

WESTENDERS DRAMA GROUP

Group meeting of Sunday 26th June, 2016.

Present: Ronnie (Chairman), Valerie (Treasurer), Helen (Secretary), Sheila, Babs, Linda, Kathleen and Gina.

Apologies: Aimee, Lauren, Scott, Bridget and Ewan.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Review of last performance - "A Pig's Tale": The show was well received by our audiences. Comments to cast and crew were very encouraging. Ron Nicol, writer, attended and spoke to some of the cast. He was pleased with our performance – praise indeed!! Unfortunately we had a very poor turnout for the Saturday matinee. This will need to be discussed at a later date. Helen informed the group that she had had an e-mail from Julie Douglas of the Evening News. She has promised us some free publicity due to her earlier mistake of stating in the paper that we provided snacks and drinks in the price of the tickets. A group photo of will appear in the News on Wednesday, 29th June.

Fund raising: Ronnie told the group that Gate 55 staff are holding a Car Boot Sale on 20th August. This is a good opportunity for us to raise some cash and to get rid of the items we have left from the last sale. Earlier in the year, Jane had suggested that we dress in costume for any sales that we do. This should be good advertising for us and everyone liked the idea. If you can help at the sale please get in touch with Helen. We will meet at the church the week before to see which costumes we will use.

Pantomime for Christmas 2016: We all agreed that we would like to perform a Panto this year but as there were only eight people at the meeting, we felt that we could not say for sure if it can go ahead. We need to know how many people can commit to 12 weeks of rehearsals. Sheila suggested that we cut this down to 6 weeks but Helen felt that we really need the 12 weeks. Any other suggestions will be very welcome.

If we do go ahead, there is a chance that we will have three or four scripts to choose from. Valerie suggested that each writer gives a brief outline of their script to the group and then the group will decide which script to use. This will take place in August at our next meeting.

We still have to decide how many performances, if any, we are going to do. This will be done at the August meeting.

We must advertise sooner and any suggestions about this should be sent to Helen.

Finance: We do not know yet if we made a profit on our last show (optimistic or what?!!) but Valerie told the group that the raffle did well.

Next meeting: Sunday, 7th August, 2016. As usual, if you cannot attend the meeting and have something to say, please get in touch with Helen.