

The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society
November 1985 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Will be held Monday, December 9th, at 7:30 pm, at Enid Hallock's, 4001 Cherrywood. For information call Enid at 477-0858; or Reba at 327-2277. Come one, come all!!! Please bring munchies, (and your dues).

Note: We seem to keep changing our meetings from first Monday to second Monday, and back. Sorry if that confuses anyone. This time we're avoiding the Right-After-Thanksgiving-Weekend problem.

Last Meeting: Eight members gathered at the home of Allen Lawshae (for the record, correct address: 5804 Fairlane). President, Bob Kusnetz, presided. Carole Smith, treasurer, reported that all bills from the production of **Ruddigore** have been paid, and a modest sum of money remains in our bank account. Very modest.

In discussion of finding ways to produce a Gilbert and Sullivan opera in the near future it was agreed that we are not in a position to put up money. We need to explore the possibilities of co-production with a local theater. We can offer volunteers, labor, enthusiasm and a mailing list. Allen agreed to talk to the Fifth Street Theatre and the Dougherty Arts Center. Arthur Keller will investigate possibilities at the Utopia Theatre; Enid Hallock will check out the situation at the newly opened State Theatre. Reba will discuss possibilities with Susan Loughran, the new director of the Drama program at St. Ed's; and with Jeanette Brown at the Live Oak Theatre.

Katharine Shields agreed to work on the nominating committee, and to ask Rosemary Russell-Vines to serve as Chair of the committee. Anyone with suggestions for new officers should get in touch with one of them, or Reba or Bob Kusnetz. (Self nomination welcome.) A slate of officers should be presented at the December meeting, for election at the annual meeting in January.

There was discussion of the society's relationship to the Austin Circle of Theatres (ACOT), with agreement that we should continue membership as an organization. It was moved, seconded and voted that Carole send \$30.00 for the 1985-86 dues.

The meeting adjourned for food and sociability, joined by several members of the Lawshae family. It was good to see our old friends again.

Miscellaneous Other Matters:

Jim Kellogg was in town recently to attend a professional meeting. He loves his new job (hard work, he says), and reports that Dorothy is fine. It was great to see him again.

Goodbye to member Debbie Getz Key, who has moved to Vermont.

Dues Update: Thanks to Claire Weinstein for adding a donation to her dues; and to Sue Ricket Caldwell for being a Patron.

Note: Mailing 10 Newsletters a year to one person costs between \$3.20 and \$4.50 (depending on number of pages, copying rates, etc., \$2.20 goes to postage, alone). Our \$5.00 dues just covers this, so if you have the best intentions, but haven't "done it" yet, please pay your dues now.

See you December 9th; and if not, **Merry Christmas!**

Reba Gillman
Secretary

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