

Williamsburg Players, Inc.
Annual General Membership Meeting
August 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Siggins at 2PM on August 5, 2012 in the James-York Playhouse.

1. Bob Shea moved to approve the minutes of last year's meeting. Tony Spunzo seconded. This motion passed.

2. Current Board members present: Miguel Girona, Connie Granger, Donald Lasher, Carol Moff, Peter Natale, Philip Newbery, Debbie Noonan, Amy Payne, Hugh Siggins, Tony Spunzo

65+ Members also present.

3. Hugh discussed challenges of opening the new theater including sound issues which we've addressed by adding the sound absorption panels on the side and back walls. In addition we are adding a new speaker which will be aimed right at the center section of the seats. The sight line issue has been addressed by raising the last 6 rows incrementally – row 6 - 4", row 7 - 6", row 8 - 8", row 9 - 10", row 10 - 12", and row 11 - 14". The last 4 rows are also offset from the front 7 rows. These back six rows now include one or two steps to get into them, so it's important that everyone watch their step. We will continue to tweak the space to hopefully make it the best that it can be, as money permits. We added electronic ticketing this year so patrons can purchase /exchange tickets without going through the box office.

We have discontinued our Readers' Theatre program and added a Children's Theatre program for ages K through grade 5. These will be held on Saturdays at 11AM, last about 1 hour, and follow with a Q&A session.

4. Peter presented the annual budget report. We started the year with \$144,800.17, had \$331,550.50 in income, \$467,353.61 in expenses, leaving a balance at the end of the year of \$8,997.06. Tony Gabriele moved approval of the report. Lynn Schumann seconded. There was some discussion about the report. The motion passed.

5. Special Recognitions.

a. Hugh recognized 3 new Life Patrons: Joan Gilkison, Bob Noonan, and Peter Natale. These are people who have contributed their time and money to the organization in abundance. We thank them for their generosity and all their hard work.

b. Every year we give a \$2000 scholarship to a local high school student. This is paid in \$500 increments over the 4 years of school. The student must be majoring in some aspect of performance – theater or dance. This year's MuCulley-Scammon Scholarship was awarded to Hayley J. Daniels from Menchville High School who will be attending JMU in the fall.

6. Election of new Board members.

a. Hugh thanked Bob Shea who acted as president during the construction of the building and left the Board last fall for personal reasons. In addition he thanked Nick Christoff who was forced to leave the Board this past spring as he was deployed to Afghanistan. Leaving the Board at this time are Philip Newbery who served 2 years and helped with the decoration of the lobby and the new kitchen, and Donald Lasher who served one year and whose voice was helpful in making some difficult decisions.

b. Miguel Girona has served three years and is now up for re-election.

c. The slate of new Board members includes: Nina Costello, Kelsey Helmick, Becky Krantz, and Steve Olson.

d. Hugh asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, Peter moved to close the nominations. Susan Fournier seconded. This passed.

e. Susan Fournier moved the slate. Marsha Allen seconded. This passed.

7. Next year's operating budget:

Peter presented the 12-13 proposed operating budget which included \$275K in income and expenses. Donald Lasher moved the budget. Bob Noonan seconded. After discussion, this passed.

8. The floor was opened up to questions and answers. Debbie noted we have 1250 subscribers so far this year. Last year we had 1475 which was 300 more than the previous year. The current subscriptions seem to be running about on schedule. We accept subscriptions through the Christmas season.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Noonan, Secretary