

Falcon Drama Boosters Meeting

Minutes – February 6, 2007

Attendees:

Ms Germanos, Peggy, Charlie, Bernie, Diane, Sally, Donna, Carol, Kerri, Gary

State Theater Festival

This Friday and Saturday is the State Theater Festival at Blake High School in Montgomery County. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday at 4:00. The auditorium will be off limits at 6:00, but students should be prepared to stay as long as it takes to be prepared for Friday's performance.

We have reserved a bus to pick us up at 7:00 Friday morning. Because the students are required to go to homeroom to pick up their report cards, the bus will not be able to leave until at least 7:30. Ms Germanos will be driving a rental truck with the sets needed for HSM. Deborah Conklin, Donna Guarino, and Carol Lamb will be riding in the bus with the students.

Our HSM performance is scheduled for 5:45 on Friday at Blake High School.

The bus can take us to a fast food restaurant to get dinner after we are done loading up the set and costumes for HSM. If we are running late, we will order some kind of take out and pick it up while the loading up is being done. Carol will research a few possible locations for eating dinner at or ordering take out from.

The bus will take us to Einstein High School, also in Montgomery County, to watch the evening performance of a full show. The bus will return to Severna Park High School around 11:30.

Saturday morning, the bus will leave SPHS again at 7:30 (on a Saturday morning the traffic will probably be better.) The chaperones will be Valerie Thomas, Diane Heath and Sally VanZandt, in addition to Ms Germanos. We will return to SPHS about 8:00.

The students are asked to bring money to eat at a fast food restaurant Friday night, and snacks for both days. The boosters will bring a cooler and snacks, especially for Saturday. We will not eat dinner on Saturday night, but will come home as quickly as possible.

Rock and Roll

We addressed the issue of what the fee collected from the cast will cover. The issue of whether band and crew members needs to pay a fee was also discussed. Consensus was to ask the crew and band to pay \$25 – an acknowledgement that they may not choose to come to the cast party or luncheon, but they will pay for their t-shirts, and contribute to gifts and hospitality, as well as to the cast party and luncheon, as they are all invited to both.

The topic of not being able to pay the directors what has become expected practice, due to the new principal's decision to adhere to county guidelines, raised the topic of fund raising specifically for "bonuses".

It was agreed that we would sell t-shirts in order to pay for the added expense of taking on an expense that used to come from ticket sales. Anyone who wants to order a regular Rock and Roll t-shirt (i.e. this year's t-shirt) can do so, at a cost of \$15, but orders need to be in ASAP, as the order needs to be made this week.

We will also have a generic Rock and Roll t-shirt made that can be sold at ticket sale evenings as well as at shows. A neon green shirt will be used for folks working security, and a black, white and pink generic Rock and Roll shirt will be available to the public for \$15. We will use a variety of old logos, or the original logo of “rock and roll is here to stay”.

Carol will contact the company that has been doing RnR t-shirts from the beginning to work with them to come up with the design. Anyone interested in this project – please let me know asap. Ms Germanos will send Carol the contact information for the t-shirt co.

Any monies collected due to sales made by the theater guy from Ellicott City who wants to sell merchandise during RnR will go to the boosters.

Security

We will order neon green t-shirts: 2 2x, 6 xl, and 8 l. These can be used every year.

Bernie’s company, Absolute Party, will donate the use of padded folding chairs for extra seating in the handicapped seating areas of the auditorium. Security folks will need to set them up as needed.

I didn’t write down all the notes about specific locations where security is needed – but Sally passed along all needed info to Bernie.

Publicity

There are overall 400 seats less to sell this year, even with the additional show. The two Saturday night shows are $\frac{3}{4}$ full even before any sales to the public. Charlie has ordered 100 posters, and Ann Pumphrey has agreed to head up the committee for putting up the posters.

Ms Germanos has already put the blurbs for RnR in all the local publications. More publicity shouldn’t be necessary for the show.

Programs

The deadline for getting things into the program is February 12. Any special thanks for donations, senior bios, the Tuxedo place ad, decisions about spring performances, etc. all need to be made and in to Charlie by February 12.

Cast, crew and band picture will be taken on February 17. All are to meet at 12:30 at the stadium.

Ms Germanos expressed a wish to not have excess programs. Last year she threw out 2 full boxes. Charlie will look into changing the current order of 7000 to 5500. We will put recycle boxes in the back of the theater so if people don’t want their programs, they can toss them in the box.

Future productions will also be included in the program: Dracula, and if decisions can be made about the dinner theater and Shakespear Troupe productions in time, they will be included.

A general thank you to season tickets holders will be included., as well as an advertisement for the theater camp, with instructions to check the website.

The decision was made to include names of all cast in each number, in the same way that they are currently on the list: leads, vocals, dancers.

Summer Theater Camp

Carol will send out an email to past participants and other interested parties letting them know of this summer's Disney themed camp to take place June 25 through June 29.

Chaperones

Sally took the sign up sheets and lists of parent sign ups from the cast contracts and will get someone to chair this committee. There are plenty of volunteers, but someone needs to coordinate and schedule folks.