



FRONT AND CENTRE

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Newsletter of the Hanover Community Players

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Sleeping Beauty, the Panto



Sleeping Beauty, the Panto Hanover Community Players, Winter 2019

Well, what a result for our first Panto! Everyone worked together as a team, led by Joey, and made it a success. Audiences loved it! Maybe we should do it again? Thank you, as always, to our wonderful volunteers (including theatre parents) who worked so hard to put it together. There are too many to mention but we think you realize just how hard it can be and many hands helped to lighten the load. The adjudicator, Mark Mooney, was impressed that it was our first panto!



Mix and Mingle

This was our first one for a Christmas play and we feel it was a good function to have. We are hopeful that people will realize it is available on the Opening Night of each of our plays and get in the habit of attending before the performance. The Hanover Lions Club, our partners, are wonderful to work with.

Memberships

These come due August 31st, 2020. Don't forget to renew!



By Norm Foster, April 24-26, May 1-3, 2020. Directed by Anne Marie Watson and Randy Corfield. (who also plays Sam Fluck). Set in 1956, this comedy takes place in one afternoon in Hilda's backyard. Hilda and Sam Fluck have finally launched the kids and plan to enjoy some quality time together but life has a way of changing quickly! The cast includes: Linda Lloyd McKenzie as Hilda, her son Gary, Deitder Stadnyk; daughter Janey, Jody Middleton; Bobbi, Gary's girlfriend, Mandi Craddock and Jared McDonald as Beverly, the bookie.

If you have costumes that might relate to 1956, please let us know!

Dinner Theatre

Grace United Church and St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church will be partnering with us to offer Dinner before Hilda's Yard on two Saturdays, April 25th and May 2nd. An excellent way to make it an evening out for friends and family. More information will follow.

Online Ticket Sales

These went quite well with 2/3 of our tickets being bought online. In the spring, we will partner with the Hanover Public Library to allow those people who phone in for tickets an opportunity to pay and pick them up in the library as it is open 7 days a week.

New Ticket Prices

At the November 20th meeting the Board approved, 9-1, an increase in ticket prices. Our tickets have remained the same for many years but increased expenses for facility rental and other items have made it necessary to boost prices. The new rates in the spring will be: Adult \$20.00, Youth 13-18 \$16.00 and Children 12 and under \$8.00. These are still very low rates for quality entertainment in the area.

Annual General Meeting

This meeting, held on November 20th and open to all, updated the Constitution and By-laws and reviewed the annual Financial Statement. Ticket sales, donations and program ad sales were good while increased facility rentals and the purchase of a new computer highlighted the expense side. The statement showed a good balance to take us into the new year.

The annual budget for 2019-2020 (we have a split year) was presented. Again, major increases will be experienced in facility rentals, and lighting operator fees payable to the town. As well, the cost of our online ticketing program had to be included. Our plan to produce a major musical will also result in a cost of approximately \$6,000 Canadian in royalties. Both the financial statement and the budget were passed unanimously.

The Chair's Annual Report was highlighted. Some items of note:

- Partnerships—Hanover Lions Club, Grace United Church, St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hanover Sights and Sounds Kidz Talent Contest
- The Little Box Office in UK was chosen as our online provider
- Nico Masse of esite Creations helped us rebrand and update our website; continued presence on Facebook and in media
- Portable advertising banners, more red vests, new name tags for board and ushers
- Wonderful support from businesses to place ads in programs
- Donations: \$500 RESPs to Kidz Talent Contest, \$1,380 to Hanover Salvation Army, \$825 for new black doorway drape in theatre (total of \$17,300 donated to theatre over past 13 years).
- Association memberships in Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Western Ontario Drama League
- HCP continues to offer input to the town for upgrades to the theatre in the coming years.
- Ongoing involvement with Culture Plan for the Town of Hanover
- Adjudications for Christmas shows



Membership Fees

These continue to fluctuate with the number of cast members in a play. HCP would like to encourage people to continue their membership past one show as each one helps us to offset costs. Better yet, a Sustaining Membership each year also gives a tax receipt. More members in a group help to provide a wider range of input.

Upcoming Auditions

May 13th or 14th for the 2020 Christmas show (which will be announced in the next month)

MAMMA MIA! **October 19th or 21st** for the Spring 2021 Show— Director Sam Los, Stage Managers Jenn Hillier, Randy Corfield.

The Board for 2020-2021 as of November 20, 2019.

Acting Chair: Marg Poste
Vice Chair: Stephen Ferguson
Treasurer: Dianne Mather
Secretary: Sherri DeGroot

Directors at Large

Amanda Brown
Randy Corfield
Nathan Heuchan
Ed Hotchkiss
Lynn Jollymore
Sam Los
Linda Manchester



"Never mind the dramatics, Watkins. Just read the treasurer's report."

With Apologies to Dianne Mather

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