



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday, 30th April 2007, 8.00 pm
28 Huntingdon Road, Brampton

PRESENT: Michael Black, Caroline Harbord, John Morgan, Ronald Stevenson, Ann Monk, Ray Livermore, Mark Lamberth

1. **APOLOGIES:** Carol Wadey, Peter Welsh, Richard Meredith
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Agreed
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** (*items not elsewhere on agenda*) No progress has been made on PayPal – to be carried forward. Cost of joining NODA is £50 so **CW** is getting the forms. The donation to the Commemoration hall for lighting is on hold as it is unclear how much they are now spending.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Bank balance is £4,657 although roughly £1,200 is still to go out for expenses on *Joking Apart*. Insurance certificate has arrived and needs to be shown to the Town Council. Forms to change signatories were handed out.
5. **SPRING PRODUCTION:** **RS** and **JM** reported that the production went very well and positive feedback was received. It was noted that care should be taken in future to invite everyone involved with the play to the after show party as someone was omitted. Also noted that programme cost was high at 50p per programme, and this was due to printing locally and using up print cartridges. **RS** to write an article for the newsletter.
6. **SUMMER PRODUCTION:** **JM** reported that rehearsals for *A Murder is Announced* are going well. Only two venues have been secured. Tickets are on sale for the Medway Centre at £5 (£3). Kelly Mason will be invited to submit an article for the newsletter. **JM** will take rehearsal photos.
7. **AUTUMN PRODUCTION:** The read-through for *Jane Eyre* will take place as soon as possible after the summer production, with rehearsals starting in September. It was agreed to continue rehearsals in Brampton for both cost and convenience for the majority of members.
8. **2008 PRODUCTIONS:** The following dates have been secured at the Commemoration Hall: 3rd – 5th April and 6th – 8th November.
9. **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**
 - 9.1 *Blood Brothers* is being performed by the Huntingdon Youth Theatre at the Commemoration Hall next week.
 - 9.2 On June 30th we are invited to attend an open day at the Medway centre. **CW** is preparing a display. We need 3-4 people to take part.
 - 9.3 We are invited to perform at the Huntingdonshire Food Festival at Wood Green in September. They are looking for a new short play on the subject of food hygiene. It was decided to decline.
 - 9.4 It was proposed to hold a play-reading in late July and hold it outside.
 - 9.5 **RS** will be putting on a barbecue at the end of the summer as has become traditional.
 - 9.6 **CH** will host a DVD evening in late May.
10. **NODA:** **CW** is arranging this.

- 11. DISPLAY BOARDS:** **CW** has proposed that we purchase a set of display boards as we have borrowed in the past and were let down during the Spring production. **CW** to propose spec and costs and discuss the possibility of making them ourselves with Chris Hunnam. If cost is over £100 plus VAT to refer back to committee.
- 12. CLUB ASSETS:** In the next newsletter we will ask club members to let us know if they are holding any assets such as props or costumes on behalf of the club. This will allow us to inventory them properly. **AM** to be the contact.
- 13. NEWSLETTER:** Articles to be submitted as covered above.
- 14. WEBSITE:** **RL** suggested that we investigate the payment mechanism being used by the Youth Theatre instead of Pay Pal. To provide details to **JM**.
- 15. CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- 16. AOB:** **ML** requested suggestions of recommended reading to put in the newsletter. **MB** advised that Rachael Orchard had won two tickets to the Arts Picture house in Cambridge and donated them to the club. It was agreed to use them as a raffle prize at the next production.
- 17. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.** Monday 11th June at Caroline's. 8pm.

CH
7th May 2007