

Drama Boosters Meeting May 5, 2014

In attendance: Booster Officers: President, Patrice Walsh; Vice-President, Lisa Lynch; Secretary, Susan Pasikowski; Treasurer, Diane Wielgat; Publicity, Scott Brown

Parents: Several parents joined in the meeting; thank you ALL for coming! We LOVE having you there and your thoughts and ideas are greatly appreciated!

President's Report – Patrice Walsh:

- One Act follow-up:
 - The One Acts went well; we didn't have a big turn out after school. Did have more parents at the second show.
 - Worked well in the auditorium, let's keep it there for future as April is too unpredictable.
 - Might be nice to have some kind of audition for the one acts. Groves has a developed one act program where the upper classmen direct the lower classmen. This might be too difficult for us, but we may be able to do at least one show to get the younger kids involved.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Wielgat

- \$911 in profit for Pizza Sale and Concession \$65 with a donation
- Current balance \$6869

Fundraising – April Ozdych

- Patrice shared we are promoting lawn signs to graduating students, we have about 26 orders

Publicity/Publicity Report – Scott Brown

Lawn Signs

Scott shared there are several locations promoting the sale of the lawn signs for graduation

Scott will be putting out additional promotions for this, including

Once the new play gets announced we can update current advertising with the new play information.

PayPal will be available to purchase tickets for the Drama Club Banquet, May 20. Cost is \$15 per person and starts at 6:30.

Director's Report – Ed Nahhat

- Ed has made some progress regarding promoting a Middle School Drama Club, he has spoken to Cheryl Goodjein, before she retires is willing to help create this. A teacher at the Middle School needs to write a letter sharing a request has been made to start a Middle School Drama Club. If the teach sends this to the principal along with a letter of support from the Royal Oak High School Drama Boosters and a letter of support from Ed Nahhat to help push this forward. The principal would then take the request to the board to create this. Like the high school, there must be a teacher sponsor. There would need to be money for a Drama Club Coach, it would be offered in the school first, and then it could be offered externally. Ed has some folks that may be interested outside the school. Susan Pasikowski will draft a letter to the Middle School showing our support. We would want to put the name of any student in the Middle School who will be interested so we can have actual students listed in the letter that are interested in creating a Middle School Drama Club.
- WaterWorks is looking for some summer interns to assist with the show, mostly back stage. One of the high school interns last year will be a paid position this summer. Three former Royal Oak students have been cast in Hamlet for the summer show.

Sponsor Report – Teresa Brewer-Rollins – Not Present

Old Business:

- Optimist Bowl-a-thon – Sunday, May 18 – come support our Drama Booster Parents!
- If your child wants to bowl, they can bowl with Matthew at no cost; takes place at AstroLanes on John R.
- Auditions at the Middle School did not happen. We will provide information to the Middle School Students during their spring concerts, etc. May be able to put posters up and provide flyers. New Drama Club Officers after the banquet may be able to go over and talk to the current the graders. Ilene will work with her son Matthew to put together a flyer and send to Cindy Murphy.
- Drama Club Booster Officers for the 2014 – 2015 School Year
 - Slate for the Officers for next school year:
 - President – Ilene Harmon
 - Vice President – April Ozdych
 - Secretary – Susan Pasikowski
 - Treasurer – Laura Colavecchia
 - Fund Raising – Kathy Samborski
 - Program – Open
 - Publicity – Open
 - Website – Open

New Business:

- **Final Meeting for the Booster Club** – Monday, June 2 at the Brown's House
 - 524 E Lincoln, Royal Oak

- Pins for the graduating seniors – do we want to do this? Did Teresa Brewer-Rollins take care of this last year? Patrice texted her to find out if she would do this, if not, we are happy to do so. Teresa has the pins and the certificates; she just needs to get the names of the students.
- Ticket Sales – we don't need Vendini – they do all the marketing. Ilene has found some potential other companies that do this, and she is looking at four different companies. Based on the dollar amount plus 2.5% plus .99 and a credit card handling fee. Ilene will look more into this and provide additional information at the next meeting. We'll lose the personal accommodations for people who want to add seats after already purchased.
- We have a lot of money; can we earmark some of it for seats, microphones, etc.? Microphones are a quick purchase, suggestion to do this. They run about \$750 each, so for \$3,000 we could get 4 microphones. We have \$1500 from the Optimist Club and we could pay the other half. Lisa moved and it was seconded. Ed shared he could ask the Activities Fund to purchase them. If we purchase we own them and can let the Drama Club use them. If the school purchases them then they own them. WaterWorks has some we might be able to borrow (3 floor and 5 directional microphones). We could ask if the school would match \$3,000 to purchase 4 microphones. Ed will try and see what happens.
 - There are other fees we have for the show: royalties, script fees, etc.
- DVDs are being copied this week; once completed, Patrice will turn them over to Ilene and she will distribute.
- Four Drama Club students are in Annie Get Your Gun at Ridgedale Players. Check it out!

Adjourn Thank you all for coming!