

# Community Players Monthly Meeting Agenda for May 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

## **Committee Reports**

Concessions	Brenda Allen
Facilities Management	Ken Johnson
Fundraising	Matt Bogdan
Grants	Matt Bogdan
Historical	Bonnie Bosies
Hospitality	Rusty Mumford
House	Betsy Metzger
Lifetime Achievement Awards	Pete Cuesta
Marketing	Rusty Mumford
Membership	Melissa Dasher
Nominating	Sharon Benchoff
Patrons	Kel Nagel
Performance Space	Kel Nagel
Production	Matt Bogdan
Program	Tom Robinson
Program Advertising	Tom Robinson
Publicity	Debby Nagel
Scholarship	Lynne Bratten
Season Tickets & Box Office	Darrell Mullins & Rusty Mumford
Social Media	Kate Adkins

## **Old Business**

*Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* – Final Update

*Harlem Renaissance* – Final Update

*Kidd Me, Kate* – Update

Children's Summer Theatre Camp

Other

## **New Business**

Hiring Architect

Fire Door

Restroom Signs

Scholarship Help

Ridgeway Costumes

Maryland Charitable Registration

Nominations for Officers and Board

Other

Next Meeting – June 5 at 7:00 PM

## Committee Reports for the May 1, 2024 Meeting

### Concessions:

Brenda Allen reported as follows:

1. Concessions from V&S&M&S netted a profit of \$178.
2. This week guests that attended the Harlem Renaissance enjoyed their treats and showed appreciation with donations of over \$100 in addition to their ticket price, in just the three days.
3. Next month we will be popping popcorn for the movie night.

### Facilities Management:

Lynne Bratten reported as follows:

1. Wardrobe Wednesdays will resume starting in July. Several years ago during the summer all costumes were organized by decades, sizes etc. Due to the recent water issues, everything is out of place, but still usable. We will work around the summer workshop, as needed.
2. Long-Time friend of Players, Sallie Ridgway, is selling her home place and has offered Players any and all of her collection. I have some items in my garage already, but her collection is massive. I look forward to hearing from you on a possible way forward on this offer. She is reaching out to other performance organizations and most of the groups we have a relationship of shared usage, but there are massive collections of suits, period clothing, and really cool stuff! Pictures of her storage barn and exterior are attached,

### Fundraising: Matt Bogdan reported as follows:

1. A 50/50 raffle was held at the *Vanya, etc.* shows. We raised \$592. Thanks go to those who helped with this fundraiser.
2. *The Harlem Renaissance: A Celebration of the Arts* was held April 26-28. It was well received and featured a diverse cast, which led to a diverse audience. Ticket sales were \$1290, with 38 in attendance on Friday, 44 in attendance on Saturday, and 47 in attendance on Sunday, with an overall attendance of 129. Concession sales were \$146, and bookmark sales (bookmarks donated by Judy Hearn...thanks, Judy!) were \$220. Ernie Matthews, who in memory of his wife Elizabeth, sponsored the show at \$200, and two programs ads totaled \$100. Gross income for the show was \$1956. Expenses, which included cast gifts, cast party, and set pieces, totaled \$350. Net profit for the show was \$1606. Thanks go to the band, the cast, and the crew for their time and effort.
3. Matt Bogdan will be seeking funds at Sobos on Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. from the organization Wicomico Women Who Care. Lynne Bratten made Matt aware of this potential fundraiser.
4. A Movie Night will be held on May 18 with the showing of Buster Keaton's "The General," a remarkable 1926 silent film classic considered by some to be the greatest comedy of all-time. The plot involves Johnnie, played by Buster Keaton, who loves his train ("The General") and Annabelle. When the Civil War begins, he is turned down for service because

he's more valuable as an engineer. Annabelle thinks it's because he's a coward. Union spies capture The General with Annabelle on board. Johnnie must rescue both his loves. Tickets are \$5, cash or check, and available at the door. Social hour begins at 7. Movie begins at 8. Matt Bogdan is the coordinator.

5. The *Guest Bartender* fundraiser will be held June 6 from 5-9 p.m. at Brew River with Shelbie Thompson as the coordinator.
6. A 50/50 raffle will be held at the *Kiss Me, Kate!* shows in June.
7. *Trivia Night* will be held on June 28 at 7 p.m. with Sharon Benchoff as the coordinator.
8. A Musical Review entitled *Show Stoppers* will be held July 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m. at Players. Many of the songs will very upbeat. Tickets will be \$10. Auditions for the show will be held June 25 and June 26 at 7 p.m. at Players. Rusty Mumford is the coordinator.
9. *Trivia Night* will be held on July 19 at 7 p.m. with Sharon Benchoff as the coordinator.
10. *Trivia Night* will be held on August 30 at 7 p.m. with Sharon Benchoff as the coordinator.
11. *World War II: A Tribute* will be held September 13 and September 14 at 7 p.m. and September 15 at 2 p.m. with a live band playing Glenn Miller music and other WWII music, as well as slides and dramatic readings. The format will be similar to the Harlem Renaissance show. Tickets will be \$10, with partial proceeds to support WW II veterans. Matt Bogdan is the coordinator.
12. *Trivia Night* will be held September 27 at 7 p.m. with Sharon Benchoff as the coordinator.
13. The October fundraiser will be the Poe show. Performances will be October 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Possum Point Players in Georgetown, Delaware, October 19 from 7-9 at the Snow Hill Firehouse in Snow Hill, October 20 from 2-4 p.m. at Players Playhouse in Salisbury, October 25 from 7-9 p.m. at Players Playhouse in Salisbury, October 26 from 7-9 p.m. at Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury, and October 27 from 2-4 p.m. at Players Playhouse in Salisbury. Tickets are \$10. Matt Bogdan is the coordinator. This will be the fourth year of the production.
14. The November fundraiser is Giving Tuesday with Sharon Benchoff as the coordinator.
15. Another November fundraiser will be the 50/50 raffle at *Guys and Dolls* shows.
16. The December fundraiser will be the radio play *It's a Wonderful Life* with Matt Bogdan as the coordinator.
17. If anyone has ideas for fundraisers or would like to coordinate or help coordinate a fundraiser, please let Matt know.

