

Notes from SATS Meeting

Monday 20th October 2008

Opened: 7.10 pm

Present: K. Smith, N. Bintley, M. Bowman, M. Smith, J. Blake, D. Taylor, N. Taylor, Janet Sandford

Apologies: M Guillon, R Levick, J Doughty

Minutes of September meeting were presented and moved by Mark Smith in Miranda Guillon's absence and seconded by Kaylene Smith.

Business Arising:

A cheque for \$500 was sent as a donation from the Civic Centre concert (Power of Music), with a shoebox full of chocolates for Mark Smith and Darryl Taylor for their help in this production.

Catherine Gilmore of King Street Primary School will be running a SATS children's drama group at 6pm at King Street School with a small end of year show. Helpers will be required. It was suggested that this be postponed until 2009. Narelle Bintley will liaise with her.

No up to date news on the lighting dimmer rack.

The committee has decided SATS will not to take part in the Christmas singing at Broke, as it is too close to Christmas. Coinda (Thursday 4th December) and Townhead Park (Rotary) carols (Friday 5th Dec) are going ahead.

Advertisement calling for applications to the SATS scholarship to NIDA summer courses for year 10 and 11 students will be placed soon. Letters of invitation will be sent to head drama teachers at local high schools. Forms to be completed are the same as 2007 with 2008 courses inserted.

Discussion occurred regarding community members approaching SATS for help. The appropriate SATS person should handle the request i.e. Jim Sandford (sound), Darryl Taylor (lighting), Mark Smith (all areas), Kaylene Smith (costumes). Note - Organisations generally write to the committee and these requests are then passed to the relevant SATS contact. Donations received are to go to SATS, not any individual.

Mark Smith showed a prototype of a black vinyl music stand bag, made by Singleton Upholstery and Trim. Mark is requesting that the bag be modified to take two music stands and include four separate sections in the bag to eliminate scratching. Approximate cost will be \$90/bag.

Treasurer's Report:

The current Cash Book Balance is \$7,048.95 with unpresented cheques and a transfer of \$15,000 bringing the Bank Statement Balance to \$22,330.26 .

The Cash Management account has been opened at the Greater at 5.5% with \$15,000 transferred. Money will be transferred to the cheque or card account when required.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and moved by Jenny Blake, and seconded by Darryl Taylor.

Correspondence:

For the month of October until present, incoming correspondence comprised of:

- Cessnock City Council invitation to tour Performing Arts Centre before the official opening
- \$100 cheque from Events of Elegance for use of a backdrop.

- Letter of thanks from Jo Walton with \$500 donation from Power of Music show
- Schools Spectacular poster
- For this period there was no outgoing correspondence.

General Business:

Points 1 and 2 of the SATS Constitution were discussed and alterations made where appropriate.

Mark expressed his thanks to the members who helped to clean out the shed at Maison Dieu.

Mark has purchased a ladder and brooms for the Maison Dieu shed and two large plastic tubs for 74 George St.

Mark, Bob Moore and Jenny are investigating several different avenues for the acquisition of a larger shed for SATS storage. Mark is dealing with the NAA (showground), which, if land were available, would require us to raise funds for a shed. Bob is following up on the existing Dairy Farmers building in Mary Street, which is empty and would be appropriate for our needs. Jenny has written to Belinda Chapman (Acting General Manager Singleton Council) regarding a meeting to discuss our needs for some land. As Gary Woodman takes over as AGM on 1st November, the same letter will be forwarded to him.

This groundwork needs to be done before we complete an application for an Area Assistance Scheme Grant from the NSW Government or an Arts Grant from the Federal Government, both in September 2009. Grants up to \$110,000 are being given to community groups upon application, with emphasis on infrastructure and capital works.

Meeting closed: 8.50pm