



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

Minutes

Held on Thursday 23 October 2014 & Pinner Village Hall @ 8.00pm

1. Apologies for absence

Margaret Burns, Bhanu Williams, Katherine Sayer, Simmon Hill, Mark & Greta Waters, Terry Bloch

Present

Mary Holness, Simon Cash (Chairman), Keith Bayross, Sue Cash, Michele Jenkins (Treasurer), Orla Beardswell, Tony Cash, Tim Hood, Keith Jenkins, Viv Cooper, Jackie Simeone (Secretary), Steve & Zoe Feasey, Bev Meyler, Jon Grunewald, Felicity Brown

2. Minutes of the meeting of 23 October 2013

Approved

3. Matters arising (not otherwise on the agenda)

4. Officers' reports

- a) Chairman's report
- b) Secretary's Report
- c) Treasurer's Report

5. Election of Officers

The Election of Officers took place as follows :-

Mary Holness has agreed to continue as our President

Simon Cash was re-elected as Chairman
proposed by Sue Cash, seconded by Tim Hood

Michele Jenkins was re-elected as Treasurer
proposed by Jon Grunewald, seconded by Orla Beardswell

Jackie Simeone was re-elected as Secretary
Proposed by Steve Feasey, seconded by Keith Bayross

Viv Cooper is stepping down from the committee

The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected/elected - Zoe Feasey, Mark Maguire, Sue Cash, Mark Waters. Tony was re-elected as Auditor.

6. Financial matters

- a) Ratification of subscription
Subscriptions will remain at £20 for members, £10 for students, £5 for friends.
- b) Ticket prices
Ticket prices were raised due to concern about rising costs. They will now remain at £10 for the foreseeable future
- c) Programme prices

These will remain the same at £1 each.

These were agreed on all 3 counts

7. 2014/2015 productions

November – *Arcadia* directed by Dave Erdos

Rehearsals are going well although attendance is down. It was felt that actors shouldn't put their names forward if they cannot commit to a play. Obviously if there is difficulty casting a production and someone kindly steps up, then that is a welcome exception.

Tim felt we had been short of available men – perhaps we should be looking to stretch slightly to incorporate both existing and new members

February – – *How the Other Half Loves* directed by Tony Cash

The May production is undecided – Love, Love, Love, Same Ole Moon and Are You Being Served, A Little Like Drowning are all options.

*UPDATE : The May production will be **Love Love Love (directed by Mark Maguire)***

8. Social and Fundraising

There will be the traditional PP Quiz in January, the trips to Watford theatre productions will continue, and the MLC band will hopefully continue its performances at social events.

There will be a late bar until 2am at the Christmas Party – and live music will allowed until 2am also.

9. Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed 9:15pm

Secretary

Jackie Simeone
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Chairman's Report

There were three 3 different plays this season; all farcical to some degree – Absurd Person Singular, directed by Mark Waters, What The Butler Saw directed by Simon and Present Laughter directed by Sue Cash.

Absurd Person Singular

It was all about the kitchens! Pulled from all over the country, 3 kitchens were summoned, made, painted, tweaked.. it was a mammoth performance but all looked different and real. This play also included two offstage performances and Orla's first performance on stage for Pinner Players, plus Denise who was driving in from Tunbridge Wells..! It was a very entertaining play which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

What the Butler Saw

3 notable performances in that Emma, Archie and Marco were all willing to take their clothes off – plus Archie and Marco wore dresses (nice legs lads) This was the second time it been produced at PP and it worked well in the round. Seating was well planned and the audience had a good view of everything.. Well done to all involved (who can forget Winston's cigar).

Present Laughter

Sinead Grady and Norman Stevenson made their first appearances and the third play of the season had some lovely costumes. The setting was well thought out and great performances were enjoyed by the audience.

Parts on offer this season were 25 – 22 members used and 2 new members.

Backstage

A committed team of people have steadily grown who are willing to take on the same roles time and again - Simmon Hill (sound), Chris Cooper (lighting), Terry Bloch (box office)– always having those three areas to cover which are three of the most difficult to fill. Mike Strudwick (artwork) now includes wife and son as well so it's a real family affair.

Regular programme maker Emma Berge has things running smoothly – even from St Lucia. One other consistent contributor is Orla – being on stage did not deter her from costume duties. Together with Laura, covering the Props and Costume they make it look so easy, but we know it's not. Michele Jenkins has taken on the role of Prompt twice this season with Sue prompting for What the Butler Saw.

Many thanks for all their hard work and keeping the home fires burning – it's much appreciated.

Simon Cash
Chairman

October 2014



Secretary's Report

Starting off the season was the Ladies that Lunch Christmas Special held at Bluecheck in Bushey which was a very enjoyable occasion, followed by the Christmas Party which was well attended with plenty of food and games – the eagerly awaiting Pass the Parcel went as expected, with everyone clutching the parcel a little too tightly and for slightly longer than is generally considered sociable in polite society, eventually being won by a very excited Melissa.

January heralded the return of the Quiz Night, which was won by Katherine's team – well done! The line of people making up the plates was very well organised – I think I did pickle. Socially, there have been various theatre outings, including visits to the Watford Theatre, but due to the inclement weather, a visit to the Open Air Theatre was not on the cards.

During the summer months, the usual play readings were held and several plays were highlighted as potentials for us to perform – assuming we can obtain licenses as we've had a few issues with that this season. Many thanks to those who held the readings as they continue to be a popular event in the PP calendar.

