

## **Falcon Drama Boosters Meeting**

### **Minutes – May 1, 2006**

Attendees: Ms. Germanos, Gary Tawes, Mary Roell, Peggy Menzies, Diane Heath, Sally Van Zandt, Kerri Massaro, Donna Guarino, Carol Lamb, Laura Hanratty and Diana Hess-Fisher. Tori Heath, Anya Lamb and Katie Gahs attended from the Thespians

### **Phantom Toll Booth**

Ms Germanos: It was the most fun she's had since she was in a production herself.

Costumes need to be cleaned and returned (Donna spearheaded this, Mary helped sort, and several helped clean.) Some improvements were made to the costumes rented, some weren't used, they should get the full deposit back. (the rental was \$750 with an additional \$250 deposit.) The costumes were rented from Bethesda Chevy Chase (the same school that presented Urinetown at the State Theater Festival.)

Attendance for the Phantom – over 900 kids came to the Friday assembly. Evening performances brought in about \$1k.

Ms G would like to alternate children's shows with shows for older audiences because the children's shows bring in such a larger audience.

Discussion of matinees: if the cast would commit to help strike the set afterwards, they could do a Sunday matinee. This would not work for musicals and Rock and Roll, as the lights have to be back by Monday.

[Side note: Merely Players has fog, snow, and bubbly machines. It depends on what kind they are, whether they can be used at the high school. If the "smoke" rises it will set off the smoke detectors that are over the stage.]

Moon bounce was a big success. It cost \$200 for the biggest one, for 8 hours. It was especially good to have between the two shows. Gary's crew did the cookout, and everyone had a nice picnic.

We may want to consider adding a moonbounce release on the theater camp release form.

Concessions: took in about \$200. Ms G considering giving it back to dance, as thespians can't be counted on to do concessions.

### **Thespians**

Thespians need to put out minutes to their members. There is a real communication breakdown that interferes with attendance as well as getting people to concessions. They have not been able to get an email list, due to the lack of attendance at meetings. There is reluctance to send out too much info as it might make even fewer people show up at meetings, if they can get all the info via email. However, there is also the belief that email reminders would increase attendance.

They will advise the next year's officers to get the general information (contact information) at the first meeting and ask the members what they are interested in doing at the second meeting.

The next induction will be on June 4 at 2:00. It will last about a half hour and be followed by a reception. (I believe it is to be held at Pallas' house.)

Parent helpers are needed at the film festival on May 19, to help with concessions and to guard the proceeds. It is scheduled to begin at 7:00 and should last about 2 hours. There was discussion of the lightness of the cafeteria, but it is a comfortable location to hold it. Black art paper can be placed over the windows to darken the cafeteria.

There was discussion of popcorn with no resolution – the theater on Jumpers Hole Rd will sell big bags for \$1, but they have to be contacted in advance, as they pop all their popcorn on Wednesdays (?)

Broken Dreams will be screened on May 12, also at 7:00. The thespians are looking for film posters (Kathryn King and Donna Guarino have several) to decorate with.

Donna Guarino has lock box thespians can use for money collections.

There is candy left from Phantom that can be used for concessions. Thespians are doing concessions for both movie nights.

Tickets for Broken Dreams will be sold in the cafeteria. Thespians will get the lock box from Mrs Summers in the office.

## **Much Ado About Nothing**

**7pm, rm G151, June 2 and 3**

Gary will be working with his crew (and will contact boosters if help is needed) to set up the portable stage in Ms G's room. He will also measure and look into ordering curtains that should be able to be up by the theater camp

Donna Guarino will try to contact middle school to get the two portable stages that were never returned three years ago.

Concessions will be self serve – small water bottles in a cooler and bags of cookies/chips on a table with a basket asking for donations for concessions. These will be in the hallway, with a parent just to be there to oversee. This is how a show at the CAC was done and it actually was successful in bringing in more proceeds.

## **Summer Theater Camp**

We currently have 18 confirmed campers, awaiting another 7 prospective applications. We are hoping that with the advertising through programs, the principal's newsletter, and word of mouth, we will not need to send flyers out to the elementary schools.

The auditorium will begin being renovated the day after teachers are finished for the year. The camp will be held in room G151, the art room, hallways, and courtyard, weather permitting.

## **Other**

Check for \$1650 needed for remainder of fees for National Theater Festival.

Publicity committee/chair needed! The Vogelsingers are moving and Melissa will be missed. Mary Lynn Fisher may be willing to take over the following year, but she has one more year at the middle school (actually she will have a sixth grader next year so she may be involved at the middle school for the next three years)

Melissa uses Publisher to help patrons create ads and to make the programs. Perhaps the art and journalism departments would know of students interested in helping with publicity.

Ms G will try to set up a recruiting visit to the middle school for the Wednesday before June 2 (to publicize the drama department, Shakespeare, and to invite people to the next booster meeting).

## **2006-2007 Officer Elections**

Due to no other interest in the positions, the current board will remain the same for the following year, with the addition of Kerri Massaro as Member-at-large.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00PM IN RM G151**