

The Board of Directors of the Iowa Community Theatre Association met in Clarinda at the High School Building in the library on August 1, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

Present: President Donna Smithson, Secretary Peg Brown, Carol Bellairs, Helen Beneke, Molly Ketchum, Rick Meyers and Cheryl Zeringer.

The minutes of the May 30 meeting were read by Secretary Brown. The minutes will stand as read.

There was no treasurer's report. The board appreciated the e-mail from Gerard regarding interest rates, and all agreed Gerard made good decisions regarding the finances.

The Iowa Awards of Excellence Program was discussed. Of the members present, Helen has attended 3 productions, Donna 2 and Peggy 1, as reviewers. Donna, Peggy, Rick, Molly and Cheryl will attend the production, Cinderella, in Clarinda tonight as reviewers. Lively discussion was held regarding this project. The awards year is March 1 - February 28. Discussion was held about the process to determine winners, does there HAVE to be a winner in each category, will the awards be presented each year (At convention as well as festival) and what type of awards presentation should be planned. The board agreed this should be a "red carpet" affair. Further discussion will be held as we continue through the year.

The welcome packet for new members and new theatres was discussed. Ann Blankenship was absent thus there was no report on the Web site she and husband Larry were going to set up. The Board agreed the Web site would play a significant role in moving forward with communication. Helen made a motion to shelve any decision on a welcome packet until we know the status of the web site, second by Rick, and the motion carried upon vote. The board members present were encouraged to develop some type of flyer that could be used to mail or hand out to prospective members or member theatres.

Mention was made that the Boutin grant funds would be limited this year due to the poor interest rates. The board agreed it was important to award these grants and perhaps smaller ones could be given. Helen made a motion, second by Rick, that \$500 be identified for Boutin grant monies and if the grant fund did not contain that much money, the remainder of the funds be taken from the ICTA general account. The motion carried upon vote.

Molly stated the Boone Theatre was presenting Edgar Allen Poe and suggested the October meeting be held there. The board agreed they will meet October 24, 2009, at the Boone Theatre. Molly was thanked for the invitation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3:55 p.m.

Peggy Brown, Secretary