

THE PUPPETRY LOG

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Next Meetings:

February 15. 2-5 p.m. – Dorothy Bauer’s House. *Program:* Dave will set up his portable marionette stage to show us. We will also watch a kid’s version of the play “Peer Gynt.”

March 15. 2-5 p.m. – Dorothy Bauer’s House. *Program:* Maybe sculpting heads.

April 19. 2-5 p.m. – Richard’s Marionette Barn. *Program:* Finish work on marionettes from last year.

Welcome new member Matthew Williams of Troy, Ohio.

Minutes from the January 18 Meeting

Attendance: Dave and Beulah Greenbaum, Richard, McClead, Connie Kirk, Dorothy Bauer, Frank Banks, Janice McDonald.

Dave said he received an e-mail letter from Brian who is doing well. Dave said he received an e-mail from a N.E. Ohio Events promoter wanting a storyteller. Dave had called Mark who did not want to do it. Dave then passed

around the Chicago Puppetry Guild newsletter of www.chicagopuppet.org.

Dave talked out his portable marionette stage that he made with the plans from Ron Herrick. Dave had bought a welder and brazed it himself with about 200 welds.

Dave said the company that he got the portable hand puppet stage from will now only sell the stages and no other puppetry stuff.

Day of Puppetry

We need to decide what we want to do for our Day of Puppetry this year. Now that Dave and Janice have the new portable stages we may want to consider performing for the Ohio State Fair again. Frank will call his contact to see if they are interested in having us again. They tore down the building that we performed in last August so we don’t know where we would perform this year.

Otherwise, we may want to contact a library to perform for the April 25 National Day of Puppetry. Frank mentioned maybe performing at Ohio State University’s Drake Union and have a theme such as Grandparents’ Day.

Dave showed the book *Fractured Fairy Tales* by for possible puppet scripts.

Membership

Dave expressed concern that our guild needs 10 members to also be members of the National Puppeteers of America.

Possibilities to advertise for new members are to put a free ad in a church periodical that Frank has access to. Another idea was to see what it would take to advertise in the *Columbus Dispatch*. It might be free to put a listing in the Entertainment section. Richard said he would call to see what an ad would cost or the procedure for a listing in the Entertainment section. We will table this talk until the next meeting.

We talked about possible workshops to offer to try to promote puppetry and the Columbus Puppetry Guild. Some of the suggestions were:

- How to get started in puppetry
- Manipulating puppets
- How to make hand puppets
- How to make marionettes (did last year)
- How to put on a show
- Show videos of good puppet shows

Next Regional at Pokagon (November 2009)

For the next regional festival, our guild has the responsibility of lining up the performances. Chuck Voight said he might perform a show.

Richard motioned to adjourn. Janice seconded.

The National Puppetry Festival will be held in Atlanta from July 14-19, 2009.

The Bexley Library wants to feature puppets in its display case during March. They asked if we would be willing to create a display. So far Richard and Janice are thinking of contributing. We would like to feature hand puppets, shadow puppets and marionettes. We need some shadow puppets. If anyone else has other puppets they would like to contribute, please let us know. The display case is about 5' x 9' x 1 ½'.



Richard brought his Charlie McCarthy Dummy and showed it to us.

Dave brought a video called *In Search of Dudley Dumpling* by Harvest Productions which we watched part of.

News from Fort Hayes

Janice received an Ingram Grant to fund her marionette project at Fort Hayes HS. She will use this money for supplies such as the latex molding, Alumilite, materials to make a stage, and other things she will need to create a show.

The woodworking class has created 6 bodies so far. The sculpting teacher will start his students on sculpting heads this week. They have a list of characters that we want to create.

The goal is to create an original performance for the students to perform for Columbus Elementary Schools.

At this point, we are thinking of creating a show to feature artists of Columbus's Near East side. We are an arts-focused high school and career center and this project will involve several classes of students.