

Santa Cruz Shoestring Players
Board Meeting
08/11/26 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mike Manolakes, Regina Ford, Chad Eggen, Kara Reynolds, Anne Butman, Ron Heiss

Absent: Ray Hebert, Diana Ouradnik, Marcy Miller, Marie Valade, Susan Voorhees

Guest: Philip Lester

Meeting began at 6:03 p.m. MIKE moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting, KARA seconded. APPROVED.

Next Meeting: 09/09/26

Officer Reports

Secretary's report

We have 2 new members since our last meeting on 07/07/2026:

Member - Liisa Rose, who indicated an interest in Acting, Directing, and Play-Reading Committee. Lisa played Chelsea Thayer in our 2023 production of *On Golden Pond*. She hopes to audition for GWT.

Mailing List - Rebecca Clark Andrino. Rebecca is a photographer who did an amazing job recently on Anne's new headshots. She definitely plans to come and see "And Then There Were None".

We lost two mailing list recipients: J.J. Thatcher and Abrielle Millet. Jeff Webster has been informing us of un-subscribers, but we've indicated to him that this would no longer be necessary.

Treasurer's Report 07/01/2026 through 07/31/2026

Beginning balance	\$46,440.22
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Deposits

Summer Showcase	5,796.86
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Withdrawals – Debit Card

MailChimp	13.73
Google Workshop	14.85

Playbillder (Descendants)	75.00
Baseball Caps	214.96
Stage Manager Headsets	734.00
Concord Theatricals	11.95
Summer Showcase Props	358.33
Summer Showcase Costumes	452.00
Fiesta Sahuarita	40.11
Summer Showcase Tech Rehearsal Refresh	73.00
Show tags and Board Badges	309.59
Graphic Design	200.00
Summer Showcase Lobby Display	140.13
Showcase Workshop	79.98
Summer Showcase Reception	114.21
Summer Showcase Set	158.66
Summer Showcase Cast Party	227.38

Ending Balance

\$ 49,019.20

CPAC Foundation report was presented by REGINA. There was no meeting this month.

Show Updates

Kids' Camp: Everything went well, but in the future we need to make sure that storage areas are tidied after strike. REGINA will add this task to the Kids' Camp procedures document.

George Washington's Teeth: Auditions are set for September 7th and 8th. Crew members will include Stage Manager Rebecca Bower who has been an enthusiastic volunteer and supporter of Shoestring in the past. Diana will teach Rebecca the ropes. Bonnie Vadnais will cover props, and Valerie Davenport costumes. Chad and Regina will handle publicity.

Interview with Philip Lester

As Mr. Lester has expressed an interest in assistant-directing *And Then There Were None* in the fall, the board wanted to ask him a few questions regarding his theater experience and vision for the AD position. Philip recounted his extensive experience as an actor, writer, and director, starting in high school and then majoring in theater in college, moving on to work with a Shakespeare company in Washington, D.C., then acting as Associate Art Director in L.A. running a touring company for 7 years. One of his dinner-theater plays has been produced in multiple countries, and he has appeared in many commercials and in a film with Marlee Matlin. He also directed a food pantry in L.A. for many years. He has been in the Tucson area for less than a year but has already appeared with Shoestring in *Picasso at*

the Lapin Agile, understudied two roles in Rogue Theater's recent production of *The Tempest*, and is directing a play for the upcoming OPP play festival at CPAC later this month. Regina noted that Philip was also extremely helpful and generous to his fellow actors during *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. KARA moved to approve Philip's appointment as AD for ATTWN, CHAD seconded. APPROVED.

Committee Reports

Play-Reading

10 plays are in the process of being read and so far have garnered good amounts of feedback. Mike is confident that the committee can complete the process of putting together the 2027-2028 season recommendation by October. ANNE moved to approve Mike's updated version of the committee's Policies and Procedures, REGINA seconded. APPROVED.

Publicity and Marketing

Chad requested a new copy of the timeline document (describing what tasks are needed and at what point) from SUSAN and/or Kevin Hansen. He will also reach out to MARCY to request new audition graphics for the upcoming season. CHAD will take care of postings on social media. There was a discussion as to whether flyers would be helpful. It was noted that not many locations allow them, but that the libraries might be a good resource. Branded merchandise will fall under the purview of this committee.

Facilities/Events

RON and DIANA will get together soon.

Readers

Things are going well. 20-25 readers normally show up each Monday, and plans are to expand to two readings a month at the library. Several readers were cast in the upcoming OPP festival and are very excited!

New Business

FRANCINE MUSE will set up a meeting with the folks at the White Elephant in order to put purchasing policies in writing. This meeting will be attended by FRANCINE, BONNIE, REGINA, and KARA.

New headsets have been received. DIANA will include with the Stage Manager training a task to make sure headsets are charged.

KARA will talk to RAY RE scheduling a general yard cleanup (what needs to be done, who might be available, etc.).

General Business

Anne consulted with Steve about the possibility of motorizing the traveler. He indicated that motorizing would be difficult (no room for motors, no way to get power to them) and prohibitively expensive. His recommendation is to replace the existing failing rollers with new ones. ANNE will look into making a purchase, perhaps with help from SUSAN, who has more experience in the area.

Reminder - prop-room cleanup is scheduled for 8/20 at 6:00 p.m. KARA will buy new bins and we will rehome/label props.

Kara has created a Shoestring organization chart showing the Board of Directors officers, Committees/chairs/members, Crew Leads, and detailed responsibilities of all of the above. This will be posted on the Shoestring website.

ANNE moved to adjourn, RON seconded. APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 p.m.