

Bored Meeting

(This is a church board meeting. Extra non-speaking actors will make this play work better BUT they will need to know the actions.)

Order: I now call this meeting to order. We will begin with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Where is the recording secretary?

Adjourn: He couldn't be here. He asked me to read the minutes.

Order: Well that's highly unusual, I must say. The recording secretary has always read the minutes. And, might I add, this is your first meeting.

Adjourn: I'd be happy for someone else to read them.

Order: No - no. It was the recommendation of the recording secretary that you read the minutes. I think we need further discussion on that recommendation.

Adjourn: What is there to discuss?

Order: Plenty! If you read the minutes at this meeting, what is to keep the financial secretary from reading them at our next meeting or why don't we just have the Sergeant At Arms present the treasure's report. It would be anarchy!

Adjourn: (Shocked) We have a Sergeant At Arms?

Order: (Ignoring the questions) If there isn't any discussion I need a motion to allow a proxy reading of the previous meetings minutes. (Looking at the audience and taking an imaginary response) I have a motion. Do I have a second? (again seeing an imaginary hand raised) There is the second. I'll call for the vote. All in favor of a proxy reading of the last meetings minutes signify by raising your right hand. (Looks around counting hands) Okay that is nine for the proxy reading, three opposed and one abstention. Motion is passed.

Adjourn: This is so weird.

Order: I couldn't agree with you more. But, you may proceed.

Adjourn: (Feeling a little uneasy) Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 PM. A quorum was established and minutes were read and approved. (Looks up confused) That's all there is. I must be missing the rest of the minutes.

Order: No, that sounds correct.

Adjourn: I don't understand.

Order: Well that meeting was Thursday night, right?

Adjourn: Yes, that's what the minutes say.

Order: That was the fourth Thursday, correct?

Adjourn: I guess it would be, yes.

Order: Our meetings have ALWAYS been on the third Wednesday.

Adjourn: I still don't understand.

Order: We had to suspend the meeting's proceedings immediately. You see, we had not voted on the change of the date of the meeting. The meeting on the 24th was in direct violation of our By-Laws.

Adjourn: This is amazing. You had to vote to change the meetings date before you could have a meeting?

Order: Well, yes and no. The purpose of this meeting is simply to determine the legitimacy of the first meeting.

Adjourn: Wow, I didn't think I could get even more confused. We are having a regular board meeting right now, aren't we?

Order: Goodness no.

Adjourn: So, what is the purpose of this meeting?

Order: To discuss and vote if we can change the time, place and date of the previous meeting.

Adjourn: So, you might say you are having a meeting (short pause as she thinks it through) to see if you can have a meeting.

Order: Yes, undeniably that is what we are doing.

Adjourn: (raising hand) Point of odor.

Oder: (indignant) I believe the term is Point of ORDER.

Adjourn: I know the term. I meant ODOR. Something smells bad.

Order: I beg your pardon?

Adjourn: I have been listening to the red tape that has lead up to this meeting and I don't hear or see anything, either verbally or in the minutes that validates or approves the meeting we are currently conducting.

Order: (his displeased frown turns to shock and fear) Good grief, you are right! THIS MEETING IS NOT SANCTIONED! Meeting adjourned - immediately!

Everybody out!

(all but "Adjourn" leave the stage)

Adjourn: (Smiling) The good news is - at this rate - we may never have a board meeting again.

(She leave and the skit is done)