

Minutes - AHS Drama Boosters

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, 7 pm, Room C144

Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennie Molinari, Michelle Wood, Lada Onyshkevych, Pamela Cohen, John Schoen, Nathan Rosen, Jenny Fu, Christy Erwin, Erika Tyson, Pam Axler, Toyette Sullivan

1. **Meeting opening and welcome:** Kara Lampasone, as president, opened the meeting at 7:03 and welcomed everyone. Introductions all around.
2. **Approval of minutes** from Sept. 10 meeting: John motioned to approve, Erika seconded, unanimous vote to approve the minutes.
3. **Mr. Rosen's report:**
 - need show meals for evening dress rehearsals on Nov 12-14th, for cast and crew
 - need packet stuff returned by cast and crew, very little has come in; will email packet again
 - fight choreographer for fall play is interning with Jenny Male at HCC; cartoony violence only, no gushing blood
 - scenery and lighting is underway; alumna Gabi Camassar has come back to help
 - inviting middle schools but not elementary schools for show during school day Nov. 21
 - takedown for fall play will probably be Sunday 24th since it will be hard to schedule that during Thanksgiving week
 - audition workshop for spring musical (Hairspray) will be Tuesday October 8, 2:20pm; notice is on FB and webpage, please spread the word; may try to post a slide on the school website Events slides too; students will need to sign up for 2 audition slots
 - looking at web-servers for Boosters website - Membership Toolkit has lots of extras, might be worth it, will arrange for a virtual tour

-school system budget cuts include cuts to money allocated to theater departments/fine arts departments, have lost all transportation money including for field trips to Thespian Festivals in January, but still have to take students on those field trips; state festival at Towson Jan 10-11- usually share a bus with Long Reach High School; county festival Jan 9; festivals coincide with winter dance concerts at AHS, unfortunately; county festival snow date is Jan 13

-All County Improv - Jan 17 performance

4. Treasurer's report (Michelle Wood):

-membership income currently around \$1700 (see below)

-first payment for website is paid

-budget line "Miscellaneous Fundraising Expenses" changed to just "Miscellaneous Fundraising" (line item includes expenses and income)

-a scholarship check from last year needed replacing since it was lost

-one other outstanding check, still chasing that down

-bank statement available for review

-we're up to date with Paypal

-Christy motioned to accept the report, Jenny seconded, all voted in favor to accept the treasurer's report

5. Homecoming:

-Mr. Rosen: looking for a pickup truck for the parade; Michelle volunteered Tim's truck; will put giant hairspray can in it to advertise spring musical; kids will raid costume closet and ride along in truck; toss candy to the crowd; parade is Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 am; kids should be there an hour before start time if they want to participate; meet at school if they want a costume from the costume closet; parade will go from the village center to the school

-Pam C: bake sale during parade is ok with the school, still need to check with other Boosters groups to make sure not overlapping; will set up on school grounds along

Freetown Rd; need water bottles; need baked goods including cookies, muffins; Lada will supply the paper goods; Erika will do a SignUpGenius for it; can drop off baked goods with Pam night before; will sell from 9:30-11am; need help selling
-donations of candy for parade - enough was brought to the meeting, don't need any more

6. Membership report: (Marta Thompson's report to Kara):

-27 members so far, have a few more coming in; hope to get more members with next show and bigger cast
-Michelle: around \$1700 has come in so far with memberships

7. Volunteer slots still open (Kara Lampasone):

-Signup for committees didn't work out well, need to reach out to people individually
-Jennie M. is willing to send out emails, can use membership forms as a start
-will probably have better results with specific rather than general signups as show time approaches
-Kara would like to meet with people about fundraising before next meeting

8. Fundraisers:

-Kara: cast party option at Mod Pizza will give us 20% from whole day
-Christie: advertising slides during show - has 5 commitments so far, and has a check from Agrolawn; fliers for everyone to ask a business that they go to already; will do a gratitude slide for those who make a sale - just give her the contact and she'll take it from there
-Christie: Corner Bakery restaurant night - 15%, maybe right after or during the show; need flier, but it can be on a phone, not just paper, so will email it out
-Christie: maybe a carwash with shopvac interior cleaning as fundraiser for spring? Can sing as they clean? Need to partner with a gas station so have the water - Sunoco does that, even though has commercial carwash
-Pam Cohen: - \$26.40 so far for Tupperware fundraiser; some special items ending Friday - Halloween themed; Pam is donating her commission; discussion of optics, decision that if

anyone else wants to do a fundraiser from a personal business and donate their commission, can come to board for review

9. Cast Party (Kara):

-Cheeburger has closed, so need new locations; hard to find suitable places - need to stay open till 12, no bar because then they're already open for other people instead of just us

-Mod Pizza (Mall) for fall cast party on Nov 23; they are willing to stay open till midnight for us, although we'll try to end by 11; 20% fundraiser all day; no table service so no tips needed

-need bigger location for spring, because the cast/crew will be bigger (had 100 people for cast and crew last spring); please look for a place for spring

10. Social Event:

-[updated information:] fall party will be hosted by Pam Axler on Oct 26, 6:30-10pm; 6405 Silent Moon Run in Clarksville; pizza and drinks provided, please bring snack or dessert; information is posted on FB page

11. Spiritwear (Marta Thompson's report to Kara):

-link for drama sweatshirts: <https://www.customink.com/g/zya0-00bz-w3xe>

-link for drama pajama pants: <https://www.customink.com/g/zya0-00bz-w4yt>

-deadline for ordering is Oct. 21; haven't reached minimum to place the order yet, so please buy something

12. Fall Play needs:

-need a fresh fruit coordinator for concessions - Jenny Fu volunteered

-need baked goods, sales help for concessions and other tables

-Erika will do SignupGenius

-Pam will do Tupperware table

-John will bring in rest of old spiritwear

-can still have parents in ticketbooth, not just staff; no lunchtime ticket sales

13. New York trip (Kara):

-payment for show tickets is due Jan 7, so need to get permission slips and information out soon

-set number of seats on bus - Kara is going out to personally count seats at the end of this month, to avoid the kind of problems we had last year

-pricing - about \$52 for bus, ticket is \$49, need some additional to cover other items, final price should include enough so that we can cover bus cost if don't sell all the tickets; Kara will write to board about final pricing

14. Miscellaneous, Q&A:

-student liaisons - could use their help in planning NY trip; need Mr. Rosen to talk to his classes about liaisons, need to send out an email; bylaws say Mr. Rosen nominates the student board members, but he can choose from any who express interest; can make it a rotating job to lessen the burden

15. Closing: Toyette motioned to close the meeting, Pam Cohen seconded, all voted in favor. Kara closed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7pm, C144