

Parent Meeting 6/3/2013

In Attendance: Board Members Patrice and Kevin Walsh, Scott and Patty Brown, April Ozdych, Susan Pasikowski, and Diane Wielgat and Claire Vial. Parents: Ilene Harmon, Beth and Rick Valone, Katie and Tim Bennett, Lisa Lynch, Pat Chiarmonte, Jennifer Everts and Student Officers Mo Ozdych, Bobby Daratony, Max Sanders

President's Report – Patrice Walsh:

1. Between Drama Club & Boosters – June 10 Royal Oak Middle School performance – about 40 minutes – “I Didn’t Mean To” performance possibly – Officers will be planning and can the Boosters help out? No handouts but will be covering information about Drama Club. Mrs. Brewer-Rollins will be handing out permission slips – Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Ozdych will drive – pick up by the cafeteria doors be ready to go by 9:00.
2. Arts Beats & Eats – Mr. Brown has the information – we have a position at the stage at Jimmy’s parking lot – between the acts we will have 15 minutes between acts. Right now we’ll take Saturday – act can be repeated – start time is

Starts at Noon – Drama Club perform in between acts

By having Drama Club there it shows Arts Beats & Eats is supporting the community.

as Drama Club Student Officers will be deciding what they will be doing (can be music, props, etc. long as it can be removed quickly.)

Drama Club should be prepared to MC for the acts

3. Mo brought up the Booster Club for a “lock-in” at the school – Mrs. Valone shared that Imagine does “lock-in” - Mo shared that the officers are really committed to helping with paperwork to make the lock-in happen.
4. Would like to do a backyard projection of the fall musical, Guys & Doll during the summer. Mrs. Walsh shared they needed to come up with some dates and either the Brown’s or the Walsh’s will host.
5. Drama Club logo needs to be “sharpened” Mr Brown will do this
6. Drama Club officers are designing a “team shirt” – can put additional words possibly for an additional charge.
7. Boosters had talked about purchasing the cost of the shirts for each member of the Drama Club. It is difficult to know “who” is in the Drama Club, so we could cover a portion of the cost.
8. Another question for officers: Talked in the past that there are two productions – kids that are in it are in the Drama Club – is there any talk about regular Drama Club meetings. The Officers like it but not during the show. Could have it the same time as the pizza sales. Between the shows and then between the show and the banquet would be beneficial. This is important to keep people involved. Maybe even have one meeting a month. Could possibly do social things on Fridays (do a short show, read through scenes/plays, open-mic night (karaoke, improv) something monthly might draw people in. Could possibly do 2 shows maybe even have a contest to see who is the funniest, stand up comedian, etc.

9. There is no theater manager to monitor the outside groups who use the theater.
10. What are the best communication methods for the Drama Club – Doing the email and the facebook are appreciated – there is a “school texting thing” that we could get on it. It’s just Mr. Moll who does this – how do we do a “group” text for communication – there are “accounts” to be set up so Mrs. Brewer-Rollins would need to set this up. The Officers would need to talk with her and see if she can get this set up and then the Boosters can communicate through that channel as well. This can be used through the computer – but Mr. Brown doesn’t want to run it.
11. If we use the RO Drama website calendar that will work as well.

Report – Diane Wielgat:

1. We ordered Drama Club Decals – should have them at the Raven Rally, we also have buttons to sell too.
2. Balance in account \$5,095
3. Still owe WAK a check because they filmed for us, we need to figure out what we owe them.

Fundraising Report – April Ozdych/Claire Vial:

1. Very dismal turn out for the May Tag Days – the potential to earn money was high, but we didn’t have the participants to run it successfully. The students feel bad because they are not “promoting” a show – in the fall they might be able to generate more interest.
2. Mrs. Walsh suggested the officers have a separate conversation with Mrs. Ozdych & Mrs. Vial.
3. Could get “decks of cards with logo/show information”
4. The Booster Club would do a Vegas Night Fund Raiser – not at the school – some sort of adult fund raiser – Euchre tournament
5. Places that do dinner theater as a fund raiser
6. Start an auditorium renovation project – include the Band, Orchestra & Choir with Drama Club working with the School Board. Maybe get some involvement with alums from Royal Oak.

Publicity Report – Scott Brown:

1. Mr. Brown has a plan to rebuild the publicity committee – requested the officers go to classes to encourage people to assist with the publicity – i.e. graphic design, web design, etc. Mo designed a half-sheet flyer to pass out to kids to get the word out. Maybe people from the business professionals club. The idea is to talk to them before the end of the year and then again at the Raven Rally.
2. Could use a logo from Guys & Dolls that isn’t from the internet – can “tweak”

Director’s Report – Ed Nahant,

1. Directors Q & A – nothing new to “report”
2. Stuck with performance dates two weeks prior to Thanksgiving
3. Will make a new request to change the dates if possible
4. Auditions September 9, 10 and then Callbacks & Crew heads Meeting
5. Challenge for current members of Drama Club – recruit a non-member to the Drama Club
6. Ed would like to see a minimum of 50 people audition for the show

Sponsor's Report – Mrs. Brewer-Rollins was not here

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The tax exempt status – need to file papers for that. Mrs Walsh went through the paperwork with Ed. She will work with Diane to work up a multi-year budget for the next step to file.
2. Ilene agreed to take the existing Drama Booster By-Laws & notes from Ed to coordinate a new Booster By-Law. Ilene recommends taking what Ed put into the bylaws. Take out what's crossed off and create our new bylaws. Lisa moved to accept Ilene's work and it was seconded by April all agreed.

New Business:

1. Board will attempt to meet September 9
2. Monday, September 16 first official Booster Meeting
3. Monday, September 16 parent meeting and then split for read through and booster meeting
4. Sept. 27 possible lock-in or October 4
5. Suggestion to have someone from the Dance Team to choreograph some of the numbers and then may be interested in auditioning/participating.
6. Asked the officers do they need anything from the Boosters for the Fall Show
7. The costume/choir room is not cleaned – we need to have something done immediately as the "stuff" is creeping into other areas. Mrs. Walsh said to talk to Chelsea to be sure things are put away.
8. Once Upon a Mattress at Ridgedale Players on Longlake just east of Crooks June 28, 29 and 30 please try to attend several of the Drama Club members are in the show.

Lisa Lynch moved to Adjourn – so moved.

**Next meeting – June 9 tentative for the Drama Boosters Board
June 16 at Royal Oak High School**