

Minutes - AHS Drama Boosters - November 2019

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, 7 pm, Room C144

Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Pamela Cohen, Lada Onyshkevych, John Schoen, Marta Thompson, Karen Bickel, Nathan Rosen, Nyah Lampasone, Toyette Sullivan, Christy Erwin, Jenny Fu, Carole Suser.

1. **Meeting opening and welcome:** Kara Lampasone, as Boosters President, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
2. **Approval of minutes from Oct. 2 meeting:** Pam Cohen motioned to approve, Toyette Sullivan seconded, unanimous vote to approve.
3. **Mr. Rosen's report:**
 - advertising for "She Kills Monsters": play t-shirts are here, posters will be here Thursday; John said lawn signs will probably be here by this weekend; need distribution plan for posters and lawn signs; Kara will put together a SignUpGenius and send an announcement [<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080445A8AA2EA3F49-skmposter>]; will have a notice about the play on electronic sign in front of school; Pam will post on social media; will have promo video next week too; Kara mentioned that the video could be played at halftime during athletic games; Jenny Fu suggested advertising in the various neighborhood newsletters
 - Maryland Thespian Festival: January 10-11, sharing bus with Long Reach High, can only take a limited number of people who will be performing; presenting a play called "937", historical drama about St. Louis boat during Holocaust, may present this for parents on Sunday Jan. 12
 - had audition workshops for "Hairspray" - spring musical
 - new ticket machines starting with fall play: will need to show ticket booth people how to work it; ticket takers will need to scan online tickets

-box of old Boosters stuff

4. **Treasurer's report (Michelle Wood):**

-budget report was sent out

-some donations came in recently so we are almost at our \$4000 target for membership

-insurance is paid but next year have to remember to look into it at the beginning of the year since mailed notice was lost and they don't send email notice

-Toyette motioned to accept the budget report, Jenny Fu seconded, unanimous vote to accept

-any money coming in to Treasurer needs to be accompanied by a Receipt Form, not just cash-box form; both forms are available on website

5. **Membership report (Marta Thompson):**

-23 total members right now, memberships are trickling in

-membership info is collected in a Google form for those who need to see it

-will provide list of higher tier members for ticket office

6. **Fall Play needs: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca9ae2ea0fb6-volunteer>**

-Concessions (Lada): need Chocolate Chip cookies, a few other things; Jenny Fu is bringing fresh fruit cups, also homemade mini-wontons (brought samples! delish!) (will serve in those same lidded containers, can eat as finger food with toothpicks, will keep warm in crockpot); need to add table space; John Schoen and Lara Awofesu will get purchased items

-BreakALeg and Raffle: Gina Tepper is making a dragon and mask for raffle, will be at BreakALeg table; need raffle box, tickets, signage; Kara will bring raffle box and Nyah will make a sign; Lada has generic raffle tickets; drawing will be at last show, but item will be on display and raffle tickets available for purchase at every show

-Flowers/Chocolates (Pam Axler): Kara will touch base with Pam Axler; Karen is getting in touch with the Dance dept to ask for input since they sell flowers regularly

-Spiritwear

-Tupperware (Pam Cohen)

-Athletic Boosters can collection for Stuff the Bus: Athletic Boosters will provide a box for collection, will provide an ad, we will put it in our advertising, they will collect at end of each night; Mr. Sinise is involved

-need to figure out **table layout**

-cashboxes and cash: Lada has 2 cashboxes and starter cash for Concessions; John has other cashboxes; starter cash for other cashboxes can be provided by others, or can ask Michelle (must be in advance); Karen will help with taking cashboxes home, counting up cash, handling Receipt Forms and passing final amount to Michelle

7. Cast Party (Kara):

-fall play: Mod Pizza on Nov. 23 after last show; also serves as a fundraiser so will be encouraging others to come too; information is posted on FB page, with a link to GroupRaise where you can indicate that you're coming; Kara will also post to county-wide school restaurant night list on FB group - "HoCoSchool Restaurant Night Fundraisers"; will advertise in school announcements too

-spring musical: will call IHOP for spring cast party

8. New York trip (Kara):

-only 5 signups so far, deadline is November 15, payments by Dec 15, have to pay ticket company first week of January; trip is April 26, 2020

-suggestion to advertise this to students who will be auditioning for spring show too

-Kara boosted the post on the FB page; Pam will send out email again too

9. Winter Social Event (Kara):

-fall party at the Axlers' house was awesome; good turnout, kids had fun

-winter party - will just provide snacks and leave the kids alone; date - Sat. Jan. 25th, after midterms, and Feb 1 as snow date; maybe White Elephant/Yankee Swap?

-Nyah mentioned that need to bring more freshman to the party

10. Fundraisers:

-**Homecoming Bake Sale** (Pam)- next year start same time but then move table to Powder Puff game and continue selling

-**Tupperware** (Pam)- will have fliers for teachers and at rehearsals, have it on website

-**Powerpoint Advertising** for pre-show and intermission (Christy): it's going well, contacted advertisers from last year but only two said it helped them, others declined to repeat their sponsorship; so she found others sponsors, will do trivia and put advertiser names in the answers, with photos from rehearsals; needs help making sure the powerpoint works well

-**Direct Donation Drive** (Pam)- has a video recording from Lindsey talking about how she benefitted from theater at Atholton, need other alums to do recordings, will put these on web site and then can use those links when sending out requests for donations

-**Palette Painting Party** (Marta) - Friday Dec. 13 [or Sunday Dec. 15], mainly for parents, students can come too; will paint decorative signs, will charge \$15 over cost so it will be a fundraiser; Marta's friend runs these; need location - restaurant or someone's house

11. **Spiritwear (Marta Thompson)**: CustomInk order cancelled because we didn't reach the required number of orders; may do something different next season with bigger spring cast, or try again; discussion of other options that may appeal more to the kids - different design, have kids vote on different logos/sayings; v-necks, hoodies, jackets; tech-specific items (black on black)

12. Miscellaneous, Q&A

-Kara went to **Boosters Presidents meeting**

--talked about Homecoming Bake Sale next year, coordinate earlier with Athletic Boosters president; don't need to talk to County, just school

-Snack Shack is having trouble with staffing, will send us SignUp so that we can help; not clear if we would get some percentage or not; Mr. Rosen said theater kids do go there to buy snacks before rehearsal

-question about **spirit boxes** - Nyah will organize it since there is no student director for this show; Kara suggested using Elfster or similar app instead of paper forms

13. **Closing:** the meeting closed at 8:25 pm

Next meeting: SUNDAY (yes, Sunday!), Dec. 8, 6:30 pm, Media Center (General Meeting and Read-thru for the Spring Musical).