

**Minutes of the Los Alamos Little Theatre  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 4, 2010**

**Present:** Pat Beck, Eric Bjorklund, Gracie Cainelli, Larry Cox, Nick Gurrola-Gal,  
John Gustafson, Kaki Kelly, Bobbie Simpson, Chris Weaver

**Absent:** Patti Stevenson-Brown

**Visitors:** Mimi Adams, Dennis Powell

Minutes:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as previously amended (via e-mail comments).

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Bobbie noted that royalties for two musicals (Spitfire and Seussical) boosted expenses a bit. She also said she had purchased a terabyte hard drive and will start uploading scanned LALT records to it.

Report on the House:

No significant issues. Gracie asked Larry if he'd look at the latch on the front door

Mail:

Contract for Seussical received. Volunteer Accident Report paid (provides coverage for LALT members injured on the job").

Concerns:

Bobbie noted two LALT members who recently had surgery; a get-well card was sent to each.

**New Business**

Staged Reading

Mimi asked if she could hold a staged reading of "Endless Questions," a play she has written, in the June/July time frame. The request was approved, with the assumption that she can coordinate around Seussical rehearsals and other scheduled LALT usage. The Board also suggested she consider a play reading.

Go Back for Murder

Dennis presented his proposal for the 2010-11 season: "Go Back for Murder," an Agatha Christie mystery. He noted there were some challenges to the staging that he hadn't yet figured out, but the Board had confidence that he would. Chris Weaver is the producer and Patrick MacDonald the stage manager. The Board accepted the proposal and added the play to the January time slot (with a planned New Year's Eve opening).

### Spitfire Reception

Gracie took the lead on getting the cake for the Spitfire opening reception. She also planned to make a stop in Santa Fe for supplies. John, Pat and Chris agreed to help out. There was some discussion about where to locate the goodies, since the side door is blocked by the musicians. (In the end, the table was rolled through the double-doors on the side, without too much fuss.)

### Annual Meeting

After consideration of calendars and Board members' schedules (aiming for a date where the Board chairperson, at least, would be present), the Board chose June 27 as the date for the annual meeting.

### Nominating Committee

Pat and Kaki agreed to come up with a slate of candidates for the next LALT Board, to be distributed in advance of the Annual Meeting and voted on at the meeting.

### Summer Work Parties

The first summer work party is scheduled for June 19. Nick has the lead and John agreed to help organize and communicate about it. The work party will focus on outdoor stuff.

## **Old Business**

### Scholarship

No one had an update on the LALT scholarship, so Eric said he would call Peggy Durbin for information.

### Seussical

Gracie presented a budget for Seussical; it came in at about \$6,000. Royalties represented \$2K of the cost, and renting the scripts for two additional months added almost another \$1K. A \$400 script deposit will be returned, assuming the scripts are returned in good shape.

The Board recognized that musicals are more expensive, and without much hesitation approved the budget as submitted (Larry moved, Mick seconded ... then there's something about "damn the turtle" as the motion was resoundingly approved).

There was some discussion about possibly considering budgets at the time that plays are proposed. In the future, need to keep in mind the extra costs associated with musicals.

*Sacred Mistakes*

The request to use the LALT building for a showing of the College of Santa Fe's production of "Sacred Mistakes" was reviewed. It was agreed that we would rent them use of the Performing Arts Center, with advertising to note it as such, and they would use proceeds to pay their costs to stage the play with the rest going to charity.

Eric said, however, that the Memorial Day weekend would not work and that they now are looking to next fall. It would be a challenge to fit this in between "Seussical" and "Seascapes," but Larry and Gracie agreed to see if they could make something work.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

**Adjourn**

7:25 pm