

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 yeas
 - Cindy Nelson - all yeas
 - Sandy Hall - all yeas
 - Shannon Starks - all yeas

Closing - Liam

Liam adjourned meeting at 6:42pm