

## **Time to Get *Caught in the Net!***

\* Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Inherit the Wind!* Over 500 people attended, and audiences raved about the powerful performances by our talented cast and the wonderful cabaret setting.

\* We sold numerous additional subscriptions at our performances and are now at a record-setting 92 subscriptions for the season!

\* Congratulations are also in order for the new cast of our upcoming comedy *Caught in the Net*: Paul Campbell, Diana Kane, Dan Kirichok, Katie Lowney, Antonio Ruggeri, Andrew Shiels and Jennifer Walsh. The show opens January 30.

\* Don't miss the Players' upcoming Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 3 at 7PM at the home of Erin Stulb, 20 Redgate Rd. in West Roxbury. RSVP to the membership E-vite or to [estulb68@gmail.com](mailto:estulb68@gmail.com) by November 29 to join in the festivity!

### **Milton Players Board Minutes Monday, November 3, 2014**

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

II. Minutes from previous meeting amended: It was decided that Erin would not send an email to EMACT regarding the Players' decision to not reapply for adjudication. Minutes were then approved.

III. **Corresponding Secretary report:** Maureen had several bounced emails from the last Eblast.

Dawn has a few of those emails and will give the correct ones to Maureen to update.

IV. **Treasurer report:** A few more season subscriptions were sold since the report was typed up.

Dawn has purchased more fire retardant paint, which will last for a long time. Glenn gave Front of House bills to Dawn. Pat will give costume bills to her.

Dawn is also waiting to receive the bills from props.

V. **Publicity report:** The Players have pictures and ads in the Milton Times and a posting in the Globe. It was suggested to move photos for the shows up a couple weeks to more easily meet newspaper deadlines and/or to clarify with photographer how quickly the photos are needed. Photos for *Caught in the Net* can be taken anywhere since it is a contemporary show, possibly with props, and is not necessary to have a set as the

backdrop.

Looking at the calendar on [theater411.com](http://theater411.com), it was noted that *Inherit the Wind* was not listed until a few weeks ago. After it was listed, advance tickets sold more quickly. Auditions for *Caught in the Net* are posted on the site.

Erin has sent a show reminder via theater411 and Facebook.

Celebrate Milton went well and was worthwhile to get out into the community and make more people aware of this season's shows and where the new venue is located.

The Players are still accepting ads for the next two shows. It was decided not to prorate the cost of ads.

Pat will price what the cost would be for the Players to advertise in "Suburban Shopper."

**VI. Business Manager report:** Friday 10/31, there were 48 advanced sales with six comps.

Saturday 11/1, there were 132 advanced sales with nine comps.

Six new subscriptions were sold, for a total of 83 current subscribers.

For the coming weekend, as of 11/3/14, Friday has 63 advanced sales, Saturday has 90 and Sunday has 54.

It was suggested to possibly buy five to ten more tables to have them if needed to accommodate more people than the 120 seats that is the current table configuration.

**VII. Member-at-Large report:** Laura has nothing to report.

**VIII. Front of House report:** The updated Policy and Procedure was printed out by Laura and was distributed to the Board.

Last weekend, Glenn could have used more volunteers for ushers, but by using some of the cast members, he was able to staff Front of House.

Glenn would have liked to have access to headsets to communicate to the rest of the Front of House staff, since mode of communication seems to be the greatest issue. Frank will show Dawn and Maureen how to hook up headsets.

For the coming weekend, Front of House has enough ushers. Vicki will ask a couple cast members to help out with selling 50/50 raffle tickets so the ushers can focus on serving patrons. The Players will also try selling raffle tickets in the lobby before the show on Friday night.

**IX. Play Reading Committee:** Recommendations were sent to the Board via email. The Board needs to read all six plays and read synopses for the musicals. Plays will be selected in early January.

It was voted, eight yes to one abstain, to do a musical next year.

It was suggested that one board member form a Director's Committee for next season to be finalized in January.

X. ***Inherit the Wind* Production report:** The show opened to positive response from patrons.

Vicki would like to get a cast photo on Friday.

Maureen and Dawn will organize the list for strike. Vicki will send a strike reminder in an email to the cast.

XI. ***Caught in the Net* production report:** Everything is set for auditions Monday and Tuesday with Wednesday callbacks. All audition sides are copied and enough people will be at the auditions to work it.

Frank will look into having auditions at MHS next season. Production staff is all set.

XII. **Arts Lottery Grant Application:** Dawn was not able to apply for the grant this year.

XIII. **Future of Tickets:** Ninety-five percent of ticket sales are online or from subscriptions. It is a possibility to have these patrons just bring printout and check in instead of getting another paper ticket at the box office. This discussion will be tabled until March.

XIV. **Lighting Designer, Technician Stipend, Budget for Season:** It was suggested that the Players hire a lighting designer for the next two shows, specifically Kenny Carberry, for a \$100 stipend for each show. The stipend was approved unanimously.

Frank motioned to vote to budget \$200 for new lighting cables that are already up and connected by Dan Sheehan. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was determined that L.A. is needed for tech week and should be available for light board operation during the show.

XV. **Holiday Party:** It was decided that Erin would host the holiday party December 3. Erin will send an Evite. It will be a potluck dinner.

XVI. **New Business:** It was suggested that the Players donate two special (two-show) subscriptions to the MHS auction winner. Erin will write the letter.

XVII. **Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held at the Milton Yacht Club on January 7 at 7:00pm.

Meeting concluded at 9:00pm.