

Parent Meeting 1/14/2013

1. Mr. Nahhat shared some basic information with the parents. Each actor and crew tech will receive a script. He shared that Frannie will be helping him with the rehearsals. Frannie will work with the kids in the afternoon after school and Ed will work with the kids in the evenings. The schedule can be found on www.rodrama.com, the club's website.
2. This is a learning opportunity for the students; most importantly they will learn self-efficiency, leadership and teamwork.
3. The stage management team is Max Sanders, Lucas Valone and Sam Scislowicz.
4. The Drama Club Officers are:
 - a. Chris Wagman- president
 - b. Bridget Vial- vice president
 - c. Ellen Stachowicz -Secretary
 - d. Mo Ozdych -Treasurer
5. Mrs. Brewer-Rollins is the teacher liaison. She is the "in the building" person for the drama club.
6. Officers are responsible for communicating information about the club (social activities, fund raisers, etc.) The Stage Managers are responsible for communicating information about the show; schedules, etc. If someone is not going to be at a rehearsal, they need to let a Stage Manager know.
7. Cell Phone Bucket policy is being implemented for rehearsal. In return for the phone bucket policy Mr. Nahhat will provide text breaks.
8. Drama Boosters leaders are:
 - a. Patrice Walsh, President
 - b. Lisa Lynch, Vice President
 - c. Susan Pasikowski, Secretary
 - d. Diane Wielgat, Treasurer
 - e. Board Members are: Scott Brown, Clair Vial, April Ozdych and Ed Nahhat, Teresa Brewer-Rollins.
9. Boosters are here to help the Drama Club and to assist in whatever way we can to help. Whatever anyone can do to help out the drama club you are welcome to join us! Please stop by and pick up a survey of your talents/interests to help us out.
10. Ed shared we need money – we need it to compete with other programs. Help us promote ticket sales, ad money, donate things. Every show costs money to put on. There are 2 places money comes from: 1. The Drama Club Activity Fund -these funds come from ticket sales. People who get paid to work on the show (Ed & Frannie) receive payment from the school district. It is important to understand that it is up to us to sustain ourselves. We did really well this past fall; at the end of 2011 we were in a deficit; now, at the end of 2012, we turned the corner. Pirates of Penzance did really well; we saved \$1200 by doing a show that was royalty free.

11. All the news Ed has to report...what questions?

- a. Can we do restaurant fund raisers? Yes, please share these ideas with the drama club officers
- b. Will there be Super Saturdays? Yes, we will have some. Someone responsible has to be here, as Ed is not able to be here each Saturday. Someone from the school has to be here, if not Ed, then Frannie or Mrs. Brewer-Rollins.

Drama Booster Meeting 1/14/2013

In Attendance: Board Members Patrice Walsh, Diane Wielgat, Scott Brown, April Ozdych, Susan Pasikowski, Claire Vial, and Lisa Lynch and several parents along with Director, Ed Nahhat.

President's Report – Patrice Walsh:

1. Hello to all the new faces, we are here to support the arts
2. Our big goal is financial support and physical support all for the kids
3. A bit of old business, DVD Orders from Pirates – a few folks didn't pick them up please contact Patrice if ordered but didn't pick it up
4. This show is cast, and it is a really good show the kids will do a great job with it
5. Our biggest thing is getting people here to do what we need to do
6. We are in the process of getting our tax exempt complete
7. We are officially an organization, we have a tax id number so we don't need to pay taxes on it
8. If you are not currently getting e-mails, please hand in the parent survey form so we have your updated e-mail address. Usually it is Patrice who will send out the e-mails.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Wielgat:

1. Diane shared what we've been doing since the fall
2. Current balance in the account is \$2661.95
3. A check will be given to the school as a deduction of the balance (prior to the \$2661.95) to cover some additional costs from the online sales.

