

Kingsley Players meeting, Tuesday 11 July 2017, Red Bull pub

Present - Colin Smith (*chair*), Jayne Barlow (*treasurer*), Lynn Pegler (*secretary*)
Jake Powell (*youth theatre*), Mary Lightfoot, Lesley Silcock, Jo Oultram, Audrey Boyle

Apologies - Fran Hamer, Malcolm Barker, Sue Elliott

Matters Arising

Concerns about restrictions of the Data Protection Act were noted. It was decided the way forward for KP was to continue to share information from other local groups as long as all communications to the wider membership lists are **blind copied** to everyone.

Treasurer's Report

J.B. reported bank account balances as follows –

£2,070.60 (*current account*)

£274.40 (*ring-fenced for the Kingsley Players Youth Theatre*)

£12,314.58 (*business account*)

Current Production

18 – 21 October 2017 – Goodnight Mr Tom

Jo (producer) reported that auditions had been held and the production was cast apart from one outstanding part. Malcolm to resolve on return from holidays. Production meeting scheduled for August.

Mary raised issues about the strain on members of doing two productions, particularly involving large casts, so close together. Joan has appealed for more help with costumes. Lynn to circulate a note round the membership asking for new volunteers (with sewing expertise) to come forward.

Ticket prices remain same as previous productions. Wed/Thu £7 (£6 concs), Fri/Sat £8.

Lynn to send banner contact details to Jo.

Future Productions

13 – 16 December 2017 – Cinderella

Colin Smith has written this play and will be the Director, with input from the Musical Director – Arnold Ashbrook, who has written the music/songs. Jo Oultram will be

the Producer. Colin to start the audition process early September. He has confirmed that he will aim for a different cast to Mr Tom so as not to overlap. Will be setting up script workshop meeting with Lynn, Malc and Neil very soon.

May 2018 – How The Other Half Loves

Nothing to report.

Previous note: Malcolm Barker will be directing this play. He is awaiting permission from Samuel French; the play is currently being performed by a professional group, so there is a delay.

M.B. stated that should permission NOT be forthcoming, then he has an alternative play – ‘Lend me a Tenor’, which had roughly the same size cast, but features music. M.B. will report on progress to a future meeting.

October 2018 – Pride & Prejudice

Directed by Kelly White. Nothing to report.

January 2019

Lynn has offered to direct a ‘big musical’ – perhaps *Annie*. Looking at possible productions now.

Allo ‘Allo Performances

Nothing to report.

Kingsley Players Youth Theatre

J.P. gave an update on the K.P. Youth Theatre. (The team consists of Jake Powell and Alex Dedman with Zoe Sherlock and Emily as the ‘young leaders’.)

20 places available for a special trip to the Storyhouse production *Alice in Wonderland* in Chester’s Grosvenor Park organised for Sunday 16 July. Workshop (12-2pm) Performance (4.30pm). Children paying a £5 contribution. Workshop is costing £200 plus cost of tickets.

Arabian Nights – performance Sat 28 March, matinee and evening.

Performing rights for two performances are £180. Planning auditions for Sunday 17 December. Start rehearsals in January 2018. Yvette Owen (Ashton Hayes) has offered to help with props and costumes from her previous production.

Jake researching the benefits of joining the National Association of Youth Theatres. They run courses and workshops. Fee £40. Lesley suggested there may also be links through NODA.

Capital Expenditure

Most large items of expenditure completed. Only outstanding projects are the black-out blinds and proscenium arch blinds. Colin to make enquiries. Malc to update for next meeting.

CTG Awards Evening 19 July

Nominations in six categories. Colin congratulated all nominees. Results to be shared afterwards with wider membership.

Any Other Business

Mary confirmed she had assisted Val from Zodiacs with child protection procedures.

Lesley will ask NODA to cover Cinderella. Also CTG – Mr Tom and Cinderella

Jayne continuing to sort out online banking forms.

Colin suggested we might like to offer KP branded T shirts to members. He will pick up with Sue C.

Date of next Kingsley Players' Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8 August 2017, 7pm, Red Bull pub in Kingsley.