

Falcon Drama Boosters Meeting

Minutes – September 5, 2006

Attendees: Ms. Germanos, Gary Tawes, Mary Roell, Peggy Menzies, Diane Heath, Sally Van Zandt, Kerri Massaro, Donna Guarino, Carol Lamb, Laura Hanratty, Deborah Conklin, Jill Logan, Mary Tawes, and Beth McFeely. Kyle Van Zandt attended from the Thespians.

Welcome, Introductions, Membership

- Welcome by Mary Roell. Introductions by all.
- Membership forms collected from all, including those received over the summer by Diane. Forms are online and can be filled out at any time. There is no fee to be a member, however we ask that everyone interested in helping out please fill out a new membership form each year to indicate areas of interest.
- Ms Germanos will put the membership form, season's pass form, ticket forms for HSM and the sponsor ad form in the next principal's newsletter.

Summer Theater Camp

- The summer theater camp was a success with several people turned down, and plenty of counselors. Assuming there is a similar commitment from the thespians, we can expand to a larger size next year. Suggestions were made to expand gradually to see how we can deal with a larger number of campers. Planning will begin in February and at that time an email will be sent to all previous campers and those turned away this year. Kaylyn and Kyle, with help from Tori, will be in charge of next year's camp. There will need to be commitments made by counselors before the number of campers will be set.
- This summer we took in 29 participants and netted \$5021.93. The current balance of the booster bank account is just under \$12K. We are pre-funding the cost of High School Musical, which is about \$8K, and we need to be able to pre-fund costumes for Rock and Roll.

Black Box Theater Curtains

- We still have enough to go forward with the black box curtains. Gary will order and install the hardware. He will order the curtains after accurate

measurements can be taken with the hardware in place. He would like to get the curtains done before the major efforts in the auditorium get under way.

- Gary will let the boosters know if he needs any help with this.

High School Musical

- The parent cast meeting for High School Musical will be Wednesday, September 13. There was a discussion about invited dress rehearsals. The cast needs and audience and tickets can be used as incentive to obtain more parent helpers for the production. It is also an opportunity for photos and videos. This will be decided later.
- The major job of publicity and advertising will need to be filled by hopefully two or more volunteers, to be sought at the cast parent meeting. Deborah will pursue contacts at the public schools. Ideally we will get ads in each of the middle school and elementary school newsletters and place posters covering a wide area, not just Severna Park. Terra Snider is willing to cover publicity with the newspapers.
- Ms Germanos is going to find out if advertising at movie theaters is possible. We also need to contact Larry Sells, with the athletic boosters, to get advertising at games. (Did anyone agree to pursue this?)
- Ms Germanos is relying on the students for this production. She feels the students can handle the music and dance. Costs should be minimal. Sets won't be challenging and the only real costumes will be the red and white basketball and cheerleading uniforms.
- I have contacted Susan Sharkey about another Girl Scout program. She is considering what new material we could provide, as we had such large attendance last year and don't want to just repeat the same program.
- There will be presales, from the newsletter and website, limited to 600 tickets per show.

Advertising & Seasons' Pass

- As far as sponsor ads go, Kerri will contact all of the current sponsors via email to see if they want to sponsor this year again. Laura and Beth will follow up on collections. Depending on the numbers, we may or may not pursue more advertisers.
- Diane will send out emails to last year's season's pass holders. She and Kerri will plan out the year's dates and provide a page of coupons to be

mailed to the pass holders. The pass will include HSM, RnR, Dracula, One Act Play night, film festival and Improv nights. A talent show, dinner theater, and Shakespeare troupe productions will be separate from the season's pass.

Thespians

- The thespian mixer produced a huge turnout of students. 15 of the 22 thespians stayed for the thespian meeting afterward. Those interested in a Shakespeare Troupe will be meeting in a couple of weeks to determine whether to continue. Fundraisers were discussed and include:
- Haunted House, Talent Show and Dinner Theater.
- Thespians are encouraged to use the sphsdrama.com website. Anyone can send Kerri Massaro information (via contact on website) to be put up on the site. The more is gets used, the more useful it will be... the more useful it is, the more it will be used.... Kyle will specifically ask Sage to forward thespian information to Kerri.
- December 1 is the deadline for the induction at the half year. Ms Germanos will set another deadline for the second half of the year. However, any students are welcome to start attending thespian meetings without being thespians.
- Applications for student director and producer of Rock and Roll are available at sphsdrama.com. They are due November 17. The director and producer will be announced at safe harbor on November 27.
- The officers are encouraged to work hard to keep interest high throughout the year. Interest usually falls off the second semester, especially after RnR. But there is a lot of work to be done all year and the thespians needs to stay active.