This brings me neatly to what I know will become another popular event.. the Mid Life Crisis band made their debut at the Summer BBQ and were a huge success! Together with guest performances from Katherine Sayer and Tony Cash, tunes were belted out effortlessly and there were even several groupies screaming their names and wearing the band's t-shirts – I was looking closely but I didn't see any underwear thrown, but the band are hopeful for their next performance. Luckily the rain stayed away and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Simon & Cindy for opening their home and garden up.

We have 101 members currently; 59 of which are full members together with 23 Friends, 7 Vice Presidents, a few Honorary members and 1 President. Our last season welcomed a handful of new people and we hope they stay with us for years to come.

Coming up is the Christmas party and although nothing has been confirmed, we're hoping MLC will make an appearance. Prior to that of course is the Wedding of the Year and we wish all the best to Simon & Cindy on their upcoming nuptials (yes I know.. and about time too I hear you say!).

This concludes the Secretary's Report!

Jackie Simeone
Secretary

October 2014

Treasurer's Report

The year ended with a surplus of £1,500.

Total outgoings for the year were £2,436. Key expenditure included rental of a garage for storage, a stage intercom system, insurance, general postage and the PPL licence. This year we incurred some website expenses down to the redesign and launch of our new website.

Total income for the year was £3,886, principally made up of the net surplus from our three productions, general income from subscriptions and donations, the Quiz night and the annual rebate from PADCA.

Each of our three productions finished in surplus, making a total of £2,105 for the season:

- Absurd Person Singular (Nov 2013) £265
- What the Butler Saw (Feb 2014) £450
- Present Laughter (May 2014) £1,391 (*See note below)

For all three productions, the two major costs continue to be the hire of the lounge for rehearsals (£780, £878, £740 respectively) and the hire of the hall for performances and occasional rehearsals (£525, £566.33, £525).

Ticket price was £9 a ticket for Absurd Person Singular and What the Butler Saw, but was increased to £10 a ticket for Present Laughter.

Absurd Person Singular

This production cost £3,895

Income was £4,160, made up of:

- 412 ticket sales generating £3,708
- FOH sales (programmes, coffee and ice cream) £312
- cast script contributions (performance fees) £50
- the two regular programme advertisements £90.

What the Butler Saw

This production cost £3,444 as detailed in the accounts,

Income was £3,894, made up of:

- 388 ticket sales generating £3,492
- FOH sales (programmes, coffee and ice cream) £262
- cast script contributions (performance fees) £50
- the two regular programme advertisements £90.

Present Laughter

This production cost £3,347 (*Note: £200 invoice for costume not yet received)

Income was £4,738, made up of:

- 424 ticket sales generating £4,240
- FOH sales (programmes, coffee and ice cream) £308
- cast script contributions (performance fees) £100
- the two regular programme advertisements £90.

This year we suffered the tragic loss of one of our longest standing and much loved members, Cliff Meyler, and his family very generously wished to give all donations in his memory to Pinner Players. To date we have received £1,759 in donations.

At the end of the year the Net Worth of the Company was £14,632, an increase of 13% over the previous year. (excluding the exceptional fund above).



This is represented by £7,124 in our Business Account, £7,138 in our Current Account, and a payment of £369 in advance for next season (licence and scripts for the November 2014 production of Arcadia).

As ticket prices were raised for the final production of this season to £10, it is not proposed to increase ticket prices for next year nor, for the sixth year in succession, to increase members' subscriptions.

Michele Jenkins
Treasurer

October 2014

PINNER PLAYERS THEATRE COMPANY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st August 2014

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENSES		INCOME	
AGM Expenses	£43.20	Bank Interest	£2.56
Flowers/Gifts/Tributes	£0.00	Donations	£260.00
Garage storage rental	£876.51	Lights Hire	£50.00
General postage expenses	£100.00	Miscellaneous income	£270.00
Insurance	£404.83	PADCA rebate	£104.40
Misc exps	£133.27	Production A - Absurd Person Singular	£264.67
PADCA Subscription	£40.00	Production B - What the Butler Saw	£450.47
Photographic expenses	£9.23	Production C - Present Laughter	£1,390.38
PPL Licence	£70.32	Quiz Evening	£289.07
Rostra staging	£0.00	Subscriptions	£855.00
Social Activities	£0.00		
Stage intercom system	£706.06		
Stationery expenses	£0.00		
Website expenses	£52.75		
Surplus/Deficit in the year	£1,500.38		
TOTAL	£3,936.55	TOTAL	£3,936.55

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Balance b/fwd from year 2012/13	£0.00	Depreciation Prod A	£0.00
		Depreciation Prod B	£0.00
		Depreciation Prod C	£0.00
		Balance at year end	£0.00
TOTAL	£0.00	TOTAL	£0.00

CLIFF MEYLER STAGE FUND

Expenses in year	£0.00	Donations in year	£1,759.52
Balance at year end	£1,759.52		
TOTAL	£1,759.52	TOTAL	£1,759.52

**BALANCE
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Accumulated Fund 2012/2013	£11,372.58	Barclays Bank Business Account	£7,124.21
Year 2013/2014	£1,500.38	Barclays Bank Current Account	£7,138.87
Cliff Meyler Stage Fund	£1,759.52	Payments in advance	£369.40
		Petty Cash	£0.00
TOTAL	£14,632.48	TOTAL	£14,632.48