



# Artistry Community Theatre, Inc.

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## *President's Report ~ October 18, 2020*

- 2020 Season
  - o Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our 2020 Season and benefits have been cancelled / postponed.
  - o *[title of show]* has been postponed until 2021. Plattsburgh City Hall has requested that we reach out at the beginning of the year. They have concerns about ventilation and bathroom accessibility for performances under COVID restrictions.
  
- Grant
  - o The local arts council grant is supposed to be accepting applications at this time. However, no further information has been given. Fred Balzac stated that he would reach out once applications were being accepted.
  - o I had a very good conversation with Fred about the grants. He and I came up with a plan for receiving funds. We discussed creating a workshop designed for young directors. They would apprentice under me as well as take classes in directing designed by me. Money could be used to fund productions and pay me for my teaching.
  
- Fundraising
  - o Michael sent out a document outlining his thinking re: fundraising. We have not done a fund drive in early 2020.
  
- Hollywood Theater in AuSable Forks
  - o I spoke with the new owners of the Hollywood Theater in AuSable Forks. They are interested in working with us. The purchase has not been finalized at this time.
  
- Policies
  - o A committee was formed and met to create policies around auditions. They have been included.
  
- The Operating Budget
  - o There is now no need to revisit the budget to revise it for all the benefits.
  
- Reporting
  - o In an effort to expedite meetings, all personnel are asked to submit Board reports, agenda items, and any pertinent information at least 1-week before the Board meeting. Information can then be processed ahead of time with questions asked and answered before meetings. I would like to scale down the length of the Board meetings if at all possible. Reporting in advance should cut out time used for reading minutes, reports, and other paperwork.

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## - Telephone

- o At this time, ACT does not have a working phone number as the 8899 number will be discontinued in the coming weeks. Very few phone calls occurred during our first 3 years in existence. Do we need one since most communication is occurring via email and Facebook? Or should we designate a person and use their personal number during shows?

## - 2021 Season

- o *[title of show]*, if possible, will be presented during this upcoming season. Ideally, presented during the summer and not in a school setting.
- o A huge "Thank you!" goes to Linda who has stepped up into the play selection chair position. It is not an easy job as many criteria need to be considered when selecting a new season. On top of that, add in COVID restrictions, it makes things virtually impossible.
- o ACT did receive proposals from two individuals interested in directing shows for us next season.
- o The Town of AuSable park project is underway and will hopefully be an option for outdoor performances in the future.
- o AVCS has expressed an interest in hosting outdoor performances next summer. This idea is in the infancy stage with few logistics worked out at this time. AVCS is a beautiful venue, but show selection will need to be narrowed to be appropriate in a school setting.
- o At this time, I recommend that the Board take "No Action" on next season. With the ongoing global pandemic, it makes things incredibly difficult to plan especially with no permanent home.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES & CONSIDERATIONS:

### - Next Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_, 2020 at \_\_\_\_\_pm, Town Hall at 111 AuSable Street, Keeseville, NY 12944

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