

Minutes - AHS Drama Boosters

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 6:30 pm, Media Center

Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Lada Onyshkevych, Pamela Cohen, John Schoen, Marta Thompson, Pam Axler, Nathan Rosen, Josh Laity, Jayda Miller, Destini Nyorkor, Sabrina Lovell, Paige Karras, Kerry Bloom, Nancy Murray, Malika Curry, Dennis James, Kimberly James, Jennifer Wallace, Lori Jayne, Wendy Wyman, Molly Panepento, Erin Lovell, Deb McPherson, Joelle Popa, Denise Weber, Ishan Goswami, Lali Goswami, Elena Wenderoth, Emily Erwin, Anastasia Mantzari, Christy Erwin, Gina Tepper, Jenny Gebhardt, Maria Lecha, Eliana Axler, Lindsey Bloom, Autumn Gebhardt, Alissa Suser, Carole Suser, Folajinmi Awofeso, Omolara Awofeso, Ana Rodriguez, Lynne Dorsey, Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes, Matisyn Stokes, Kevin Sutton, Sammy Fu, Sam Martin, Tashiona Lisulo, Linda Lisulo, Nia Curry, Simone Robinson, Luiza Michael, Taylor James, Jaydan Dorsey, Chris Martin, Marquita Harris, Sophia Leshchyshyn, Abigail Pisanic, Dani Tran, Beth McGrane Tran, Sydney Ash, Carley Cummins, Jenny Fu, J. Smart, Nick Thompson, Kamau Richardson, Sharon Barnes, Sydney Barnes, Kala Richardson, Natalie Richardson

1. Welcome: Boosters President Kara Lampasone opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone.

-Introduction of Officers: President -Kara Lampasone, VP - Jennifer Molinari, Treasurer - Michelle Wood, Recording Secretary - Lada Onyshkevych, Corresponding Secretary - Pamela Cohen, elected Members at Large - John Schoen, Marta Thompson, Pam Axler

-Introduction of Student Liaisons - Sydney Barnes (grade 9), Nyah Lampasone (grade 10), Sophia Leshchyshyn (grade 11); need senior liaison still

-Introductions around the room (students and parents)

2. Mr. Rosen :

-packet: front page - deadlines, some rehearsal dates; next pages - ticket order form, can also buy tickets online; show tshirt order form, will also be google form online; make-up - all actors will need their own, see him if need financial assistance, any specialty makeup or wigs will be provided; Playbill bio - wrong form, would prefer email or online form to paper, more info coming; Playbill ads - will be on the website too, please ask at businesses that you use regularly; blurb order form - great for good luck messages; Production Contract - please read, if can't make rehearsal please email him; sign last page and if didn't give him conflict form do it now, turn in

-auditions were amazing

-Stephanie Gurwitz - choreographer, costumes, can email her if not sure if you're needed at rehearsal (sgurwitz1@gmail.com); will have YCMs (Young Cast Members) for this show- not open call, just younger siblings and past YCMs; will only be on stage for opening and closing; Ms. Jones will coordinate YCMs again

-Ben Vaughn, class of 2011 - will be choreographer too

-Improv Show - Wednesday Night Live: Wednesday, Dec. 18th ,7 pm, in auditorium, tickets are \$5, a number of our cast members will be in it too

(Dismissal of students to Read-thru)

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2019 meeting: Don Lampasone motioned to approve, Jennie Molinari seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Overview of Boosters Activities and Volunteer Needs:

-Communication:

-website: www.atholtondrama.org (Pam Cohen) - includes calendar with rehearsal schedule, events etc ; minutes and treasurers reports too

-email: googlegroups (AHS-Drama); also Mr. Rosen's googlegroup (ahsdramadept)

-please make sure to provide your email on the sign-in sheet today so we can send you an invitation to join the email group!

-social media: find us on Facebook (Atholton Drama Boosters; separate page for Atholton High School Drama - department)

-can also email or call Kara (klampasone@gmail.com)

-Membership (Marta Thompson):

-currently we have only 23 members

-please join - you can fill out paper forms today or go online

-membership levels - from \$5 to \$500; \$100 and up gives you free tickets; program recognition

-NYC Trip to see "West Side Story" - Sunday, April 26 (Kara Lampasone)

-deadline for payment is Jan. 7; link to form: <https://forms.gle/tRnbasVFGNDKzJwX6>

-we go on a nice bus with restroom, have some time to walk around and eat lunch, see matinee, come back; cost includes transportation, light breakfast, ticket to show; show is revival on

