

Inherit the Wind Blows in October 31!

Member Highlights

- Our season opens October 31 with the classic drama *Inherit the Wind*. Click [here](#) to reserve your seats now.
- We are looking for volunteers to usher and pour wine for all performances. Please email Glenn Ryan at gractor@comcast.net to volunteer.
- Strike for *Inherit the Wind* will be Sunday, November 9 at 4:30 PM. Any assistance is greatly appreciated!
- Auditions for the hilarious farce *Caught in the Net* take place November 10 and 11, with callbacks November 12 if necessary. For information about auditions click [here](#).

Executive Board Proceedings Monday September 29, 2014

(minutes recorded by Jennifer Fenlon)

- 1) Maureen, Jen, Dawn, Glenn, Frank, Erin, Vicki, Laura and Pat were in attendance.
- 2) Minutes from the last board meeting were approved.
- 3) **Corresponding Secretary report:** There were a lot of bounced emails after sending members reminders for dues. Dawn and Maureen will look through the email list and work on updating it.
- 4) **Treasurer report:** Frank contacted Eileen Dinn about her contribution to the Players. She said it is considered a donation.
The liquor permit will be delivered to the Massachusetts Hospital School on Tuesday, September, 30.
EMACT membership has been renewed and the Players are listed in their directory. Erin will review and make any changes to the description.
- 5) **Publicity report:** Pat Desmond from the Milton Times has written a column about the Players' new space and people from Milton who are involved in the group. There will be a follow-up piece about the Milton Reads program, tying it to "Inherit the Wind" as there are some of the same cast members involved.
There are posters for "Inherit the Wind" up around town and Pat will bring some to the Celebrate Milton event.
Dawn will pull the sandwich board and banner for Celebrate Milton as well as photos to be used to dress the booth. Pat will reach out for more help with the event.
There will be a Facebook event created for "Inherit the Wind". Since the cast is large, it was discussed that 5x7 headshots might be better than 8x10 for the lobby display to fit them all on the board.
- 6) **Business Manager report:** As of September 29, the number of season subscriptions sold surpassed that of last year. A blast email has been sent out about the show and ticket requests are starting to come in.
- 7) **Member-at-large report:** Nothing to report from Laura.
- 8) **Play Reading Committee report:** The Committee met last week. They have read 30 plays (not including musicals) and have narrowed the options down to 15. Vicki thinks they need to put more focus on musicals. They have one more meeting before they present their choices in November.
- 9) **Policy and Procedure:** Glenn has completed and updated the P&P document. It was determined that the Head of Properties is to determine the line separating props and set dressing.

10) **"Inherit the Wind" Production report:** The cast is complete. They have blocked all of Act I and some of Act II. The cast is described as dedicated and enthusiastic.

They have need of tables for the defense and prosecution. Maureen may have a table and will send a picture to Dawn. Possibility to contact schools and/or libraries and to query the cast for tables. A lamp post and a 1920's camera are also needed. Pat will ask a lead she has about the lamp post. Dawn thinks there might be one at MHS that could be borrowed. Harriet has a camera that may work. Erin will ask Needham if they might have a suitable camera.

The props team met after rehearsal on 9/28. Lighting is up to Frank and Dan. Harriet is all set. There is barely any sound in the show.

Frank will meet with the people who agreed to do the painting for the backdrop on Thursday 10/2.

11) **"Caught in the Net":** The production team is assembled, except for lights. Laura will ask Peter. They have a production meeting scheduled for October 8. The director is Peter Cates; Stage Manager, Bruce Huston; Costumes, Pat Brawley, Props, Diana Kane, assisted by Donna Gilbert; Set, Kevin Lowney. The audition sides are up on the Milton Players website. Audition information is also on Theatre411. Audition dates are November 10, 11, 12. A reminder email will be sent out.

12) **Milton Reads report:** Pat received an email from the library. They want the Players to return each fall. Pat hopes to send a picture from the event to the Milton Times. Milton Cable was there and would like to do interviews with the "Inherit the Wind" cast. Pat will follow up.

It was determined the Players would not subsidize a van from Fuller Village to MHS because it was not guaranteed at least 12 people would be taking the van.

13) **Celebrate Milton:** The event is Sunday, October 5 from 12-4pm, with set-up beginning at 11am. Pat is looking for more volunteer help. Vicki has supplied posters and postcards to bring to the event.

14) **Ads:** Program book and reciprocal ads: The "Inherit the Wind" cast has gotten copies of the ad sheet. They have gotten one ad as of September 29. October 22 is the deadline. Erin is working on getting reciprocal ads. Frank, Dawn and Vicki will make calls.

Ad forms are online. Pat will bring some to Celebrate Milton. Dawn requests that everyone email the ads to her so she can keep them organized and make sure they get in the program. Dawn will remind cast of the deadline.

15) **Letter for Bill Haynes:** It was determined the Board would talk about this in depth later.

16) **EMACT adjudication:** The Players have renewed their membership, motioning to opt out of the adjudication process. Erin will write to EMACT stating why this decision was made.

17) **New Business:** Frank has received a response to a letter he had written to the Women's Club about a grant proposal. They will look at grant applications in November.

Dawn will apply for a Milton Cultural Council grant for body mics. She will also write a proposal to the Stoughton library, who is looking for a small theater group to perform dramatic pieces of approximately one hour long. It was suggested to either bring something from each of the three shows in the season or do something like Milton Reads. Dawn will research for more information and send out an email to the Board.

18) **Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm at the Milton Yacht Club.

Meeting ended 9:00pm