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Milton Players Prepare for our Exciting New Season!

A Note from the President

Dear friends,

As you will see from our notes below, it has been a busy summer for the Players, and we are very excited about our upcoming production of the powerful drama *Inherit the Wind*. Since our season announcement we have had a change of director and are pleased to announce that Vickie Kirichok will now be at the helm. Milton Players audiences have previously enjoyed Vickie's productions of the comedy *Moon over Buffalo* and the moving musical *The Secret Garden*. I hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you soon at auditions, set-up and performances.

Erin

Highlights

- Plans for our opening production of *Inherit the Wind* are well under way, with **auditions scheduled for August 18 & 19**.
- The game's afoot! The Players plan their performance of a popular Sherlock Holmes mystery as part of Milton Reads at the Milton Public Library.
- Congratulations to Lucy Gladstone for winning the EACT DASH award for Best Youth Actor for her portrayal of Anne Frank last fall.
- Subscription sales are going well; order yours while the best seats are still available!

Executive Board Proceedings, Monday July 28, 2014

(Minutes recorded by Maureen Truax)

- 1) Erin, Dawn, Laura, Frank, Kevin, Vickie, Pat, Glenn and Maureen in attendance.
- 2) Minutes for June 16, 2014 were approved.
- 3) **Corresponding Secretary:** Maureen read a lovely thank-you note from Devan Callahan, the recipient of this year's Milton Players Scholarship. Congratulations Devan and best of luck studying theater at Muhlenberg College. Our first email blast has gone out for membership renewal.
- 4) **Treasurer:** Dawn passed around the latest list of disbursements and income; we are doing very well at this time.
- 5) **Publicity:** Pat reports audition notices are out with a Facebook event posting in the works. Kevin has offered to add pictures of past Milton Players productions to Facebook on a regular basis; this should be fun! The date for head shots and publicity photos for *Inherit the Wind* will be moved from September 28 to October 5 when we are in our performance space. There is the possibility of some location photos to

be discussed with our photographer, Sarah Rocca Vento.

Erin requests that before sending out any publicity items they are run by her so we don't have multiple people distributing the same information on the same venue.

6) **Business Manager and Member at Large:** Frank and Laura report subscriptions sales are going great. Tickets will go on sale for the general public on September 1st, so get those renewals in now and get the best seats!

7) **Playreading Committee:** Vickie has shared a list of plays being considered along with comments and scores from the committee. More musical selections are needed; let us know if there are any you'd love to see. We decided we would not disregard any show simply because other groups in the area have just done them or are planning on doing them in the near future. Their next meeting is August 25th.

8) Board entered executive session.

9) **Summer Projects:** Dawn has kept everyone on task cleaning and categorizing the prop/costume closet at MHS. Our inventory of furniture has been photographed and the pictures will be on Google Docs. Next up is an inventory of flats and adding new racks and shelves in the prop room, plus a better storage system for hats. Frank is working on lights for the auditorium to better illuminate auditions and rehearsals.

10) **Production Roles Meeting Report:** After a meeting on July 16th the manual is on its way to being completed. Kevin has agreed to write up Sound, and Frank will tackle Lighting and Audition Protocol. Hospitality and Casting Support are being removed. A final draft will be sent out soon for review by board. Thanks to Pat for handling the compiling and emailing of this important document.

11) **This year's EMACT Gala** is August 16 at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington. Lucy Gladstone was recognized for her outstanding portrayal of Anne Frank last fall, and we wish her luck at the Awards!

12) A letter applying for the **Milton Woman's Club grant** has been composed by Glenn, Harriet and Frank requesting funding for wireless microphones and a laptop to run them. Fingers crossed they accept our request!

13) We have been invited to showcase our talent at the annual **Milton Reads** event at the Milton Public Library this September 20th. A scene from Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Speckled Band" will be performed by Erin Stulb, Bruce Houston, Kevin Lowney and Craig Truax. The event is from 2 pm to 3 pm, and we look forward to seeing all our friends there! Thanks again to Pat for coordinating this with the Library.

14) **Celebrate Milton** is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2014 in a new location, The Pierce Middle School, where it will be held rain or shine. We have decided to have a table at this event. Pat is overseeing the organization of coverage, so please consider volunteering for an hour and help spread the word that the Milton Players are alive and well in our new location.

15) **A discussion about our continuation as members of EMACT** and the possibility of removing our shows from the adjudication process was started, to be continued at the next board meeting.

16) A vote was taken, and a **stipend for a Lighting Designer for *Inherit the Wind*** was approved.

Next board meeting is Wednesday, August 27, 2014, most likely at The Olive Garden in Stoughton.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

(End of board minutes.)