

Drama Club Booster Meeting November 4, 2013

In attendance:

Drama Club Officers: President, Patrice Walsh; Vice-President, Lisa Lynch; Secretary, Susan Pasikowski; Treasurer, Diane Wielgat; Publicity, Scott Brown; Fundraising, April Ozdych

Parents: Sheryl Hunter, Ilene Harmon, Pari Constan-Neary, Randy Miller, Beth Valone, Jennifer Everts, Laura Colavecchia and Karen Romolino.

President's Report – Patrice Walsh:

Thank you, Jennifer Everts, for working with Sheryl Hunter to coordinate ticket sales.

There was a discussion around the sale of tickets on the website and purchasing other items, like t-shirts, will they be separated – they should be, yes.

Super Saturday – ticket sales will be available this Saturday, November 9 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Everts will be at the school to sell tickets. Jennifer can be there at some of the Dress Rehearsals to sell tickets as well, probably from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. --she will let Patrice know when she will be there. Kids will be at Dress Rehearsals usually from 5 – 10 p.m; while it's not often parents come in, if they know tickets are available, they may come in. The tickets will also be on sale during the lunch hours at school as well.

Kathy Samborski will be happy to help out with Concessions and flowers, if no one else is available to do the flowers. Maryann VanHaitsma also volunteered. Laura Colavecchia will look into getting flowers for the show.

Concession Chair will oversee the pizza sales during concession sales for the show– Scott Brown will coordinate with the Concession Chair.

Treasurer Report – Diane Wielgat

Diane changed the format to show where we are at with our income and our expenses. We are over budget on the business cards

The clothing racks have been purchased (\$381 total – for three of them) and will be put together hopefully tomorrow.

We paid for our show banners \$82.

We are doing well with the Wednesday pizza sales and selling out – this week and next week we will purchase three party trays and leftovers can be given to the Drama Club for rehearsal.

Bobby Daratony's dad sent in a \$25 donation.

We sold \$65 in lawn signs – that's what we sold last year – we were hoping to sell about \$200 worth.

5 – 7 tomorrow evening buy a lawn sign! Scott Brown will be there at school – come buy a sign!

We have \$3861!

Did we get money from Arts Beats & Eats yet? No, nothing yet.

Fundraising – April Ozdych

Pot Belly's Fundraiser – scheduled for Friday, November 8 at the Woodward/Normandy location. Anything sold (in-person or online) between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm we get 25%. There is a small stage inside that the Officers/Drama Club can sing from 6 – 6:30. They can also sing outside to help generate business the entire time slot (6 – 9). The only request from Pot Belly's is that we drum up business for them. It is a Win-Win situation.

T-shirts for the show – we are hoping to get them in next week, even better by Saturday, but, April needs the shirt design—will get from the officers asap.

Publicity – Scott Brown

Meetings Tuesday at 5PM / Super Saturday at 11AM in the Hallway until production.

- This Tuesday we are passing out and or delivering the remaining Lawn Signs (please sign up). Saturday we are folding and stapling the program
- We will be selling Hungry Howie's Pizza at performances. They have placed a full page ad. We would buy the pizza Large Square Pizzas from them for \$6.00 and sell 6 Slices at \$2.00 each. We will start with 4 large pizzas on Friday, adjust on Saturday and make a larger order on Sunday during and after the show to feed the tear down crew.
- Received the 2 x 24" x 36" banners for Guys and Dolls with show info. They are posted on fences at the Tennis Courts and Baseball Diamonds at the school. We will bring them in to decorate the lobby during performances.
- John Ozdych designed the Standees and Drama Club Banners ... They were approved at meeting. We COULD have these for the show if we order now.

PROGRAM

Program Sales

- Currently have 18 ads and 7 dedication totaling \$1055.00 so the program is more than paid for.
- Have started getting Dedications from Cast and Crews Parents. Scott e-mailed everyone last week. Will send proofs to everyone and send a list of all Dedications that have been received to all parents so that if their name is missing they can panic and take appropriate action.

- Bios from Cast and Crew. We think we have all the photos and bios completed by a new cast list were just received and there are some we don't have photos of.
- We committed to sharing with students the importance of taking accountability for having their picture taken and completing their bio.

