

**Vaud-Villities Productions
Board of Trustees
Meeting of October 29, 2007**

MINUTES

Present: Lynda Eckard, Les Lash, Marilyn Lash, Donna Lehr, Katie Maliwesky, Tricia Privette, Paul Sabine, Carolyn Smith, Kent Stuckey, Frank Timmons

Guests: Doug Lash, Scott Voelker, Terry Timmons

Absent: Toni Auch, Connie Bauer, Herb Johnston, Scott Jones, Meg Kelley, Christian Laver, Jackie Miller, John Poole, Bob Potts, Sonny Whitehead

Chairman Kent Stuckey opened the meeting at 6:12 pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Donna moved to approve the Minutes of the September 25 meeting. Lynda seconded and the motion passed.

Finance:

The October 26 statement reflects a year-end operating surplus of \$8,870, although there are overdue bills totaling \$21,532, including 5 months rent. The initial 2008 budget needs revision to bring it into balance if we are to have any hope of success with grant organizations. The Executive Committee will review the line item comparison prepared by Tricia and recommend adjustments to at least reflect break even in 2008.

Artistic Director:

Solo auditions had a good turnout, but chorus auditions were disappointingly small. We've had some holiday performance offers, but none that will pay a fee. Vaud-Villities people have been performing today at two "Meet the Candidates" events. The 2008 Vets contract has been received.

Business Manager:

1. Marilyn expressed concern that we may have to refund advance ticket purchases if the spring show is unable to go on. After discussion, Frank moved that all ticket received be secured into a separate escrow fund until such time as we are sure that we can begin rehearsals at NPAC in January. Lynda seconded and the motion passed.
2. Paul reported that a 30-second video PSA for cast recruitment is now under development.

Facilities:

Carolyn reported that we are just about ready for the final fire inspection which will be scheduled as soon as possible. Our change-of-use application is on schedule, and we will soon have bids from two contractors for the wall/door work and the upgrades to the fire suppression system.

Officers:

Met on October 9 to plan Kickoff and orientation. On November 14, we will have 40 singers doing the entertainment and the governor's statehouse holiday tree lighting ceremony. The MediGold performance netted us \$500. John has met with Maude Hill to explore ways of recruiting vocal talent from African-American choirs and singing groups.

New Business:

Frank moved that he be authorized to forward to the cast, at his discretion, messages from the Theatre Roundtable, prefacing each with a statement that Vaud-Villities is an active member of this organization.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

*Next meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church,
414 E. North Broadway*

NOTE: If you cannot attend this meeting, please notify Paul Sabine at 614-794-9177, or email at psabine@earthlink.net. Thank you.

Paul Sabine
Secretary