

Theatre booster club meeting minutes

April 12, 2016- 6:30-7:30 PM Simley IMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Kris Maynard

In attendance: Kris Maynard, Becky Keran, Tina Howe, Rich Howe, Shannon McMonigal, Rita Thoenke, Julie Engleson, Miki Schneider, Susan Johnson, Willy Sullivan, Anna Sullivan, Doug Thorpe, Jen Moynihan, Jim Davis, Amy Donovan, Julie Hart, Christine Omodt-Lopez

Introductions

Approval of minutes: March 2016 minutes presented. MS motioned to approve. SM seconded.

Approved

Finance/budget report: BK covered financials to date. For orchestra payments, boosters will reimburse Annie. Jim put together the contracts and believes he kept it under the 5K that was approved. We currently have about 30K in the bank. Have not yet received invoice for computers or made orchestra payments, so those are both high cost items.

Director Reports: JD provided director report. Almost done building the show- one key set piece left to build. Should be ready for tech Saturday this week. NHS and Joe Kennedy memorial are both going on this week in the PAC- delaying final build. FRIDAY- Jim will need some extra adult hands right after school- AD to send out message to parents and put on facebook. Jim is taking the pit down Thursday so the orchestra can start practicing in the pit. Kids will only have 3 opportunities to practice with the pit orchestra- not a lot, and they just got a rehearsal pianist today.

Still need lots of greenery and some set dressing (e.g., farmhouse decorations and cooking stuff).

Community Ed Report: Annie provided a community ed report and Jim delivered the information. Ticket sales to date: Thurs 42, Fri 106, Sat 70, Sun 63. Everyone needs to help promote the show.

BK commented on low ticket sales- suggested sending out an email to everyone who has purchased online in the past. AD will craft email to share with BK.

Annie has been working on getting contracts signed and background checks for orchestra members.

Everyone from boosters is invited to the Volunteer Appreciation program on Thurs April 14. Thanks for all the boosters do.

Other aspects of Annie's report will be included in the appropriate sections of the minutes.

Committee Reports:

- Concessions: Susan is covering concession, flower, and stars. We will also have someone selling pins at the shows. Susan will check inventory and make sure we have enough.
- Fundraising: Pins- we need to try to sell these at other events. Discussed dates of upcoming choir and band concerts. Also discussed selling at prom. AD will get out sign-up for parents to sell pins. Dates are May 10, May 14, May 23, May 24, and the theatre banquet on June 18. BK will also talk to school store person.

TOTG is reserved for September 10.

Fundraising basket- we will do a raffle at Spring show.

Dining fundraiser—KM has app in for BWW in Eagan

- Sponsorship: Nothing new- only Joe Atkins and ACS (?) – in kind.
- Website: Doug will add minutes and agenda, and will update with guild meeting information. Jim will get pictures from Footloose and One Acts to Doug for website.
- Cast Meals: Shannon is heading up cast meals. 47 currently paid, will order 10 additional to cover last-minute payments, directors, pianist, and Jonas if he is there. Times for cast meals- 12 noon on Saturday, 5:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday, and Sunday at 6:00 AD will get dessert for all cast meals.

T-shirts: turned out great! Kids have them and will wear for volunteer appreciation. Some extras available of these and also crew shirts.

Old Business:

- Lobby decorations- subcommittee has ideas and will do decorations.
- Tickets- sales are slow online. Everyone needs to promote the show!
- Spring photos- Tommy (Annie's son) will be there to take photos on Saturday April 23 from 3:30-5. Parents can also be there to take pictures but need to stay out of his way. Motion to pay Tommy \$400- AD seconded- JE. Approved. Photos will belong to boosters. Photo CD discussion- Doug suggested doing a flash drive or giving access code- means we don't need to make CD's. We can do this at the banquet. Seniors can be given free access code, others will need to purchase for \$5.
- Advertising- Jim has posters. Kids had planned on putting them up but ran out of time. Parents should stop by Jim's office after meeting to grab posters and get them up asap. Everyone needs to help get the word out via social media, posters, etc—ticket sales are slow so we need to promote the show!!!
- Theatre Banquet- Date is June 18. Kids are planning this with the directors. Questions about the date- Jim reported that the PAC is booked solid in May and early June so that was the only date available.

- Summer programs- there are 2 new summer programs being offered- one for middle school and one for high school. Descriptions and info below:

Simley Summer Theatre Camp (Grades 6-9)

During the two week summer camp students will be introduced to the wonderful world of acting. Students will be exposed to beginning foundational tools through a variety of acting techniques from exercises and games that focus on creating character to analyzing text to support the goals and tactics of a character in a script. There will also be a small focus on the audition process to help students feel comfortable with their future auditions. (acting & improv)

Instructor: LaTwanna Williams

Monday-Thursday, July 11- July 22 8:00-11:00 am

#3707-S16 8 sessions- \$75

Simley High School Performing Arts Center

Young Actors Elite Program; Perfectly Imperfect Studios (Grades 9-12)

During the four week intensive acting summer program students will be challenged to build their own play based on the things they face in their everyday life. Students will also perform their production in the final showcase. Students will be a part of every aspect in their production including writing the script, developing and designing the set pieces and lighting. Creating an original production can sound intimidating; students will be supported throughout the whole process and guided through each step of the way. It is a powerful thing to see your original work come to life!

Instructors: LaTwanna Williams & Jim Davis

Monday-Thursday, July 11- Aug. 4 12:30 -3:30 pm

#3708-S16 16 sessions- \$175

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New Business:

- This is a spotlight show! Pre-adjudicator will be there on Tuesday for final dress rehearsal.
- Annie needs to set aside tickets for judges (BK will talk to Annie)
- Triple Threat- changes this year—any JR or SR who was in the musical can send in an audition. Audition submissions are due electronically by 11:59 PM on Monday April 25th. AD will share info with parents and kids.

- Boosters will do concessions for August 3&4 ACT shows—AD will send out sign up closer to.
- Annie needs volunteers for Sr. Preview to help set up and serve- Miki, Kris and Christine will do this.
- Many theatre kids are in or being inducted into NHS this week. Jim and LaTwanna both very supportive- kids should go to ceremony/induction even though they will miss rehearsal.
- TOTG- need new liason with restaurants! Christine volunteered to go with this person to introduce them. Have a good team, just no one who will work with restaurants. Jim volunteered to do this (YAY JIM!!!).

Next meeting: May 17 2016 6:30-7:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM