

Pittsford Musicals Annual Board Meeting  
 January 8, 2019  
 7:00 PM  
 Spiegel Community Center  
 Room 204

Current Board Members Present (Marked with ✓)

✓	William Ruiz		Jason Ford	✓	Diane O'Neil
✓	Katie Groat	✓	Chris Garver		Jennifer Pawlak
✓	Dave Fisher		Linda Gressell	✓	Jason Rugg
✓	Kate Bond	✓	Beth Jenks		Eric Williamson

Non-board member attendees: On separate sign-in sheet

1. Call to Order – 7:05PM
2. Secretary's Minutes from January 7, 2018 (Current/Outgoing Board to accept/reject)
  - Motion to approve minutes by – Katie Groat & Jason Rugg, all vote yes, approved
3. President's "State of the Organization" Address – Will Ruiz (See attached)
  - i. Working on overcoming challenges
  - ii. Goal was to take feedback from members, include all members
  - iii. Successful Trivia Night – Thank you to Todd Gonzales, The Groats, the sponsors
  - iv. Successful ROC the Day campaign
  - v. Challenges – Finding a new performance space
  - vi. 50 Years of Song and Dance. Maintaining a Fall show, while being creative with the venue
  - vii. Letter from Harold M.
  - viii. Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night 2019
  - ix. Our Fall show will be in December at MCC, announcing early April because of licensing requirements
4. Nominating Committee & Voting-in of New Board Members
  - Reading of nominee bios – Beth and Kate  
 Bios can be found on [Pittsfordmusicals.org](http://Pittsfordmusicals.org)  
 Todd Gonzales, Vicky Roes, Mary Ann Rutowski, Michelle McNutt, Scott Falkowsky, Katie Keller Groat, Kelsey MacKeller
  - Ballots distributed and collected – Diane and Katie
  - Ballot review & vote accrual – Chris Garver + Diane
5. Treasurer's Report – Dave Fisher (See attached)
  - Financially we are very secure
  - Contributions (Costumes, Network for Good, Misc others) \$2100
  - Fundraising (Amazon smile, Tin Can Drive, One World Goods, ROC the day)
  - Ticket sales, Program Ads
  - Income - \$24,000
  - Expenses – Running costs, Scholarships, storage, website
  - 50 year concert profit - \$11,000

- Approved by Beth, Diane – approved by all
6. Announcement of new board members/terms
    - 3-year terms (4): Todd Gonzales, Vicky Roes, Mary Ann Rutowski, Michelle McNutt
    - 2-year term (1): Scott Falkowsky
    - 1-year term (2): Katie Keller Groat, Kelsey MacKeller
  7. Member Q & A / Comments / Suggestions
    - People thoroughly enjoyed the 50<sup>th</sup> Concert, (some people had trouble with the sound in the lyric)
  8. Adjournment at motion to adjourn by Lisa Fisher, Beth second 7:42pm

**Post Meeting:**

1. New 2019 board to huddle and agree on January meeting date, time and location

## **Pittsford Musicals President's Address January 2019 – Will Ruiz**

Here we are after another challenging yet productive year. It was a year was focused around a vision to rebuild, and move forward past the challenges that PM and many other theatre groups have been facing in the last several years. Challenges around performance space, increasing competition, from other groups, family obligations, and Netflix. However, our goal was to approach the year first and foremost by taking feedback from you all this time last year to guide that vision. We took risks to approach the year differently, yet made an effort to ensure that more members were involve, and that all members felt included.

We had a very strong start with another successful Trivia Night. Thank you again to Todd Gonzalez for hosting the event, to the Alex Groat for the food, to all of our sponsors that donated prizes, and to all the volunteers for their time and effort. It addition to the wonderful turn out, we also raised over \$2000. We are pleased that the community has responded well to this annual event. It really has served as a way to bring friends and family together for some good fun during the “off season.” We plan to continue this as a yearly tradition.

We also ended the year with a very successful Roc the Day campaign, raising over @1400 from 29 donors! A huge special thank you to Stewart and John for their special matching contribution over \$400!

However, after our great start to the year, we came to a major obstacle. The performance venue. Due to other priorities, Pittsford School District was unable to host Pittsford Musicals for the first time in 50 years. We did our best to work with the district, unfortunately without success. However, in an incredible show of support, the PM community came together to show the district what being in the schools meant to our members, families, and friends. While we regret that things didn't work out this year, we will continue to work on the relationship with the Pittsford Schools. We have met with the Superintendent, and hope to meet with him again in the coming year to continue discussions. Nevertheless, we must continue to look forward. And we did.

And so was born Pittsford Musicals' 50 Years of Song & Dance. It was important to us to continue with the yearly tradition of putting on a fall production. It was important to the Board of Directors to maintain the yearly tradition of having our talents friends and families come out for auditions, rehearse together, and create something special. And we recognized that due to the lack of an adequate and affordable venue, we needed to be creative about what we produced. And we could not be happier with the success of the outcome! While we elected to bypass the traditional musical production, the 50 Years concert was truly an achievement. We brought together a multi-generational group of wonderfully talented people for a breathtaking production, raising over \$12,000, and bringing in over 600 audience members many of whom made the effort to come from out of town to partake this celebration. Running out of programs and being left with standing room only was really a good problem to have. We extend a huge thanks to everyone who made this possible. I like to offer a special Thank you to Pam Ernst and Jan Smith.

Our directors, Shelly and Julie, put together a wonderful selection of numbers that genuinely represented the best of Pittsford Musicals history. It was especially an honor and pleasure to be able to celebrate Harold McAuliffe and his wonderful contributions to Pittsford Musicals. We are grateful to Harold for his service, for being a part of the celebration, and were delighted to have him performing on stage again. Harold wrote a sincere and thoughtful letter to the Board of Directors reflecting on the event. I'm going to read a short excerpt that I think really illustrates why we all do theatre...

(Excerpt from Harold's letter)

So where to now? We intend to hit the ground running again with another exciting Trivia Night on Saturday, March 9th, once again, at that Laurelton Firehouse. We're asking people to get involved. Volunteers for committees, to run for the board, to comes out to our events and bring lots of friends and family!

We're going to need all hands on deck as we get ready for another big change in the fall. We are excited to announce that Pittsford Musical will perform its fall show at MCC in December. While we can't reveal our show selection yet, we can say that we'll need you all there and ready, because we'll have lots of magic to do.

I'd like to thank this year's Board of Directors for all of their hard work. Best wishes to our outgoing board members as well as our incoming board members. Thank you all for a great year and we look forward to an even better one in 2019!