

## Notes from the March Committee meeting

Bob Cacioppo from the Players Circle was out to look at our current situation. He made some suggestions and provided some contact names.

His number one suggestion was get a "pipe guy" (Steve Bowen). He suggested starting with some vertical and horizontal piping above the stage. Use it to hang drapery on three sides and remove the back permanent wall. He also suggested a pipe in front of the stage to hang a bank of lights closer to the stage in order to better light the stage. He mentioned several times that our lights were quite far from the stage and questioned the side banks. Paul explained that due to the distance to the stage from the center lights, the side lights were need to cross-light and fill in the corners. Mr. Cacioppo offered the services of his "light guy" after he gets his current production underway in mid-April and said he would be better to make specific recommendations, but felt the lights behind the proscenium should probably be LED's.

His second recommendation was to eliminate the second curtain and replace the front stage curtain with a lighter weight curtain. He said RoseBrand was a good company for drapes, screens and projectors.

And third he said we would probably be looking at a 10x20 projection screen with either a front or rear projector depending on our purposes. Again he said RoseBrand could probably help with those decisions. As he personally does a lot of "theater in the round" and was not familiar with projection.

He also offered the services of his "sound guy" if we would wait until his production was underway on April 19th.

He has asked that the stipend offered to him be sent instead to the Players Circle and then he could send us his "guys" on Players Circle time. If we wanted to hire them further during his summer downtime (August) we could probably do that by paying them personally at about \$30 per hour.