

## **Drama Group Meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

**Present:** DB, AC, KMcC, HMcN, LMcB, RC, JH, PD, AR, AM, AW and DR

**Apologies:** JR

### **Areas of discussion**

The group were very excited to meet again following our production of Oliver Twist on the 25<sup>th</sup> October at Glasgow Clyde College. Everyone agreed the production was very successful and everyone had a fantastic time and did a great job. The group also extended a massive thank you to PD for his role as Oliver and to DR for his fantastic job as Director. All members of the group agreed that everyone went above and beyond with their costumes and it really helped set the scene on the day of the performance.

The group script writers and producers KW and NF were unable to attend the meeting today but everyone in the group agreed both ladies once again did a fantastic job and ensured the scripts and production was extremely creative and so much fun and asked AS to ensure it was put in the minutes that we are extremely grateful and thankful for all their continuous hard work and creativity.

The group also welcomed new member JH who decided he wanted to join the Drama group following the very successful production of Oliver! JH was in the audience at the college on the day but decided with his singing and dancing talents he would make a fantastic group member.

The group voted that since he did such a fantastic job directing the production of Oliver that DR was to be once again the Director for our next production.

AS advised that following our very successful review and story in last week's Evening Times (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018) that Southern Sound radio contacted us to do an interview live on air to discuss the success of Mainstay's Drama Group. AS and DR advised that they went along yesterday (Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October) to chat to everyone and let them know how much fun we all have but also how hard we work to ensure we produce the best show we possibly can for our audience. AS and DR also advised the group that the radio station was so impressed with Mainstay's drama group that they have offered us to write and produce our very own pantomime for a Christmas show. The group are extremely excited by this and very proud that we have been chosen to do this for the staff and patients at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The following productions were suggested:

- **The Greatest Showman- DB**
- **Dirty Dancing- AC**
- **Hairspray- RC**
- **Hairspray- KMcC**
- **Hairspray- HMcN**
- **Hairspray- LMcB**
- **Hairspray- AW**

- **Hairspray- AM**
- **Hairspray- PD**
- **Hairspray- AR**
- **Anything with John Travolta in it - JH**

The group agreed that DR as the Director would not have a vote unless it was a tie breaker situation. DR agreed this was fair as he wanted to remain neutral and professional as the Director and not influence any decisions.

RC very kindly brought in a visual prop of her DVD of Hairspray so everyone could see the characters within the musical. RC also took time to explain to the group what the musical is about and what character did what within the play. RC also suggested that we do Hairspray as part of our Pantomime for the radio station and patients at the Queen Elizabeth hospital. Everyone agreed this was a fantastic idea and would be happy to do this. AS advised she would double check with producers/script writers NF and KW re possibility of writing/producing Hairspray the musical in Panto form. PS suggested looking at a variety show for the Pantomime.

AS advised everyone that the Drama group will start rehearsals again from next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11am in the Hub and the cost will be £3 entry per service user.

Everyone is super excited about our next production of Hairspray and can't wait to get started. Exciting times ahead for Mainstay's Drama group!!