a future COS production
- It might be appropriate to consider productions suitable for Green Room if the Unity Hall could be hired for this purpose

YOU TUBE FACILITY

Due to other pressures on people's time the production of YOU TUBE items was currently on the back burner

WEBSITE

Carolyn emphasised the need to keep the web site up to date as this was the main source of information for many people who were not on other social platforms.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- The 16th December had been agreed as the date for the Christmas Party. The cost had been set at £5. per head, which would be collected on the night.
- Lara and Lee were currently discussing the format of the evening

- The evening would include an anagrams quiz and a sketch from Lara and Lee. Carolyn was to organise and ‘crackers’ game and Elaine was to organise a Snowman Beetle and another game involving cards
- Committee Members would be asked to provide the food and drink and Lara was to liaise with Lee to draw up an e.mail to circulate to committee members asking them to confirm what they would be bringing along.
- A reminder of the event would need to be circulated to all members but this would have to be done through Rachel because of data protection regulations

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carolyn advised that Miranda Foxton had expressed an interest in being invited back on to the Committee. This would be an advantage in relation to numbers but a decision would need to be deferred for further discussion. It would be helpful for another person to take on responsibility for the society’s e.mail and correspondence, etc but it was felt that this could not be a condition of her return if she was co-opted back on to the committee.

The Committee expressed their heartfelt congratulations to Rachel on the recent birth of a baby girl, to be called Eve Rowan. Rachel had circulated some photos.

NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday the 26th January, via zoom, unless it was considered necessary to arrange anything beforehand.