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The Puppet Guild of Greater Saint Louis, Inc.

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a chartered guild of The Puppeteers of America, Inc.

September 2016 Tom Bonham, Newsletter Editor - 314-335-7537 or [Tom\(at\)PuppetGuild.org](mailto:Tom(at)PuppetGuild.org)



JPaws Puppetry will present a multimedia puppet experience entitled:

The Absurd Puppet Talent Competition

Hosted by Rocky Raccoon and featuring Namognam, Humu, Kyle, Eddie the Yeti, Kukowa the Slovakian Fidgi and many other semi-famous puppets made and performed by Jilane and Arielle Pedersen. You will get to vote for your favorite puppet acts as you help decide the winner of this show loosely patterned after America's Got Talent!



Don't Miss This Unique and Crazy Show!



A Pedersen Fab 5 production

For more meeting dates, please read the minutes of the board meeting.

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Minutes from the General Meeting of The Puppet Guild of Greater Saint Louis, Inc. on April 29, 2016

The meeting was held at the Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N New Ballas Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report indicated the guild was on budget.

President Daniel Romano reported on the progress for the regional puppet festival and the May Puppet Festival Slam. The slam will take place at 1:30 pm at the Buder Branch of the Saint Louis Public Library, 4401 Hampton Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63109 on Saturday, May 14. Unlike typical slams, it is requested that all acts be family friendly and slots are 4-5 minutes or 8-10 minutes.

The meeting adjourned to Tom Bonham's lecture and demonstration on principle of directing for the puppet theatre.

Respectfully submitted,

The guild's fiscal year began June 1 and dues are now payable. Last year's members. please bring a check with you to the meeting to pay dues. Or, you may mail your checks.

First and second time visitors, and prospective members, please enjoy a couple meetings with us.

Then if you wish to belong, we appreciate your formal joining and paying dues.

Dues are not pro-rated.

The guilds fiscal year begins June 1 and dues are now payable:

Adult (21-64 yrs.) \$20

Family (2 adults & children) \$30

Junior (13-20 yrs.) \$10 (also included in family)

Senior Members have a \$5.00 discount per member.

Make check payable to, then send to:

The Puppet Guild of Greater St. Louis

Tom Bonham, Treasurer

1815 Elm Tree St

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Minutes of the Board Meeting of The Puppet Guild of Greater Saint Louis, Inc. on September 7, 2016

The meeting took place at the Saint Louis Bread Company, 10550 Old Olive Street Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141. [The board met numerous times in April, June, and July planning and ironing out details for the August 4-6 regional festival]

Present were Daniel Romano, Stan Gulick , Michelle Gulick and Tom Bonham.

The first order of business was the treasurer's report. Tom Bonham reported on the status us the guild's account. Gave an accounting of income and expenditures for the last fiscal year. Also an accounting to date of the regional festival. As some of the income and expenses were channeled through the regional account, a final accounting will be postponed until the next board meeting on Friday, September 23. To the boards' knowledge, all expenses have been paid and all income collected.

The next order of business was reviewing the budgeting for the next fiscal year. Any concrete decisions were postponed until a final accounting of the regional festival was completed.

Next, the meeting calendar for the rest of the fiscal year was planned. The meetings will be either Thursday or Friday nights at 7:30 depending on accessing a venue. The current plan is:

- **Sept 23—Thu** – Creve Coeur Government Center – Pedersen Fab 5 Production
- **Oct 27-28—Thu-Fri** [Friday preferred]- TBA – Blaque Berry Puppets
- **Nov 17-18—Thu-Fri** [TBA] – [TBA]
- **Dec 8—Thu** – McClay Library – Holiday Party [Hanukkah and Christmas eve both 12/24]
- **Jan 20—Fri** – Creve Coeur Recreation Center – Souper Potluck Dinner meeting
- **Feb 23-24—Thu-Fri** – TBA -TBA
- **Mar 30-31—Thu-Fri** – TBA -TBA – Last scheduled general meeting. Nominating committee report in newsletter and board election
- **April 29—Sat** – TBA - morning and/or afternoon formal public performance
- **May** – no meeting this month.
- **June** – Beginning of next fiscal year [6/2017-5/2018] – instead of just a picnic the board is investigating the possibility of a puppetry street fair.

The meeting adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 10:30 am, Friday, September 23, 2016 at the same location

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Bonham, Secretary/Treasurer

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Tom Bonham Photos



This is the puppet department at Target



This is the ballerina puppet I bought at Target

This is the latest puppet I purchased at Dierberg's Market

