

Falcon Drama Boosters Meeting

Minutes – June 12, 2006

Attendees: Ms. Germanos, Gary Tawes, Mary Roell, Peggy Menzies, Diane Heath, Sally Van Zandt, Kerri Massaro, Donna Guarino, Carol Lamb, Laura Hanratty, and Melissa Vogelsinger. Tori Heath and Aria Guarino attended from the Thespians

Farewell to Melissa

Unfortunately the Vogelsingers will be moving to North Carolina at the end of July, and they will be sorely missed. Melissa gave us a CD with all of her drama files, including programs, logos, contacts, and art work done over the years for various productions, as well as for the camp and vocal ensemble.

The best way to replace Melissa would be to find two volunteers – one for programs and one for ad sales. All of the work Melissa has done would be very easy to carry on using Publisher. We could see if the school uses Publisher in any computer classes, and perhaps students would be interested in helping out drama. (Perhaps a student could earn service learning hours?)

Membership

Current as well as new members are encouraged to go online to rejoin the Falcon Drama Boosters. By rejoining, you have an opportunity to indicate perhaps changing areas that you would be interested in helping out with. The membership will last for only one year, thereby keeping the information current for each year.

Membership forms were also handed out at the middle school during the thespian visit on May 31. We will also try to have forms out at the freshman night in August, and back to school night if possible. We need to have forms at all performances as well.

The principal's newsletter needs to have announcements of booster meetings, as well as website information, season's pass forms and membership forms.

Black Box Theater Curtains

Gary estimates the cost of the curtains to be no more than \$2500. He hopes to have them in place for the summer theater camp. With the improvements to the room, and the temporary stage in place, other groups may choose to just use the room instead of having to move the temporary stage to the cafeteria. (For example, Club 60 could be in G151.)

There was a short discussion of whether boosters could help (perhaps with a fundraiser) to upgrade the curtains in the auditorium.

Much Ado About Nothing

A total of 134 tickets were sold for a total of \$670. Concessions brought in another \$63. The total expenses for the production (including some food and concessions) was \$240.84, bringing the net proceeds to almost \$500. This will be deposited in the drama account and will more than cover the cost of custodians for the performances.

The Shakespeare Troupe will continue next year, with hopes to produce *A Midnight Summer's Dream* next year.

Summer Theater Camp

There will be 29 campers, evenly divided among 6/7 yr olds, 8/9 yr olds, and 10/11 yr olds. Though there are many more kids who want to attend, we are keeping the number small due to the restricted space limitations this year. Next year, assuming the thespians continue to volunteer in sufficient numbers, we will be able to accommodate more campers.

This year Tori and Kyle are again leading up the planning and coordinating of the camp. Thomas and David will be covering the singing workshops, Katie and Kyle the dancing workshops, and Oz and Ariel will return as acting coaches. Chaperones for the groups will include: Aria, Andrew, Erin, Jarrett, Anya, Florence, and Colleen. Emma may be able to help out as well.

Tori will email the counselors regarding a meeting this Thursday, and will include directions to the VanZandts. All planning needs to be completed this week, as Tori and Kyle will be at the National Theater Festival next week, up until the day before camp begins.

Tori will also contact Shewprints tomorrow about camp t-shirts.

The singing and dancing workshops on Monday and Tuesday will focus on the opening and closing numbers for the Friday show. Wednesday and Thursday will focus on groups numbers for each age group. (Colleen K, though unable to attend the camp, will choreograph the dances for the opening and closing numbers.) The counselors will also do a number, for which they may need to get together before or after camp to rehearse.

The additional workshops will include tech (sound, lights, set building, set design), puppetry, costumes, and poster/backdrop making. (Sorry if I missed this.)

We will need snacks purchased, as well as supplies for the camp. Please let us know if you have a club membership and could shop for the camp.

In addition, the following supplies could be used for the camp. Tori needs to know if anyone can contribute any of the following. She will need to give us a shopping list of supplies to purchase next week, based on what is not donated. Also, if you are willing to shop or have coupons to AC Moore and/or Michael's, please let Tori know that as well.

Supplies needed:

Poster board
Canvas for backdrop
Pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens
Paint (for hand prints)
Large plastic storage containers to store supplies in basement
Felt, glitter, sequins, construction paper
Tape, glue
Popsicle sticks
Shoe boxes
Karaoke tapes and machine
CD players
One Act play scripts
Tables for lunches and crafts
Napkins
Newspaper, butcher paper, or plastic tablecloths for covering tables
Jar of craft foam shapes

Tori will also email the campers to request them to come earlier for check in, in order to start the camp on time. And campers will be requested to bring a shoebox if they have them. (Shoeboxes will be used to make mini sets.)

Sally will contact the Methodist Church about borrowing some of their muppet-style puppets.

Aria will bring her puppets and puppet theater for Monday.

Great news! Kaylyn is preparing to step in for Tori next year, while Tori would still like to be involved in the camp.

Other

Ms G is excited about the new principal transferring from South River High. He was a drama teacher and very supportive of the theater program at SR.

Ms G needs someone to cover Nationals Wednesday night and Sunday morning.

Sally and Diane will work on a budget over the summer. We will have a meeting before the new school year kicks into gear to review finances, the camp, and cover any opens items.

Ms G was presented with thank you gifts for all of her dedication to drama at SPHS, for starting so many new programs that benefit all of the drama students as well as giving them a chance to learn leadership skills, and giving up of some of her summer break in order to put on the theater camp, furthering support of drama at SPHS.

NEXT MEETING: Will be announced on the website and in an email to members.