

AHS Drama Boosters

Minutes of Fall General Meeting

Sept. 10, 2019, 6:30 pm

Media Center

Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Pam Cohen, Lada Onyshkevych, John Schoen, Erika Tyson, Marta Thompson, Pam Axler, Karen Bickel, Nathan Rosen, Kerry Bloom, Toyette Sullivan, Jared Wenderoth, Lara Awefoso, Christy Erwin, Sharon Barnes, Ashley Cordes, Maria Lecha, Wendy Wyman, Jim Bickel, Jenny Fu, Don Lampasone, Harrison Cohen, Evan Bickel, Nyah Lampasone, Nick Tompson, Stephen Sullivan III, Ana Rodriguez, Emily Erwin, Folajinmi Awofeso, Anjola Awofeso, Joelle Popa, Elena Wenderoth, Cameron Goodwin-Schoen

Drama Boosters President Kara Lampasone opened the meeting at 6:39 pm.

1. Welcome (Kara Lampasone)

- Introduction of Officers

- Student Liaisons - connection between students and Boosters organization; one per grade; will provide letter for college applications; please let us know if you're interested

2. Mr. Rosen

- electronic forms - students will get link, must fill out online

- packets of information about the fall show, for actors and for tech

 - change in online ticket platform (HCPSS standardizing) - information coming soon, will still be able to buy tickets ahead of time

 - contract page - item 2 is new

 - conflict page at end

 - tshirt and makeup ordering

 - bio page - will be transitioning to online version

 - playbill ads, blurbs

- fall play - "She Kills Monsters": softened for high school; will not be inviting elementary schools, poster will provide appropriate age; difficult subject matter

3. New York City Trip (Kara) - vote on choice of musical

-live vote on kahoot.it

-winner: West Side Story

-date: April 26; trip will include a charter bus, time for lunch, show

Dismissal of cast and crew members to Read-thru

Introductions around the room

4. Approval of Minutes from May 2019 meeting

-motion to approve: John Schoen; second: Pam Cohen

-unanimous vote to approve

5. Overview of Boosters Activities and Volunteer Needs

-Communication:

-Website: www.atholtondrama.org (Pam Cohen)

-calendar with rehearsal schedule, events etc - be sure to check regularly

-contact info for board members

-volunteer links

-membership and other forms

-photos and promo videos from past shows

-bylaws

-Social Media: find us on Facebook (Atholton Drama Boosters; separate page for Atholton High School Drama - department); may add Twitter and Instagram

-email: googlegroups (AHS-Drama is the Boosters' group, Mr. Rosen's group ahsdramadept; for the Boosters group, please be sure to sign attendance sheet and write your email clearly; if you want to check if you're already on it, Lada has it pulled up

-Membership (Jennifer Molinari) - we rely heavily on your help! Please join!

-patronage levels - need to have names for playbill by Oct. 16; free tickets at higher patronage levels

-membership forms available at every table at meeting; can also find it on our website and Facebook page

-SignupGenius link (Kara)- general interest form; event-specific signups will be sent out closer to dates; please sign up to help where you can

-link was sent in email, is available on website and Facebook page too:
www.signupgenius.com/go/5080445a8aa2ea3f49-atholton

-Fall Play needs:

-Concessions (Baking and Sales) (Lada)- need everything from brownies from a box mix to decorated cookies and cupcakes; would like to add fresh fruit in small lidded cups, and a greater variety of drinks in an ice cooler, but need someone to organize and keep tabs on those things

-Flowers/Chocolates - table in lobby at show - Pam Axler will help but need an additional person

-Break-a-Leg-agrams (Erika)

-ushering/ticket-taking/handing out programs

-Advertising (Christy Erwin) - before show and during intermission - show slides from advertisers, so need to collect advertisements from businesses, medical offices etc - please contact Christy if you have any possibilities; last year brought in \$2400 or so; will send out email

-Show Meals (John) - need someone to help John - meals during rehearsals in final week, and right after daytime performance

-Cast Party - at Cheeburger Cheeburger last few years, needs to be open late; Cheeburger has held it open just for us

-Social Events: parties at someone's house for students so that they can get to know each other; parents welcome too

-Fall Party - (Pam Axler) - Oct. 26

-Winter Party - (Kara Lampasone) - January

-Spring Party (host needed)

-Homecoming Parade - Oct 12 - hand out candy with show info, raid our costume and prop closet, go in a truck in the parade

-Spring Musical (March 26-29) (similar needs as Fall Play, but need more help)

-One Night Only (May 16) (student-directed one-act plays)

-Awards Banquet (May 13) (Pam Cohen and Pam Axler) - banquet in cafeteria, awards in auditorium, membership in Thespian society awarded to those who qualify (get special cord for graduation)

-Survival Kits/Care Kits (Pam Axler) - for midterms and finals, \$10, goody bags with treats and lip balms or sunglasses or other small special items; write a note to your student that is attached to the bag; kids are called to cafeteria at end of day before exams to pick it up; Lifeskills class does the assembly of the bags, but Pam needs help with the organization

-Fundraising

-Tupperware (Pam Cohen) - Boosters receive 40% of sales from the fundraiser catalog, or 10% of sales from Pam's weekly specials, flyers and the big catalog; cold brew carafes - samples of cold brew coffee available at our refreshment table at this meeting

-gift baskets for raffle?

-other ideas

-question if afterschool bakesales are possible

-if we volunteer at PTSA Snack Shack, can get donation to your organization; Kara will contact PTSA president about that

-Marta suggested pallet painting parties

-Spiritwear - have some left from past years - need volunteer to organize - Marta Thompson volunteered; request for more feminine styles

-Scholarship Committee - small amount in budget to give to graduating seniors planning on theater-related studies in college - need volunteers to set up application process

6. Budget Report and Vote on Proposed Budget for 2019-20 (Treasurer Michelle Wood):

-last year's books have been audited - see Financial Review Report

-last year's budget with actuals

-motion to approve 2018-19 budget report - Don Lampasone, second - Erika Tyson, unanimous vote to approve

-this year's proposed budget: big increase in request from department, don't have enough for full request, will need to dip into carryover to cover \$6,300 of it but don't want to empty our coffers; this amount will depend on our success in fundraising; can amend this amount up or down at spring read thru meeting; not much room to trim other items; so really need donations, please consider higher patronage level with your membership, can pay it throughout the year, doesn't have to be all now; cash is the best fundraiser because no upfront costs

-department request is for costuming and makeup artist for both shows, costume rentals, dragon for fall show; sound system really needs updating

-motion to accept proposed 2019-20 budget: Toyette Sullivan, second: Pam Cohen, unanimous vote to approve

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 7 pm, Room C144