Fundraising Report – April Ozdych and Claire Vial:

1. March 9 is hopefully going to be the next Tag Day at the Farmers Market
2. We brought in around \$800 at the last Tag Day.
3. May 18 is a Tag Day set for Farmers Market. We don't need a permit from the city to do it there, if we do a restaurant we need to get a permit from the city.
4. Pizza Sales we've been doing every week on Wednesdays after school. Thank you to everyone who helps. A great big thank you to Karen Romolino for picking up the pizza every week!
5. We are making easily \$20 on a slow week and on a busy week up to \$50. Please consider helping out if you are available to help out.
6. Another fund raiser we did was gift wrapping at the holiday; profit was approx. \$150.

Publicity Report – Scott Brown:

1. We will be doing a lot of the same stuff as last time
2. We earn a lot with ad sales – there is an online form to give to businesses

3. Scott went online and got the businesses' email addresses; there are over 800 businesses in Royal Oak
4. We will do the lawn signs again – helped to promote the show
5. Lisa will send the artwork to someone she knows to print the signs
6. If someone wants to see the program from Pirates to share with businesses, we have some to share
7. We will be talking with parents about how to make dedications to the students in the program
8. There is a schedule for when we'll need to get everything in (ads, dedications, bios, etc.) we will share this information soon
9. Kevin Walsh shared that Scott did a lot of work – would he like some additional support by 2 or 3 other parents? Beth Valone, Barb Haglund, Kevin Walsh volunteered – thank you!
10. Barb Haglund volunteered to be the point person for all the ads
11. Jeff works for Minute Man Printing and helped out a lot– thank you Jeff for your help!
12. Thank you's were well received by those who purchased ads for Pirates. We may be able to provide a frame for the ad thank you's in this show.

Director's Report – Ed Nahhat

1. Ed – suggested the first Super Saturday for January 26 as he cannot make it this weekend.
2. Ed will be meeting with the set designers this week and will update the current design.
3. Please remind the kids that any student not able to be at a rehearsal needs to contact a Stage Manager.
4. The script is on the website – Patrice will send out the URL to the script.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Brewer-Rollins not here

Tech Director –

1. Shannon who has done many of the shows, is not available for this show. She is doing some drawings for the set design – Ed and the parents will need to make it happen. Ray Litwinowicz will assist in the technical support of the show; however, will not be able to do everything so he will need additional support. Please consider volunteering.
2. Shannon had a contact at O U for us to see Legally Blonde, it would be \$10 per ticket – Patrice will be working to coordinate. Possible dates Feb 3 or 10 (the 3rd is the Super Bowl) and will update everyone when she gets more information.

Spring Student Showcase –

1. Not sure if it has been officially announced, the students have been encouraged to do a student one-act festival – students will choose shows, cast and direct them. The total show will be about 2 hours.
2. Date is April 19, tentative time is after school at 3:20 (per the officers).
3. No admission but donations accepted.
4. We as Boosters can have a booth for hotdogs, drinks, etc.
5. Weather permitting will be in the courtyard. A simple platform will be built and students will bring their own set pieces and props and clear when done.
6. This is not something we've done before but very cool; if it is approved, then it will of course need parental support.

Additional Discussion:

1. Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education is an avenue that we could request a grant for that would be an ongoing use, i.e. sound system. We need some additional lights, could we use the grant for that?
2. Kevin Walsh asked about Super Saturdays as to what will help us better organize them. Because there are not going to be as many,
3. Shannon did share when she needed painters, etc., and that seemed to help keep things organized. Ray can't promise to have it that organized. Maybe we can have a captain for each area that might help keep hands busy. The set should be fairly simple and have less add-ons. There will be some additional details.
4. A final plea for help on Pizza Sales! We could use more folks to help with the pizza sales; we did have another parent volunteer-Joan Martin. Thank you everyone!
5. Discussion was held regarding meetings and where we should hold them, as it was challenging to get into the school. Perhaps meeting at a local restaurant every time.
6. Susan Pasikowski made a motion to hold the meetings elsewhere. April and Lisa seconded. Scott will check into Jimi's on Washington downtown Royal Oak. 714 Washington Ave, 248-548-9377.

The next official meeting will be on Monday, February 4 at 7 pm. at Jimi's!

UPDATE as of 9:52 pm 1/14/2013: Scott did check into Jimi's on Washington and we will now be meeting there. Thank you Scott!!!