Theatre Circle Minutes
Annual Meeting
April 13, 2022

Members Present: Liam Castellan, Brad Schiesser, Eric Shelley, Marlin Howard, Dale McFadden, Sandy Hall, Cindy Nelson, Pamela Davidson

Ex-officio members present: Laura Judson, Ashley Chilla, Linda Pisano

Members Absent: Eboni Edwards, Shannon Starks

Liam Castellan called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Welcome - Liam

- Acknowledgement of first in-person annual meeting in 3 years
- Acknowledge outcomes/benefits of IU Theatre Circle fund/donor support of:
  - grad students travel to conferences and auditions
  - helps recruitment efforts
  - bring guest artists to campus
  - improve production budget

Annual Department Update - Linda Pisano

- Acknowledgement of difficulties/challenges of past 2 years through pandemic
  - Effect of pandemic on student mental health
- Renaissance of IU Theatre - an enlightenment period for the department
  - Focus on diversity, not just who we are in our identities/backgrounds, but how we create theatre
- Breakdown of how Theatre Circle Fund was used for 2021-2022 academic year
  - $40,000 in the fund
  - $22,500 - production costs
    - $5000 - Threepenny Opera
    - $2500 - Sueno
    - $3750 - Carrie
    - $10000 - printing
- Recruiting
  - challenges with salaries/fee remissions, exemplified by campus-wide strike of graduate students
  - Student Scholarship
    - $5000 to be split between 2 students
- Work for Change
  - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice tailored to IU Theatre
- Looking for associate producers for 2022-2023 academic year
Joining the Board - Brad

- Invitation to join board or committees
- Committees (open to non-board members)
  - Associate Producers
    - Helps to search for sponsors for upcoming productions. Can make personal asks as a friend and direct them to the department
  - Membership
    - Helps push to grow the Theatre Circle membership
  - Nominating committee
    - Nominates new members onto the TC Board
  - Social Media
    - Marketing assistance about the TC and supplementally for the department
  - Engagement Committees - Ashley
    - Community Engagement - Helps oversee the relationship between TC and the broader community
      - helping Laura with community events (4th Street Festival, farmer’s market, art on the square, ushering, Granfalloon, etc)
    - Student Engagement - Helps oversee the relationship between TC and the Students of the department.
      - how can we help students?
      - how to disseminate info about shows they’re doing
    - Department Engagement - Helps oversee the relationship between TC and the staff/faculty of the department
      - help with events within the department, such as today’s TC event

TC Board Election - Brad

- List of Candidates - Board Vote
  - Dale McFadden - all yea
  - Cindy Nelson - all yea
  - Sandy Hall - all yea
  - Shannon Starks - all yea

Closing - Liam

Liam adjourned meeting at 6:42pm