Greetings all you Theatre Lovers!

Here is the first newsletter for the new StageWorks of Cleveland!!! Hopefully, I can do these newsletters at least once a month to keep everyone involved as to what is going on with StageWorks of Cleveland. I am so excited about what is about to happen in our little town! We had a great turn out at the public forums held in March! Thanks once again to Jamie Newberg and Fairfield Inn and Suites for letting us use their meeting space!

**Welcome Packet:**

At the forums we handed out a welcome packet that included several different forms. If you need a welcome packet, PLEASE shoot me your email address. I will email it to you. Please be sure to send back AT LEAST the contact information sheet. Also in the packet are forms for submission for show ideas, interests in directing, applications for Membership and for the Board of Directors.The membership dues for StageWorks are $15 a year. An additional $15 in dues is required for the Board of Directors. But, before we can really move any farther in the process of creating this organization, we need a Board of Directors! Please be considering this as a viable option.

**Money:**

We will be based solely on donations and “goodwill” until we can afford the $400 application fee to file for 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the IRS. We are also looking at joining some local and national organizations for support such as the Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, The Tennessee Theatre Association, Allied Arts, The American Association of Community Theatre, among others. Of course, we are also looking at producing a minimum of 3 shows this year. Please start thinking of ways to fund our group through fundraisers and both private and corporate donations.

**PRODUCTIONS**:

We are looking forward to a great season of 3 shows! First production will probably be around August/September. The second will be around February/March. The Third will be produced around May/June. Of course, all this is contingent on Cleveland State Community College and when their theatre is available. There is no season announced yet. Starting in May, the play reading committee will take your submissions for shows and we will begin to lay out a season by the end of summer. Please turn your thinking caps on and get us some ideas for shows!!!

**Contact**:

Easiest ways to stay in contact with StageWorks of Cleveland is through email and Facebook.

Email is: StageWorksCleveland@gmail.com

Search for us on Facebook as StageWorks of Cleveland. Add your friends! We need everyone involved that we can!

**Upcoming:**

Well here are some things that are coming up with StageWorks of Cleveland that you all need to be ready for!

1. We will be having a logo contest to build the brand for StageWorks. If you aren’t the best artist, that’s fine! We aren’t looking for perfection. If you give us an idea with your sketch, we can work from there!
2. We need to start looking into fundraising.
3. We will file for 501(c)(3) non-profit status as soon as we have a Board of Directors and the $400 for the application fee.
4. Start sending in submissions for shows! We need to start planning a season!

As you see, there’s a lot going on and a lot more to come! Please join us as we continue on this endeavor!!!

Thank you all! Have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

Michael Myers