

Belleville Theatre Guild

Fall Business Meeting (via Zoom)

November 25, 2020

1. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of the 2019 Fall General Meeting

Motion : to approve the Minutes of the BTG Fall Business meeting as circulated

Moved : Alyssa Ross 2nd : Jim Love CARRIED

3. Presentation of the Financial Statement

Amy-Lyn Van Londersele invited BTG members to forward any questions or concerns regarding the Financial Statement. Alex Bell shared BTG's most up to date Financial Statement on the screen for BTG members to view. Warren Christiani will post BTG Financial Statements on the website for BTG members to read.

Ian Feltham stated that there will most likely be no live theatre until 60 - 70 % of the population is vaccinated for Covid 19 which is probably not going to happen until next fall.

Amy- Lyn Van Londersele reported that BTG is receiving some rent relief from a government grant for the Annex and that we will apply for another relief grant in the near future. BTG is also planning to apply to the City for some further financial relief (heat,hydro) since they own the Theatre building..

Liz Marshall will investigate how much refund money is available for plays that we have paid royalties for already and are not able to perform due to the epidemic.

4. Short Term Plan for Re-opening

Amy-Lyn Van Londersele shared plans and proposals developed by the BTG Board at our recent planning meeting. She also requested that BTG members consider paying their membership fee for 2020-2021.

Moira Forrester reported that BTG members can also donate to BTG online through Canada Helps and will receive a tax receipt. She also encouraged BTG members to vote for BTG in a current contest so that we could possibly receive \$5000.

Dave Allen shared details of the BTG fundraising campaign to be organized and initiated in early 2021.

Amy-Lyn Van Londersele reported that BTG will promote an online 50/50 Draw to raise funds.

Alex Bell reported that one-act play readings will be live-streamed from the Theatre stage with no live audience in 2021 with a request for monetary donations to view these plays.

Amy-Lyn Van Londersele reported that the musical "Yeoman of the Guard" performed by the Mamma Mia cast will be released online in late December for purchase by interested viewers.

Amy-Lyn Van Londersele also reported that BTG will focus on providing a more current presence on our YouTube channel to attract more viewers. She said that the hope is that our BTG members will offer to participate in this endeavour.

5. Call for Volunteers

Assistance is needed from BTG members to help with many various upcoming tasks. A google form will be sent to members to survey their skills and areas of interest and a willingness to assist.