General Meeting – May 11, 2014
Meeting called to order at – 12:04
19 of 33 voting members present

- Officer Reports
  - President
    - Extra Performance with Troy Night Out
    - Side show over family Weekend
    - Rewrote constitution and bylaws
    - Tried to do independent scene night which fell through
    - Tried to plan event for 85th season but this did not advance
    - Considered having murder mystery dinner
    - Had the normal productions
    - We had many producers put in this year
    - Publicity got better and better throughout the year
    - We had more communication with other clubs especially the Poly, RPI TV, UPAC, RPI Ballroom
    - Met with PU and GM candidates before elections
  - Business Manager
    - The Year in Review
      - Current business manager elected in February
      - Understanding of how to better organize things for next semester
      - Ran into some issues with accompanists because of Union policies
        - Now better equipped to know how to handle this next year
    - The Plan for the Future
      - Pizza for next year
        - Going to be in contact with PU to get a budget
        - If this is not possible, might be able to tack it on to production budget
        - Possible to ask alumni for donations to fund it
        - Possible to make an exchange with Big Apple (ads for pizza)
  - Technical Director
    - We got the lobby painted last summer
    - Acquired new furniture from Union
- Card access was implemented
- New costume racks
- Gas grill on porch
- Completed new curtains reserve line
- Had Genericon and Rusty Pipes show in Union this year
- Other general operations went as normal
- We never got new chairs
  - This is on the new TD’s list

  o Membership Chair
    - We had three closing night parties
    - Changes to party
      - Party monitors
      - Guest list
    - Had normal membership events including apple picking
    - Had one TIPS training session
    - Had Membership Committee meetings mostly in the first half of the year
    - Had picnic last week

  o Secretary-Historian
    - Posters for last season were framed
      - They should be framed earlier next season
    - VIP comp. tickets went out as usual
      - These should also go out earlier, preferably two or three weeks before tech week
      - Perhaps send out season comp. tickets to VVIPs
    - Show selection went well
      - More discussion would be helpful
    - The office was not kept very clean, but this has been improving

  - Season Publicity
    - We advertised shows
    - We replaced a marquee
    - Met with Holly to talk about advertising on campus
    - Mason elected as new publicity director
    - Changed how publicity director works
      - Mason will coordinate whole season and take assistants each season
Working on getting a google drive of publicity information to pass down

- **Member Feedback and Discussion**
  - Will there be an 85th season event?
    - We have not planned anything yet
    - If there will be, it would have to be towards the end of the season
    - We could consider hosting something for alumni weekend
      - This is the second weekend of October
      - We currently have work party on the schedule
    - Could have a special performance of the musical for it
      - Possibly have an social event beforehand
  - The idea of having an assistant musical director
    - This person would help the musical director assemble a pit orchestra but not be involved with the casting side of things
  - Are there any current reserve funds for renovations to the building?
    - We do not believe so
    - This concern was about seeing the dressing room redone
    - Requests for specific fixes are best done for the summer
  - Positive feelings toward the modifications we made to work party towards the end of the year
  - Would be nice to see more acting opportunities in the fall, more than the main stage show and side show
    - No specific ideas
    - If we want to do theater, B-Rad’s said they would give us a discount on catering
    - A scene night or a shake and bake would be good
    - Also possibility of “theater slam” (not during finals)
      - This might be good for alumni weekend
      - We have not done this for a while because there was little interest in acting, but it was also during study days
      - This has come up several times at Membership Committee meetings, but logistically it is hard to block out 24 hours for people
      - Could do it over an extended period of time instead of 24-48 hours
  - Positive feelings toward shift in thinking about publicity as everyone’s duty
  - Possible to implement a reward system for people participating in Players’ events (ex: fill out all the tasks on a card, get a Players shot glass)
- Might not have the funding for this for a while
  - Tech workshops worked poorly this year, but they could be very useful
    - Feeling expressed that they should be shorter
    - AYW in the fall will have a two weekend long workshop series
      - They are looking for people to host or help with workshops
      - Suggestion that workshops be more interactive and hands-on
    - We tend to schedule workshops to overlap, which is bad idea if people want to attend more than one
  - How do alumni stay informed about what is happening with us?
    - We need to rethink how we are doing this
    - If someone wants to stay on the announcement list, email the Secretary-Historian
    - Maybe sending out a monthly email to interested alumni
  - How do we get on the list for the Old Timer Newsletter?
    - There is form to fill out online to fill out

Meeting Adjourned at – 12:39