

## **Falcon Drama Boosters Meeting Minutes July 19, 2007**

**Attendees: Donna Guarino, Carol Lamb, Diane Heath, Kerri Massaro, Jill Logan, Peggy Menzies, Charlie Kerrigan, Beth McFeely**

**Location: Chez Guarino (\*\*\*\*\*)**

### **Agenda Items and Outcomes:**

1. By-Laws were reviewed and revised as agreed upon by all present. (See attached for changes). The new by-laws will be posted on the web, to be voted on at the first booster meeting in September.
  
2. Treasurer's report – Diane provided an update on income and expenses. Current total inflow of cash so far for the 2007/2008 year is \$ 9, 980.00 and expenses totaled 509.00. Our current working balance is \$13,749.50. Our meeting in August will be in part to discuss what to do with those funds.

One action item is to try to have checks made out to SPSHS when we are collecting funds on behalf of the school, rather than have those funds appear to be income to the boosters. (To avoid coming anywhere near the \$25000 gross receipts threshold requiring tax returns to be filed.) For example, the portion of the scout events that are for tickets should be separated out, with checks made out to the school for that portion. Carol will pass on this info to Susan Sharkey. Also, we need to see if the deposits the students put towards Nationals can be paid directly to Nationals in separate checks, thereby eliminating that inflow of cash to the boosters.

3. Thirty campers participated in the summer camp. Reports from parents and board members present during the camp suggest that the kids thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Suggestions for improvement were made. Additional tech support appears needed. Campers reportedly could not be heard consistently by the audience. It was recommended that sound system improvements be considered. Also according to observations of some board members, greater adult supervision appeared warranted, as the level of camp counselor responsibility and understanding of their role seemed to vary greatly. This appeared to affect the quality of the experience for some

campers. This discussion was tabled for a separate meeting in the near future.

4. Publicity recruiting continues but still no takers. Donna agreed to talk with Debby Cruder about the possibility of expanding the role she had agreed to in taking on calling for Sponsor Ads. Carol agreed to talk to Debbie Conklin, another possible candidate. [at this time Carol has been able to confirm that Debbie C. is willing to take on publicity.]

5. Reports on basement clean-up suggest that much progress has been made. Many student and adult volunteers continue to show up and sort, throw out and move things about. The work will continue next week as well and will culminate with a Flea Market headed by A. Germanos on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

6. Preliminary issues we wish to discuss with the new principal Mr. Dykstra, and the positions we will take and promote, were discussed as we approach our first meeting with him – still waiting to hear from Linda Wisch when that will be. One of the priorities in this discussion will be storage space. The other will be to discuss advances for costume expenses for RnR.

7. Nationals: Songs for A New World was very well received and the kids gained a lot from bringing the show to Nationals. The kids were well behaved and did attend the workshops. They felt the greatest benefit was watching the performances of so many other students, although the acting workshops were good.

The major problem was putting on a show just for Nationals, which was too difficult with two other productions in the works (Dracula and Shakespeare), as well as AP exams and finals taking place. It was just too much.

A larger discussion about Nationals will need to take place at a later date. One consideration is how to reduce the possibility of students dropping out at the last minute. One possibility would be to have the student pay a larger deposit, or even the whole amount, which would get reimbursed after attending Nationals.

8. As a side note, Ms Germanos has signed on with a telemarketer to raise funds for the drama dept (or thespians) which involve selling Antonelli's pizzas. The marketers use the name of the organization (SP Drama) in

exchange for 25% of the proceeds taken in. While this is not a booster fund raiser, boosters should be aware of the existence of the arrangement so they know it's not a scam. However, there is some concern over potential negative publicity this sort of arrangement could result in.

8. Our next meeting date is August 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. on Donna's glorious new porch.