



## **2015-2016 Season is Announced!**

\* The Players are excited to announce our 2015-2016 season:

**Fall Musical: *The Addams Family***

**Winter Play: *Becky's New Car***

**Spring Play: *On Golden Pond***

We are currently accepting applications for directors for all shows. Those interested should email Erin Stulb at [estulb68@gmail.com](mailto:estulb68@gmail.com) by January 30.

\* The hilarious farce *Caught in the Net* opens January 30! Click [here](#) to order your tickets now.

\* We are looking for volunteers to usher and pour wine for all CITN performances (January 30-31 and February 6-8). To volunteer please email Glenn Ryan at [gractor@comcast.net](mailto:gractor@comcast.net).

\* It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ronnie Crowell, long-time Milton Players member and father of board member Dawn Labrie. The Players have made a donation to The Seeing Eye in his honor, and the remainder of our season will be dedicated to Ronnie.

### **Milton Players Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 7, 2014

Laura, Maureen, Vicki, Pat, Frank, Erin, Glenn, Jen and Kevin in attendance.

I. It was decided to put an "in memoriam" for Ronnie Crowell in the program and that the Corresponding Secretary will be responsible to notify current members about information such as this as soon as it is known.

II. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. It was decided that Erin will work on getting minutes up on the Callboard in a more timely manner but continue to issue the Callboard so it fits in with the timing of important member information and doesn't conflict with other email announcements.

III. **Corresponding Secretary report:** There are three of the same emails that were returned as "undeliverable." 60 were sent, 41 opened.

IV. **Treasurer report:** There was an ad that was sent to Players late, but it was able to be added in the program.

V. **Publicity report:** Pictures for "Caught in the Net" are out to newspapers in Milton and Canton and are also in the Suburbanite. We will place an ad in the Milton Times for two weeks for \$50. Ad space in Suburban Shopper was priced out by Pat. It was decided that the Players would try running a basic, simple ¼ page ad for "Caught in the Net" one week prior to opening night and see what the response is.

Eight in favor, one opposed to removing the Ticketstage option to decline emails. Recipients can still unsubscribe when they receive info via Constant Contact.

Nine in favor of running a Facebook ad for "Caught in the Net." Erin will post.

Pat sent a posting to Milton Cable. Frank was interviewed by Jeff Stood. He will check on run date.

Laura put out some posters and postcards and gave some to the cast. Frank will take some to Orchard Cove and Pat will put some up at the library.

Erin will send Brian information for the signage out front two weeks before the show.

VI. **Business Manager report:** Ticket sales for "Inherit the Wind": Total paid tickets - 477. Total tickets - 507 (including complimentary). It was noted that the Players should pay attention to true comps (minus member comps).

Ticket sales are slow for "Caught in the Net". Cast needs to push the show. Possibility to post photos on Facebook. Pat will send Erin photos. Erin will send email reminders, one three weeks prior, one one week prior to opening night.

Frank will go to Sunday's rehearsal in case the members of the cast want to purchase tickets.

There are 98 subscribers as of 1/7/15.

Discounted subscriptions for the rest of the season worked well for "Inherit the Wind" and the Players will offer prorated subscriptions to some who purchase tickets for "Caught in the Net."

VII. **Member-at-large report:** Laura had nothing to report.

VIII. **Front of House:** Someone moved the bucket labeled "water" on the top shelf in the props/costume room and all the Front of House supplies got soaked.

Glenn would like for a notice to be posted on the Callboard and an email sent out to current and recent members that the Players are looking for ushers.

Vicki will be Front of House coordinator on January 31.

Glenn is looking for theme ideas for table decorations. He will coordinate decorations.

IX. **"Caught in the Net" Production Report:** Set building went well last Saturday. This coming Saturday, 1/10/15, will be the next set building day.

Props people are doing well.

Bicycle is on loan from Ferris Wheels in Jamaica Plain. Vicki mentioned she has a women's bicycle and will bring it to MHS.

Kevin needs to contact Kenny and set a scheduled time to get lighting done.

Pat is looking for an old fashioned men's swimsuit. Frank will call Kate. Production is under budget so far.

X. **"The Dixie Swim Club":** Auditions are posted and email went out. Scenes are not chosen yet. Frank and Dawn decided that auditioners will pick two roles to read for, keeping time in mind.

Frank met with Brian Devin from MHS. The Players will now be able to hold all auditions at MHS beginning next season.

The Players will have to renew the contract next year.

It was discussed to possibly do a fundraiser for MHS (e.g. A Tribute to Broadway). This event would have to be figured into the programming next year. Vicki offered to recruit students from her school to perform.

January 29 is the night the Players will set up tables and chairs in the House.

XI. **Interview Team:** It was decided that the team should be made up of a couple of Board members and one other person who has worked with a lot of theater groups and/or directors. Glenn, Erin and Laura volunteered. Erin will work on finalizing the committee.

XII. **Play Reading Committee:** The Board elected to produce "The Addams Family" (the musical), "Becky's New Car" and "On Golden Pond" next season. Erin will post for directors.

XIII. **New Business:** It is time to arrange for a nominating committee. Laura is in charge of the committee. Frank volunteered to be on it along

with someone from outside the Board.

XIV. The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Milton Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

