

TCDSB Staff Arts Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2026. 4:30 p.m. Online (Zoom)

Attendees:

Lisa Drago (Chair), Dawn Burke (Vice Chair), Anne Bolger (President), Anthony Cavaiola (Vice President), Natalie Yurkewich (Secretary), Andreas Allgeier (Treasurer)

Counsellors: John Ryall, Nick Rita, Lisa Malcolm

Regrets:

Linda Vachon (Counsellor)

Item	Comments	Action
Prayer, Intentions, and Memorials	Lisa Drago led the prayer. Intentions for James Mills. Memorials for Paulina Effer, John Volpe, and June Tajer.	
Approval of Agenda	Motioned by Andreas Allgeier, seconded by Dawn Burke. The agenda was approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motioned by John Ryall, seconded by Andreas Allgeier. The minutes were approved.	
Treasurer's Report	Chequing Account balance: \$29, 080.77 Long-Term Deposit balance: \$11, 640.96 • Made a profit of around \$1000.00 on the Play - checking for fees from Arts People for credit card charges. • Made a profit of around \$1800.00 on the Choir Concert - double checking catering fees.	

	Update on Tandia Account: • We have a new person at Tandia responsible for our account. • Cheques should be mailed straight to the bank rather than to Andreas first.	
Updates	Play November 2025: It's A Wonderful Life Radio Play Wrap-up and Future Plans • Most people liked the audition process, especially that it happened in the summer/September. • Mostly a positive experience. Any issues have been discussed and will be addressed moving forward. • Lisa Drago is meeting with Julie Jarett to debrief soon. • Lisa Drago will contact Linton Soares to secure Cardinal Carter as the venue for the Comedy. We agreed that the last week of January would be the preferred timing. • John Ryall will contact Madonna as a backup location for the Comedy. • The Board has agreed to move forward with selecting a play for the Comedy next year. • Anne Bolger will explore what rights are available once we develop a shortlist of potential plays. • Interviews for the Director of the Comedy will be scheduled once the play selection process is underway.	

	Choir Concert 2025 Wrap-up and 2026 Plans • Conductor: Anne Bolger • Performance date: Friday, December 4th, 2026 • Location: St. Paul's Basilica • Producer: Anita D'Mello • Ticket sales were good and the concert went well. St. Paul's is still extremely supportive of us. Musical 2026: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat • Director/Choreographer: Nicole Toogood • Music Director: Mike Braschel • Performance Dates: June 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2026 • Producer: Dawn Burke • Location: Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts • Auditions are done and the cast will be announced shortly. • Monday, January 19th is the first rehearsal. • Issue with ordering music scores and books for the show. More need to be ordered and will hopefully arrive quickly. • The sound and lighting people from last year will be returning.	
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	• Proposed Paulina Effer Award (Effer Family): We will work on getting more information as to what the award is for and the expectations for this award through Staff Arts. Staff Arts Google Calendar • We will look into setting this up for next season when possible conflicts may arise between the Choir Concert and the Play. Board Roles - Election • Lisa Malcolm has been elected as the new Vice President as Anthony Cavaiola has chosen to step down. He will remain as a Counsellor on the Board. • All other executive positions on the Board remain the same: ○ Lisa Drago - Chair ○ Dawn Burke - Vice Chair ○ Anne Bolger - President ○ Lisa Malcolm - Vice President ○ Andreas Allgeier - Treasurer ○ Natalie Yurkewich - Secretary Membership - New Members on Board • We will continue discussing who we would like to add to the Board and approach potential candidates if we choose to do so.	The Board will get more information about what this award will look like.
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Other Items	AOB - none	
Next Meeting	April 2026	The Board will send out a Doodle poll for April dates.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.	

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Yurkewich