#### Grants:

1. We received a grant of \$6,435 from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore so that we can install a fire door from the dressing room to the main stage. The check has been received by treasurer Charlie Linton.
2. I continued to work on the Operating Grant for SWAC, which is due June 7, as well as the final report for our current SWAC grant, which is due June 30. I will be attending the SWAC luncheon in June.
3. I am still waiting to hear back from the Beach to Bay Heritage Area in which I requested a grant of \$96,753 for renovations to our building.
4. I am still waiting to hear back from the Maryland State Arts regarding the grant request of

5. \$222,864 for renovations to our building. I was told that the notification of acceptance will take place in April. I did see that it is in panel review.
6. I am working on a grant from the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation. Stephen Engler, a Players' member, is a Perdue associate who is endorsing the grant request.

Historical: TBA

Hospitality: TBA

House: Nothing to report.

Lifetime Achievement Award: TBA

Marketing: TBA

Membership: Nothing to report.

Nominating:

1. Sharon Benchoff has submitted a provisional ballot identifying nominations up to this point. Those nominations are as follows:

Nominee for Vice President:	Darrell Mullins
Nominee for Recording Secretary:	Melissa Dasher
Nominee for Corresponding Secretary:	Rusty Mumford (Continuing)
Nominee for Treasurer:	Charlie Linton (Continuing)

Nominees For Board of Directors (you may vote for no more than 3):

David Allen  
Kim Cuesta  
Pete Cuesta  
Betsy Metzger  
Kel Nagel  
Sky Osborne  
Charlie Szentesi-Thomas

2. Nominations can come from the floor to be added to the ballot.
3. Voting will take place at the June meeting.

Patrons: TBA

Performance Space:

Kel Nagel reported that we will discuss the building, the architect and the door into the costume room.

Production: TBA

Program: TBA

Program Advertising: TBA

Publicity: TBA

Scholarship:

Lynne Bratten reported as follows:

1. The community players scholarship award can be presented at Pocomoke High School on May 23 at 7 PM to the student from that school. As I will not be in town, I am looking for someone to represent Community Players. Details. - May 23, Location - Pocomoke High School, Time - 7 PM. Presenters are asked to arrive by 6:45 PM. Guidance will notify the family that their student is getting an award. See attached poster
2. The second award will be presented at the student's graduation ceremony in May with family, friends and others in attendance. I will represent Players at that event. Family has been notified.
3. Presentation for both students at a community players event is something I would like to do...perhaps at the opening of Kiss Me Kate.

Season Tickets/Box Office:

Darrell Mullins reported that 544 tickets were sold throughout the run of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*.

Social Media:

Kate Adkins reported as follows:

1. We continue to post daily about upcoming events, productions, and players in general on Facebook and Instagram.
2. Please send any photos, artwork, graphics for any promotional or production so we are able to have consistency for our audiences.
3. I will be posting our next season as soon as I receive the posters from the directors and promotional committee.





POCOMOKE HIGH SCHOOL

YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO THE

2024

SENIOR AWARDS  
NIGHT

MAY 23

AT 7:00 PM

PRESENTERS TO ARRIVE  
NO LATER THAN 6:45PM  
POCOMOKE AUDITORIUM

R.S.V.P to Pocomoke Guidance  
410-632-5190 or [mkcorbin@worcesterk12.org](mailto:mkcorbin@worcesterk12.org)



**COMMUNITY PLAYERS OF SALISBURY - 2024 BALLOT as of April 25th**

**NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT:**

Darrell Mullins

**NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Melissa Dasher

**NOMINEE FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Rusty Mumford (continuing)

**NOMINEE FOR TREASURER:**

Charlie Linton (continuing)

**NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (you may vote for no more than 3)**

David Allen

Betsy Metzger

Charlie Szentesi-Thomas

Kim Cuesta

Kel Nagel

Pete Cuesta

Skye Osborne

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ OR Membership number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**All adult members (18 and over) whose dues are paid for 2023-2024 may vote.**

(Individual, Family, Patrons)

This ballot may be copied so that all adult members may vote.

Mail your completed ballot to: Community Players – PO Box 2431 – Salisbury, MD 21802  
or drop off in the Ballot Box on the front porch at Players, 5109 Nutters Cross Rd. Salisbury

**All ballots must be received by June 4, 2024**