

Royal Oak Drama Boosters Meeting minutes, 5-5-15

Attendees: Ilene Harmon, April Ozdych, Ed Nahhat, Laura Colavecchia, Kathy Samborski, Kelly Bekemeyer, Jodi Rubin, Angi Lewis, Teagan Lewis, Pari Constan-Neary, Kara Barbieri, Kendall Barbieri

The meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approved previous meeting minutes – April made motion, Laura seconded

President's Report – Ilene Harmon

Drama Club banquet on Wednesday, May 20 at Farina's in Berkley. \$15 per person (same as last year). Parents are welcome to attend. Any student needing financial assistance should contact one of the officers; we want all to be able to attend.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Colavecchia

Reviewed flower and concession sales, as well as banner/raffle proceeds and One Act donations. See attached Treasurer's Report.

Fundraising Report – Kathy Samborski

The next Tag Day is May 16 at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. There will be two shifts: 9 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We need a total of 20 students (10 per shift) and six parents (three per shift) to volunteer. A Sign-Up Genius was sent out.

We are still working on a Chipotle fundraiser for the fall; we're being tentatively considered for September 28, but we will let headquarters and the local store know that we're flexible and it does not have to be that date.

Publicity – Angi Lewis

A program and thank-you letter was sent to all businesses that advertised in the Cyrano program.

Director's Report – Ed Nahhat

The musical and play for next year will be announced at the banquet. Ed thanked the officers for their thoughtful and detailed show suggestions.

There will be a "Royal Oak Celebration of the Arts" event on June 6 from noon to 5 p.m. at Royal Oak Middle School. This event will benefit the ROHS auditorium fund. The Drama Club will present one of the One Act skits at the event. Ed asked that the boosters consider officially supporting the event with a donation. April Ozdych made a motion for the RO Drama Club to be a silver sponsor with a \$250 donation; Kathy Samborski seconded.

Ed has asked Brittany Ward to return next year as assistant director and Pal Molnar to return as set designer. Ms. Ward wants to return in that role; Mr. Molnar would like to come back as well, but can't commit yet.

Sponsor's Report – Ilene Harmon reporting for Angela Lundy

Ms. Lundy will meet with the officers on May 12 at 6 p.m.; Mr. Nahhat and Ms. Ward also plan to attend.

Ms. Lundy reported a great deal of satisfaction from producing the One Act Festival with Sara Wolf. Ms. Lundy plans to return as Drama Club sponsor next year.

The staff has been invited to attend the Drama Club banquet, but so far we've had only one response.

Ilene suggested there might be a better day than Tuesdays for booster meetings in order to accommodate Ms. Lundy's schedule; she will talk with Ms. Lundy.

Old Business

Made food decisions for banquet; Ilene will contact Farina's with our selections. Arrival time is 6:30 p.m.; food service will begin at 7 p.m.

Laura will get a Costco cake.

Graduation signs: We've made \$588 in signs. We committed to donate \$250 to the Senior All-Night Party, and now we'll give an additional \$200 from sign sales for a total of \$450.

New Business

Create a flier for ROMS graduating class about Drama Club. There's also a weekly e-folder where we can publicize the names of plays and tryout information. We will also send the information to Mrs. Mehringer and hang posters for students to see (who may not see the information in the e-folder).

Pal Molnar's wife videotaped the One Act Festival; we will keep one copy and people can copy it if desired.

The "Parent Interest Forms" collected at the beginning of the year will go to Ed, in order to see what skill sets are out there. The goal is to have a parent mentor for each student committee/crew. This form will hopefully encourage more inclusiveness and participation, allowing parents to volunteer for one or two smaller tasks or help out in a larger capacity, if desired.

Kelly Bekemeyer presented the Slate for the ROHS Drama Club Booster Chairpersons for 2015-2016:

President: Ilene Harmon

Vice President: April Ozdych

Secretary: Heidi Esbri

Treasurer: Laura Colavecchia

Publicity: Angela Lewis

Promotions: Jenni Clark

Fundraising: Jodi Rubin

While not an official chair, Cindy Murphy will serve as volunteer coordinator (mostly to coordinate meals during tech week).

The next – and last – booster meeting of the year will be on June 2 at Laura Colavecchia's home. Details to come.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:12 p.m. by April Ozdych; seconded by Laura Colavecchia.