

Drama Boosters Meeting

August 15, 2007

Attendees: Donna Guarino, Carol Lamb, Diane Heath, Kerri Massaro, Jill Logan, Peggy Menzies, Charlie Kerrigan, Beth McFeely, Diana Hess-Fischer, Angela Germanos

Location: Chez Guarino

Agenda Items and Outcomes:

1. **Principal Meeting** – Drama Booster representatives met with Mr. Dykstra and found him very open to our proposals and ideas. Outcomes include 1) He listened regarding our needs for storage space and is willing to help us find a solution. 2) He indicated a willingness to reimburse boosters for the costume advances. [He has since brought Dr Maxwell and the board of ed into Angie's room!]
2. **Sponsorship for drama boosters** – Update from Debbie C. suggested that she has made 30 visits to local businesses and has received commitments from 8 businesses already.
3. **Surplus Booster funds** – Discussed possible uses for excess funds including full payment for Nationals, blackbox theater, having a ticket booth built or take over a space for this purpose (i.e. using an existing space like the school store, which wants to move to the math office) , buying a beverage / snack dispensing machine for G Hall(Beth McFeeley agreed to research the idea of buying or renting a machine). No conclusions were reached.
4. **Pirates of Penzance**
 - Costumes – We are in good shape. Montgomery College will share their costumes with us for free! Angie will follow-up with them. [Donna and Carol went with Angie on 8/29 and picked up a bunch of wonderful costumes!!! We will only need to find the bobbies and perhaps the major general!]
 - Scout Day – Carol reports that she has made progress on getting a few parents to take responsibility for this event [met with Susan Sharkey and Martha Lord – discussed preliminary ideas, with the hope of garnering more help at the cast parent meeting – also, planning on an event not attached to a performance, where scouts will not buy tickets but will be given a discount coupon for a ticket for any performance (hopefully it will attract more audience members and will avoid the issue of ticket monies collected by boosters) – if enough parent interest we will consider additional audience raising events (treasure hunts for groups before a show, an event for older scouts before a show, Victorian tea party....discounts or voucher for grog for teens dressed in period or pirate costume – to try to attract the high school population to attend]

- Publicity? (next principal's newsletter deadline 9/7/07)
 - Assemblies – Angie is considering doing an abbreviated version (Pirates of Penzance Jr.) so that Mr. Cheezum does not need to take off work from the middle school during the in-school performances.
 - Fees – Senior Day? Fees will remain the same \$7 / 10 for this year.
Scouts \$5.00?
5. **Video issues** – There were problems with videotaping last year. Vendor did not take our requests and accomplish them. Debbie Conklin will fact find. All agreed that we need a contract with the vendor that specifies our expectations.
 6. **Notes for RNR Staff** - Each student will be included in no more than 5 numbers including the finale.
 7. **Drama Events that need parental help** – see attached list of events provided by Angie.
 8. **Broadway Cares** (9/28 Cabaret Benefit) is a Thespian Project. They will be responsible for this.
 9. Workshop Sponsorship – Larry Silverberg and Bay Theater – Intensive Acting workshop offered by Larry Silverberg – 12 slots (cost \$95) ??????? [Donna has been trying to contact him and is trying to get more info in time for next meeting.]
 10. Jarrett's Eagle Scout Project – He wanted to put together a “Hall of Fame” of past thespians for this project. Boosters generally felt that a present rather than past focus to a project would be preferable. Proposed that Angie discuss with Jarrett a Scholar – Artist Showcase (much like the Scholar Athlete Showcase in the front hall.
 11. R & R posters – we have a large number of posters from past R& R shows – considered where we could showcase them. Most agreed that they could line the auditorium.
 12. Poetry Outloud – Angie shared that this is a project in which kids will learn to perform published poems. She also noted that the language arts teachers are taking this on as a project.
 13. Next meeting scheduled on September 4th, 7 p.m.