



**2015-2016 Season is Announced!**

***MARCH HIGHLIGHTS***

- *The Dixie Swim Club* is coming together swimmingly! Reserve your tickets for this terrific comedy about enduring friendships at [miltonplayers.org/tickets](http://miltonplayers.org/tickets).
- Time to don your painting garb and join us for our **set-up days March 28 and April 4**, starting at 9 am at Massachusetts Hospital School. Please bring along a drill if you have one. Coffee and donuts as well as lunch will be provided.
- We are looking for volunteers to assist with scene changes and backstage hair, make-up and costume changes for *Dixie Swim Club*. This requires a minimal time commitment, primarily the week of April 19 and performances April 24, 25 and May 1,2, and 3. Please contact producer Dawn Labrie at [gdlabrie@comcast.net](mailto:gdlabrie@comcast.net) if you can help out.

**Minutes from Milton Players Executive Board Meeting**

**Monday, March 2, 2015**

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

**I.** The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**II. Corresponding Secretary Report:** One last email address is bouncing from the Callboard emails. Maureen will get the correct address.

**III. Treasurer Report:** With all of the income and expenses accounted for "Caught in the Net," the

Players have made a profit.

**IV. Publicity Report:** Pat will get the E-blast out for "The Dixie Swim Club" even earlier than the publicity calendar indicates.

Headshots and publicity photos are scheduled to take place on March 29. Lobby photos with costumes will take place on either April 16 or April 19.

Pat has the town information from the actors and will start reaching out to their hometown newspapers about the show.

The Players have had good season coverage in The Suburbanite.

A woman who is affiliated with MHS has volunteered to put postcards for the upcoming show in staff mailboxes, and a woman affiliated with Fuller Village has offered to distribute flyers around town.

Pat will put an ad in the Suburban Shopper. It was suggested that this ad not be too busy and to focus more on the important details, i.e. the title of the show, the show dates, and the website.

**V. Member-at-large Report:** The Nominating committee has selected a proposed slate of Board members for next season. The nominating committee (Chair Laura Dunkum, Harriet Ryan, and Frank Moffett) has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2015/2016 season, to be voted upon at the June annual meeting: President - Erin Stulb; Vice-president - Bruce Houston; Treasurer - Dawn Labrie; Recording Secretary - Denise Feeney; Corresponding Secretary - Ken Carberry; Member At Large - Maureen Truax; and auditors Steve Hamilton and Joan Faulkner.

**VI. Front of House:** Glenn has been purchasing extra Front of House goods (cheese cups, etc) over the last two shows.

It was proposed to look into dividing Front of House responsibilities beginning next season. Glenn has come into a routine for running performances, but it would be easier if more than one person shared the responsibility. Glenn will take stock of what needs to be done during the shows and will determine how best to split up the duties. A possible option would be to form a Front of

House committee. This idea opened up commentary about the possibility of creating committees for other Board positions as some of them have evolved to be a lot of work for one person.

Vicki has volunteered to run Front of House for the performance on May 3 as Glenn will be away.

**VII. Interview Team:** The players have the three directors for next season, but are still deciding on a musical director for "The Addams Family." Laura will follow up with the selected candidates.

**VIII. Audition Dates:** Frank is in the process of obtaining formal approval from MHS for next season's audition dates.

**IX. Fundraiser:** The Players are still deciding what might be feasible to do as a fundraiser. Options are a silent auction or big-ticket raffle item at an extra performance of "The Addams Family" or a spring musical revue. MHS family or staff involvement would be required for organizing a silent auction.

**X. Snow Cancellation Procedure:** Erin had the most recent version of the policy. There were a few more revisions to be made and Erin will make the edits. Once finalized, Glenn will amend the Players Policy and Procedure document.

**XI. Business Manager Report:** Overall, for "Caught in the Net," 307 tickets were sold with 24 tickets comped, including members.

As of Monday, March 2, there are 119 season subscribers.

**XII. Lighting:** March 21 is the day that Frank and Kevin will get together with Dan Sheehan and Kenny Carberry to take an inventory of and organize the lighting equipment.

Maureen will look for barn doors for lights.

**XIII. "The Dixie Swim Club" Production Report:** The production meeting was held Sunday,

March 1 with a full production staff.

Since the show involves several make-up and costume changes for the actors, it was suggested to have a "cleaning crew" and "movers" do scene changes to keep the audience engaged. Erin will list this in the Highlights to let people know the Players are looking for volunteers for this, as well as dressers for the actors, beginning production week.

Set-up dates are March 28 and April 4, with as much painting as possible completed before March 28.

**XIV. Performance Dates:** Frank has not been able to meet with the MHS principal yet but doesn't foresee any problem with next season's proposed dates.

Erin has the rights and the contracts for all three of next season's shows.

**XV. Wireless Microphones:** Frank has no further news.

**XVI. End of Year Party:** Erin is willing to host the party in June. A specific date was not yet chosen.

**XVII. New Business:** Dawn is following up about the scholarship for Milton High School.

**XVIII. Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Milton Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm