

## Drama Club Booster Meeting December 2, 2013

In attendance:

Drama Club Officers: President, Patrice Walsh; Secretary, Susan Pasikowski; Publicity, Scott Brown; Fundraising, April Ozdych

Director: Ed Nahhat

Parents: Dennis Holcomb, Ilene Harmon, Pari Constan-Neary, Beth Valone, Laura Colavecchia, Karen and Mike Romolino and Cindy Murphy.

### **President's Report – Patrice Walsh:**

- At the last PTA meeting, the subject of auditorium seats was brought up. Patrice responded to them and had shared we (the Drama Boosters) had also discussed. Mr. VanCamp emailed Patrice and said he would like to schedule a meeting to discuss and get the conversation started. Perhaps we should ask for a representative from each of the Booster Clubs to be on the committee. PTA could be game. Kevin Walsh volunteered to be on the committee so that Hall of Fame Club is also represented, as Kevin is on that Booster Club as well. Mrs. Buffa has ear marked funds (perhaps \$8300) for seats as well. We would love to get the auditorium updated!
- Looking into microphones – there will be a small committee of Scott Brown, Doug Clark, and Mike Conrad to see if we need to invest and if so, how much we need to invest. We borrowed and had to rent mics for the show. If we are going to do body mics on performers, we need to invest to buy new ones.
- Dates for the Lock-In have not yet been determined – the Officers need to share those with Patrice.
- They would like the lock-in to be the 10 or the 17 of January. They would like a Friday. Patrice will see if she can find out some information this week.

### **Treasurer Report – Diane Wielgat**

- Diane shared the report (see attached). We have spent everything we made, because we are “boosting”. The program ads really helped us out. The program cost less to print so we saved money. Balance is currently \$4, 660.
- Total ticket sales to school \$7518 we did make \$145 on PayPal through service charges.
- Question for Treasurer – when is the end of the fiscal year – July to the end of June. We had a partial fiscal year. This is our second year – have we done a tax return, we filed for a tax return. There is a three month extension to finish up by February. We have yet to hear on our status so we can file. Ilene offered to follow-up on this.

### **Fundraising – April Ozdych**

- Nothing to report – we will do the Pot Belly one again – we earned \$327.88 for the fundraiser for the show.

- The Officers may want to do another Tag Day, won't be able to do one until after Mother's Day. Try to do it 2 – 3 weeks prior to the show to promote the show. April will reach out to the officers to see if they would like to participate.

### **Publicity – Scott Brown**

- Lily's Seafood – provided 10% discount coupons to gauge how effective our publicity works for them – please go to Lilly's and use the coupon!
- Paypal – is it worth it? Scott and Diane did some research on this to verify how it is working.
- May start using an online ticket program – we'll discuss further at future meetings.
- Program
  - 46 Total
  - 28 Dedications
  - 18 Advertisements
  - \$1,540.00 TOTAL INCOME
  - \$1,360.00 Paid
  - \$180.00 Owed
- Need to confirm payments from:
  - Century 21 Town and Country
  - Leon & LuLu (sent an invoice to correct address)
  - Project DayDream
- Lawn Signs
  - Pick up any lawn signs that you put in the ground and/or any that you see driving around. Let's be good citizens.
  - If you have your signs you can drop them at Scott Brown's house (there is a stack on the East Side of the Garage if I am not home. Scott Brown will collect and refurbish wires for Spring Play
- Upgrade Website
  - Received approval to upgrade website last meeting. Checking with Patrice to see if that took place. Cost was approved for \$159.00 for two years.

### **Director's Report – Ed Nahhat**

- Ed submitted parent receipts for reimbursements to the school to issue checks. These should be distributed soon.
- Ed sent an email to the Boosters to discuss plans for staffing the next show. His original plan was to have Frannie to be the acting coach for the spring play. Ed reached out to her to see if she would like to be the acting coach for the spring show, unfortunately, due to time conflicts, she is unable to do this; however, she did say she would like to run the student directed one-acts in

April. Ed would like the Boosters to pay Frannie on four occasions to run acting workshops once the show has been cast. In the meantime, Ed will request to have Brittney Ward to run the rehearsals for the spring show when he is not able to. He would also like to bring Shannon Kennedy back to run the set construction for the spring show as well. Ed is waiting for news on his requests for staffing the spring show. He is not sure if he'll be able to put both Brittney and Shannon on the school funds. Once he finds this information out, he will get back to us. Before getting offers from the Boosters, he would like to know our thoughts on this.

- Ed will approach Frannie as a "Clinician" for the workshops. Having Frannie will provide another person to give some different direction for the kids.
- Patrice shared there were some concerns about Shannon that she was not making the experience a positive one for the kids and the adults. Some adults even shared if this was the way it was going to be then they didn't want to be there. Ed would be willing to have a conversation with Shannon to give her the feedback regarding some of the concerns and expressed confidence she would be open to hearing it and working together to provide a positive experience for all involved.
- A question was asked regarding Ed's idea was on what he'd like to pay these individuals? Frannie would be about \$200 for the workshops. Regarding Shannon and Brittney, one may be covered by the district contract, about \$800. If the principal and HR agree, then Shannon or Brittney would be treated as an assistant director for the play. The principal will make the decision on this. So, with the three positions being proposed: one could be paid by the district contract, one by the activities fund and the third by the Boosters. Ed will let us know as soon as he hears back from the school and the principal.
- The activities fund will have more in it before the spring show before the fall musical. We are not sure of the amount at this time.

**Sponsor Report – Teresa Brewer-Rollins not present.**

**Old Business:**

- Lock in – Patrice will let us know.
- Online Ticket Sales – Drama Boosters – the dates for auditions are on the Drama Boosters email "inbox".

**New Business:**

- Publicity Photos "Thank You's" to the businesses that purchased the program ads. These will be printed up through Costco.
- The DVD is in the final stages of being finished – once done, Scott Brown will create the copies and Patrice will provide the photos ordered, should be completed prior to Christmas. Funds will still be coming in for that. If any of the kids would like their photo as a Head Shot, they can get them. Scott will post the information on the website.
- Kevin Walsh made a lovely photo of the Cast, Crew and Pit saying "Thank You" to all who supported and helped out. Thanks Kevin!

- Diane Wielgat will be doing a new board for the new play – Scott will help with the art work for this to include audition information.
- Karen Romolino contacted Dave Sullivan from Hungry Howie's and they will provide the catering size pizza from them for the Wednesday Pizza Sale. They will deliver it to the Normandy Parking Lot Door and they are giving us a good deal, normally \$14.99 and they are giving it to us for \$9.99. Jet's has not been working very well for us and besides price they don't seem to recall our orders even though we order on a weekly basis.
- Ilene Harmon brought up the need to get others to step up to cover positions. All positions are available for next year. We will need to form a nominating committee to find volunteers for 2014-2015 Board positions.
- This Saturday, December 7, there will be a "costume" day to move the costumes from Lorna Wildon's home to the school. Chelsea and her mother will be at the home, and Brittney Ward will be at the school. Please come and help for a few hours if you are available.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2014 at Jimi's 7:00 pm, and will be more of a Booster Board meeting, although all are welcome. The official Booster Meeting will be January 13 at the school.

Thank you all for coming!