Program Construction

- Gathering all of the elements of the program and will post on the website for review by Boosters. Let Scott know if you want to be part of the proofreading team.
- All elements are due by end of day Wednesday. Need to turn in by end of day Thursday for printing on Friday so construction can begin on Saturday.

PUBLICITY

- We have begun using the Pictures of cast members for Press Releases, Facebook and Website.
- Press releases will go out again tomorrow. Will need cast/student officers to do phone interviews to support.
- Beth Valone contacted School about getting on LED Sign and 6th hour Announcements
- Signs for the Pizza Sale and Guys and Dolls are ALL OVER SCHOOL.
- Lawn Signs are in
- Sign up to post signs and pick up on Tuesday.
- Will sell on website for \$5.00 each to recoup some of the cost.
- We have begun posting remaining signs on busy roads and corners NOW!

Director's Report – Ed Nahhat (not present)

Ed asked Patrice to share that he thinks this is going to be a great show – there is great talent and Shannon Thomas-Kennedy's set design is wonderful. Brittany Ward's contribution has been extremely valuable. Ed is grateful to the Boosters and all we've done to help.

Spread the word to be sure the kids are available at rehearsal this Wednesday and Thursday, as the Orchestra will be there. Ed thanks the parents for getting their kids there on time as this is great to help the kids have more confidence being able to rehearse with the orchestra sooner. Your patience this week will pay off next week!

Please know Ed promotes open communication and an open rehearsal policy – parents are welcome to come to rehearsals. Ed prefers to have parents there so there is transparency and parents are aware of what is going on. Any feedback, questions, or concerns can always be brought to Ed, the Booster Board, or Teresa Brewer-Rollins.

Sponsor Report – Teresa Brewer-Rollins not present.

Someone inquired as to who Teresa was, we shared the Drama Club must have a teacher sponsor – and Teresa Brewer-Rollins is our sponsor. She has not been at meetings, but did get the tickets to Sheryl Hunter she is also responsible to oversee the student reimbursements.

Old Business:

10 students and parents went to see St. Joan at the Magenta Giraffe. The actors talked to the group about a variety of things, and provided some great advice to the kids.

Concessions/Tech Week Meals Sign Up – Please sign up to donate concessions or items for the tech week meals. Non-perishable items can be brought in ahead of time as we can store them in a room off the stage. April has a lot of paper products left over to use – she will sign up for those on the sign-up sheet. Please consider volunteering and donating items to help make the tech-week a smooth and successful one!

Kent Saunders will video tape Friday – we will do a pre-order DVD. Kent would be happy with a \$100 gift card to Jimmy Johns – maybe Pot Belly’s on Friday to get a donation. April will check on that.

Sarah (from April Ozdych’s work) came in this past week to share tips on how to do hair and makeup for the show. A total was suggested to pay \$120 for her time over two days.

A motion was made to pay both the videographer and Sarah – seconded and all in favor.

Photographer – Professional photographer will be coming in to take photos on Wednesday, Nov 13. We will get the CD of all photos from the photographer to sell.

Videos for \$10 and CDs for \$5 and an 8x10 cast photo for \$5.

MIFA – the students will not be able to fit in MIFA this year. The time frame to prepare would be too big of a conflict. Patrice made a suggestion for some of the Drama Club to go to a day or two to see MIFA in action so they can see what it’s all about.

New Business:

Order form for the Drama Club t-shirts in the program – could sell t-shirts at the show and the decals.

The Drama Club did speak to the Optimist Club – they loved it! It was great to see the kids doing something positive. One thing the Optimist Club said, on the website of the Optimist Club is a request for money – they really want the kids to do it. Ilene said the kids need to do this and the money can go to items needed – example: steamers, hangers, etc. Ilene will work with the kids after the show to help them with requesting the money for the Drama Club.

After the show is the craft show at the school – Patrice promised (gave her marker) 12 students to assist Friday night the week after the show – 5 – 7. Drama Club students need to wear their t-shirts.

There will be a list coming out from the prop crew – one of the things they need include:

4 table cloths/2 reversible table cloths – smaller than a card table size - 4 chair covers for wood folding chairs – preferred to have them match the table cloths – Laura C. will look into borrowing table cloths.

Move to adjourn by Lisa Lynch – seconded by Diane Wielgat– meeting adjourned.

Thank you all for coming! Next Meeting: Monday, November 18 at Jimi’s in Royal Oak, 7:00 pm.