



ST. LUKE'S PLAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 July, 2016

The AGM was held at Jane Guy's home, 1741 Barrie Road on the 17 July 2016. A quorum was established.

The Agenda, Minutes of the AGM held on the 26 July, 2015; the President's Report, Treasurer's Reports; and the 2016-2017 Nomination Committee Report were distributed before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President, Bronwyn Taylor, at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

It was moved by Merry Hallsor and seconded by Bobbi Johannessen "To approve the Agenda with the addition of 'Arts Culture Award' under *Any Other Business*". Carried

Approval of the 2015 AGM minutes:

It was moved by Jean de Cartier and seconded by Jane Guy "To approve the minutes of the 2015 AGM held on the 26 July, 2015 after changing 'auditor' to 'reviewer' in the *Addendum to the Minutes*". Carried

President's Report:

The president's report had been circulated before the meeting. In her address to the members, President, Bronwyn Taylor summarized the main points.

This was the best season yet with both ticket sales and membership up from last year. Selling tickets at Ticket Rocket was not a success so, for the 2016-2017 season, tickets will be sold online by Eventbrite; in person at The Papery on Fort Street and at the door.

In addition to our annual donation to the church we have committed up to \$12,000 in the coming year to offset the cost of the new roof for the auditorium. Improvements to the storage shed are underway, with that roof being replaced in conjunction with the auditorium roof. Details of all our expenditures are spelled out in the Treasurer's Report, also part of this package. When we make a separate donation from our Capital Fund, such as for the new roof, the church actually gains more than what we contribute in our annual donation. This was lost last year when the church was disappointed that our donation was less, when in fact we contributed additionally to the painting of the hall and lobby, to new lighting, and other projects of benefit to the church and us. It should be understood that the donation to the church may vary from year to year, depending on the net proceeds to the Players.

The Players participate in the church's Maintenance Committee, Pub Nights and the annual Family Fun Days. The church is committed to providing extra Handicapped Parking signs to be used on Synod Street, especially during matinees, when this sort of parking is at a premium.

This year Family Fun Days is on September 10 and we are looking for volunteers to help with face painting and dress-up.

Bronwyn thanked departing Past President, Rosalind Coleman for her five years of dedication to St Luke's Players.

A cheque for \$20,600 was presented to Daniel Fournier, Rector, St. Luke's Church as a donation to the church in appreciation of the use of their facilities and their support throughout the year.

Daniel thanked the Players and emphasized that the relationship between the church and St. Luke's Players' is a close one. He said he expects both the new roof and the handicapped washroom to be completed over the summer. One of the church wardens, Marlene Mitten, also said how pleased she is with the good relationship between church members and St Luke's Players.

Paul Hilton asked for clarification regarding why it had not worked out with Ticket Rocket and the assembly was told of a few of the problems such as patrons being charged commission over and above the ticket price and our shows disappearing from the Ticket Rocket website.

It was moved by Elizabeth Brimacombe and seconded by Mike Chadwick "To accept the President Report". Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Reports were distributed prior to the meeting. Treasurer, Mike Chadwick, summarized by saying that while ticket sales were up (8.5%), so were costs (17%) especially the cost of advertising which was up by 60%. Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) has been set aside to assist with cost of the church roof. A number of capital projects were completed – wiring for the LED lighting, a new hands-free headset for backstage and a contribution to the painting of the hall and lobby.

There was a question why there is \$36.38 in the *Gaming Account*. Mike explained that this is a carry-over from when we had a Gaming Grant. We must keep the account open in case we are audited. Dave Hitchcock has agreed to review the books once again.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed.

Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 season:

The election was presided over by Daniel Fournier, Rector, St Luke's Church.

Candidate for President: Bronwyn Taylor

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Bronwyn was declared acclaimed as President.

Candidate for Vice President: Jane Guy

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Jane was declared acclaimed as Vice-President.

Candidate for Treasurer: Mike Chadwick

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Mike was declared acclaimed as Treasurer.

Candidate for Secretary: Susan Nicholl

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Susan was declared acclaimed as Secretary.

Candidates for Members at Large (five positions): Paul Hawkes-Frost
Janine Longy
Natalie Munro
Neville Owen
Beverly van Druten-Blais

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, the candidates were acclaimed as Members at Large.

Note: The board for the 2016 – 2017 year is the same as for the 2015- 2016 year except that Past President, Rosalind Coleman has stepped down.

Any Other Business:

We will be calling for volunteers in the fall to sit on a committee to review our Constitution so that it conforms with the new Societies' Act.

Bill Williamson described the Saanich Arts, Culture and Heritage Awards program and encouraged everyone to vote for St Luke's Players for a Cultural Stewardship Award. Marlene Mitten offered to nominate St Luke's Players.

Announcements:

Auditions for *A Murder is Announced* are on August 12, 13 and 15 and auditions for *Aladdin* are on September 14, 17 and 18.

Bronwyn thanked Jane and Peter Guy for once again hosting the AGM at her beautiful home.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Valerie Sullivan and seconded by Judy Bell that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.