Broadway; need minimum of 45 people; students, parents, friends, is first-come-first-served

-Pallet Party Fundraiser - Dec. 15, 5 pm, Glory Days (Marta Thompson) - getting together to paint your own sign, choose from variety, need to sign up in advance and pre-select your sign, deadline is this Friday

-Photography, Videography, video promos - Don Lampasone; this time want to do a video promo in Baltimore, hopefully can get a lot of kids to participate; will send out information about date etc but should be a month or so before show

-Spring Musical Needs - watch for Sign-up-Genius:

-Concessions (Baking and Sales) (Lada Onyshkevych)

-Flowers/Chocolates (Kerry Bloom, Pam Axler)

-Break-a-Leg-agrams (Erika Tyson) - good luck messages you can send to your cast member on a show day; we tape these to the wall near room where the kids change so they can read them

-Raffle - Gina Tepper made art item for fall show raffle, agreed to make something for spring too; can also do basket raffle or other raffles

-Programs/ushering, ticket booth sales

-Advertising (Christy Erwin) - already have some advertisers, please let her know if have other interested businesses; \$75 for one show; can also pay for a slide for your own kid; she uses humorous trivia to make it interesting

-Show Meals (John Schoen) - for long rehearsals in tech week (last week of rehearsals) - warm meals from restaurants; sometimes have in-school performance for elementary or middle schools during a school day, so provide pizza lunch then too; need help with setup, cleanup, snacks and desserts; this is his last year so would like to mentor someone who can take over next year; also will need to feed the pit musicians and the YCMs, so about 100 kids total; do this so that kids don't leave school grounds

-Cast Party (Kara Lampasone) - after Saturday evening show; tentatively will be at IHOP in Columbia but need to confirm

-Directors' Gifts - need someone to coordinate - gifts for Mr. Rosen, choreographers, band director, etc

-Social Events for all kids involved in Drama at AHS:

-Winter Party (January 25 at 6:30) (Kara Lampasone) - winter barbecue, karaoke, just time for kids to hang out

-Spring Party (Kerry Bloom)

-One Night Only (May 16) (student-directed one-act plays) -usually seniors in the theater classes

direct shows, hold auditions after the musical is over; show night will include 4-5 one-act plays

-Awards Banquet (May 13) (Pam Cohen and Pam Axler) - usually get Qdoba, have decorations in cafeteria; will be a sign-up for set-up and clean-up help; after dinner, move to auditorium for Boosters meeting and awards

-Survival Kits/Care Packages (Pam Axler) - for midterms and finals, we do a fundraiser - \$10 for a bag of goodies, snacks, lip balm etc, which parents and friends can order online through Paypal (\$10.50) for their student to wish them luck; midterms are Jan 22-24; Life Skills class does the assembly of the bags for us

-Fundraising

- Pam Cohen did a Tupperware fundraiser for us

-other ideas? We have a healthy budget but we do expensive shows and need to update technology for our productions; right now looking to fund a new sound system because old one is having trouble

-Scholarship Committee - we give small scholarships to 2 seniors every year; need members for a committee (not parents of seniors)

-Nominating Committee - we will need 3 people to find candidates for next year's officers; if you're interested in being an officer or elected member at large next year, please let us know, or let the Nominating Committee know once we have one; also if your student is interested in being a student liaison next year, please let us know; Taylor James volunteered today to be our senior liaison this year

5. Treasurer's Report (Michelle Wood)

-budget report was emailed out

-current balance: \$22, 862.30 as of end of November

-please give her any reimbursal forms

-please join Boosters - various membership levels

-Pam Cohen motioned to approve, Marta Thompson seconded, unanimous vote to approve

6. Q&A, Miscellaneous:

- discussion about problematic plays and how we as parents can express our concerns, how students can address things they're uncomfortable with

-question if this show will be appropriate for younger siblings - suggestion to watch online, but Broadway version not the movie

-question about YCMs: audition process is gentle; rehearsals - only certain ones, will have snacks and backstage games for some of the rehearsals; older students help keep them organized; participation will be limited to siblings and those who have been YCMs before, not open call this time; it's a fun experience

-tech opportunities for any interested students (including actors): -lots of different opportunities, including painting sets, costumes, makeup, lighting, sound, props

7. Closing: Boosters President Kara Lampasone closed the meeting at 8:12 pm. Pam Cohen motioned, Don Lampasone seconded.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7 pm, Room C144

Meetings are typically on the second Tuesday of the month, but there are some exceptions.