

Community Players of Salisbury

Monthly Meeting Agenda

May 6, 2026

Call to Order

Approval of April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports

- Concessions: Brenda Allen
- Costume Committee\*: Lynne Bratten
  - \*Needs to be approved as a formal committee
- Facilities Management: Ken Johnson
- Fundraising: Matt Bogdan
- Grants: Matt Bogdan
- Historical: Bonnie Bosies
- Hospitality: Rusty Mumford
- House: Betsy Metzger
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Sharon Benchoff
- Marketing: Rusty Mumford
- Membership: Melissa Dasher
- Nominating: Sharon Benchoff
- Patrons: Kel Nagel
- Performance Space: Kel Nagel
- Production: Kyle Hayes
- Program/Program Advertising
- Publicity: Pete Cuesta
- Scholarship: Lynne Bratten
- Tickets/Season Tickets/Box Office: Rusty Mumford
- Social Media: Cass Dasher/Mary Cathell

Old Business

Website Update-Darrell Mullins

Capital Campaign Committee Update-Darrell Mullins and Kim Cuesta

Ad Hoc Committee for Special Productions Approval Process-Darrell Mullins

Other Old Business

New Business

Summer Performance Opportunity at the Ampitheatre-Darrell Mullins

2026 Nonprofit Summit Report-Lynne Bratten

Online Membership/Application-Melissa Dasher

Building Cleaning Issue-Darrell Mullins

Nominations for Board of Directors and Officers-Sharon Benchoff

“1776” Production Liaison-Sharon Benchoff

Other New Business

Adjournment

# Committee Reports for May 6, 2026

**Concessions - Brenda Allen - No Report**

**Costumes – Lynne Bratten - No Report**

**Facilities Management - Ken Johnson - No Report**

## **Fundraising - Matt Bogdan**

1. The 50/50 raffle held at the performances of *Old Hams* raised \$1185. Thanks to all who helped with this raffle, as well as audience members who participated. The raffle will be held again at 1776 performances.
2. The Friendly Feud fundraiser that was to be held at the end of April has been cancelled due to lack of teams willing to participate.
3. We will be holding a silent auction in the lobby of Wicomico High School Auditorium during the performances of 1776. Please consider contributing an item, gift card, or gift certificate to support the auction. Contact Matt Bogdan at 443-235-3272 or [oceancityhappyme@aol.com](mailto:oceancityhappyme@aol.com) if you would like to contribute.
4. Another fundraiser is the production of *America 250: A Birthday Celebration*, to be held June 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. and June 28 at 2 p.m. at Community Players' Theater. The show is sponsored by the Wicomico Historical Society in cooperation with Community Players of Salisbury. The Wicomico Historical Society is contributing \$850 to pay for the band and road signs for the event. Expectations are that they will donate \$1000 to Players since they are using our theater for the show. Admission is free; donations are encouraged. Auditions were held May 3.

## **Grants - Matt Bogdan**

1. The Maryland Heritage Areas Program has awarded Community Players \$10,000 for the production of *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*. The project is a documentary in play format featuring the key events in Frederick Douglass' life. Addressed will be his years on the Eastern Shore, as well as Baltimore and other areas throughout the world. Also, the project will emphasize the impact Frederick Douglass had on the abolitionist movement and social reform, using Douglass' speeches, dramatic readings, songs, and slides to show how he became the most important leader of the movement for African-American civil rights in the 19th century. Performances of the play will be held at various venues on the Shore during 2027 and 2028. Players thanks the Maryland Heritage Areas Program for its support.
2. As a reminder, Players has received \$2400 from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to pay for counselor stipends and \$1000 from Coastal Association of Realtors to pay for other costs associated to the workshop. Lynne Bratten is approaching the Salisbury Optimist Club, asking for a \$1000 donation to help with costs of the T-shirts for workshop participants.
2. As a reminder, Players has been awarded a \$150,000 Challenge Grant from the Richard A. Henson Foundation so that Players can complete renovations on the Community Players' Theater at 5109 Nutters Cross Road in Salisbury. Renovations include installing handicapped bathrooms, dressing rooms, and costume storage. In order for Players to receive the \$150,000, we need to raise \$150,000. One way to donate to this worthy cause is to go to our website at [Sbyplayers.org](http://Sbyplayers.org). On the home page click on the donate button which takes you to the Players' Capital Campaign page. There, donations can be made by credit or debit card. If you prefer to write a check, make the check out to Community Foundation of The Eastern Shore, with Community Players' Capital Campaign fund on the memo line. Mail the check to Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804. All donations will be acknowledged and tracked by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, who will verify compliance with IRS and other regulations. Your donation will be instrumental in helping the Community Players' mission of

encouraging education, interest, and participation in theater and providing quality theatrical productions for local audiences. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kel Nagel, Capital Campaign Chairperson, at 410-726-0670.

**Historical - Bonnie Bosies** - No Report

**Hospitality - Rusty Mumford** - No Report

**House - Betsy Metzger** - No Report

**Lifetime Achievement Awards – Sharon Benchoff** - Nothing to report

**Marketing – (Chairperson needed)** - No Report

**Membership - Melissa Dasher** - On the agenda

**Nominating - Sharon Benchoff** - On the agenda

**Patrons - Kel Nagel** - No Report

**Performance Space - Kel Nagel** - No Report

**Production – Kyle Hayes** - No Report

**Program / Program Advertising - Tom Robinson** - No Report

**Publicity – Pete Cuesta** - No Report

**Scholarship - Lynne Bratten** - On the agenda

**Season Tickets & Box Office - Rusty Mumford** - No Report

**Social Media – Cass Dasher & Mary Cathell** - No Report