

## **Falcon Drama Board Boosters Meeting**

### **Minutes – October 28, 2006**

Attendees:

Mary, Peggy, Sally, Kerri, Carol, Diane

This meeting was called to prepare for a meeting Dr Hamilton scheduled with Ms G. Our purpose is to support the drama director.

In addition to whatever Dr H wants to discuss we want to discuss the issue of the school reimbursing the royalties for HSM that the boosters paid. We will present the case that there should not be any problem for his reimbursing us the funds. As a back up Mary is working with MTI to determine if they can refund us after receiving payment from SPHS.

We are also interested in the cause of Dr H's apparent concern for Rock and Roll. If the concern is so great that he really wants to significantly change things, we would be able to go to the wider RnR community to get help in coming up with a solution to meet his concerns. There was talk of RnR coming under the boosters, but that would change our stated purpose, cause further tax and accounting requirements, and generally be more than this organization can be expected to tackle into the future.

We also wanted to hash out what our priorities are in terms of spending the funds that we have made in excess of the cost of attending the National Theater Festival. As a non-profit, we need to spend all monies made, or have a plan for what those funds are being saved for.

In response to an email request for what Ms G would like to see us pay for, if possible, I rec'd the following:

- 1) overnight at States
- 2) signs and marquee to Black Box
- 3) possible "walkway of fame" outside black box  
door-can be subsidized by patrons (like bricks around flagpole)
- 4) makeup and storage containers
- 5) permanent showcase(?) in Main Hallway
- 6) ticket booth (or maybe PTSO?)
- 7) dressing room improvements (lighted mirrors, hooks on wall)
- 8) locker storage area for kid's personal possessions  
(maybe in bottom of stairwells leading from audience to stage?)
- 9) Rock'n'Roll Revival and play poster display  
area (auditorium?)

I can't think of anything else, but I wish there was some way to show appreciation to the Boosters somehow?

Thanks!

Rather than specify details for a budget, we budgeted for general categories into which most of the above items will be covered. Those items requiring county approval, we assumed we wouldn't be able to do this year. We will try to form committees of people willing to work on the above enhancements, as several will take people power as well as funding.

Items we would like to see taken care of this year:

Completion of black box theater (curtains, stage, HVAC – to address audience comfort).

Carts and storage for all of the things that putting on a production requires.  
Enhancements to the quick change room, including an additional mirror, clothes hangers, painting, etc

Enhancements to dressing areas - mirrors and stands, a way to have mirrors in the hallway for doing makeup, possibly room dividers to make temp dressing areas

Enhancements to ticket area including display cases in hallway and in auditorium, purchasing a safe for tickets, entry poles and rope for controlling crowds, and possibly in the future some kind of ticket booth

There will be a mandatory HSM cast parent meeting on Sunday, Nov 6 and afterwards a booster meeting. At the booster meeting, if people stick around, we will try to garner interest in working on some of these items.

The purpose of the parent meeting will be to make sure which cast members will have to miss which shows and to make sure all of the jobs needed are covered (chaperoning, cast party, luncheon, scout day) as well as to inform the parents of any remaining costume or other issues. Extra t-shirts are also available to families of cast members.

After the meeting Mary went over to Premier Theaters (going out of business sale). Most items we would be interested in were no longer there. She was able to get some poster display cases.

After the meeting I spoke with Ms G about:

Extending the rehearsal schedules to get as much time as possible

That we would provide adult supervision for rehearsal during meeting with Dr H

Asked about the Benfield item listed on a permission slip

A pta member had arranged with the principal of Benfield to invite the cast to perform a number or two (10-15 minutes) to two different groups in the media

center at the elementary school. PTA volunteers would caravan the cast to and from the school. Ms G tried to say no, but finally said yes to the Friday after the Nov 17 school assembly. Participation is purely optional, it would be during 4<sup>th</sup> period, they would most likely return before dismissal. The PTA parent was told that permission slips would be required for the students to ride in cars.

And I also asked for (and received) schoolnotes.com information so Kerri could update both websites for her.