

Minutes - AHS Drama Boosters

Tuesday, April 14, 2019, 7 pm

Zoom online meeting

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Meeting ID: 771 853 194

Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Pamela Cohen, Lada Onyshkevych, Nathan Rosen, Pam Axler, John Schoen, Marta Thompson, Christy Erwin, Sharon Barnes, Don Lampasone, Matisyn Stokes, Malia Schlichting, Sabrina Lovell.

1. **Meeting opening and welcome:** Boosters President Kara Lampasone opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone.
2. **Approval of minutes from March 3 meeting:** Christy Erwin motioned to approve, Pam Cohen seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.
3. **Mr. Rosen's report:**
 - Dustin Merrell's father passed away recently; he also lost his brother a few weeks ago
 - thinks we should do Drama Banquet via Zoom, everyone have their own food, slide show, meeting, etc
 - will not be announcing a season because we don't know how school will look next year; there are new plays out designed to be performed in Zoom meetings or Google Meets, but he hasn't read them yet
 - will be teaching an English class in fall, one theater class will be cut; don't have enough students for a tech class
 - has learned a lot about Canvas in last few weeks

-Hairspray: if things are opened up in June and social distancing permits, might do show then; would need 2-3 weeks to rehearse, and don't know what all the students will be doing

4. **Treasurer's report:** Boosters Treasurer Michelle Wood presented the budget report.

-current balance \$25,589.10; just got expenses for Care Packages

-already have refund for bus from NY trip, waiting for refund for Broadway show, will then start issuing refunds to families; will need to deduct for Paypal fee for those who paid that way; can't refund through Paypal because we're over the 60 day limit; will refund exactly what we received; have problem with Paypal because it's linked to an old email address that we have no access to, and setting up a new one requires a social security number; might want to look at other payment services for the future, or use a button instead of email Paypal payments so we can build in a surcharge to cover Paypal's charge; Kara mentioned that we didn't buy snacks for the bus, and have some other padding, so maybe can do full refunds

-web hosting fee went up from \$30 to \$45; might consider looking at another provider;

-John motioned to approve the report, Christy seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

5. **Nominating Committee's Report:**

-the committee (Lada Onyshkevych, Sharon Barnes, Pam Axler) requested a few more days to finalize the slate; most pieces are in place, but we are awaiting decisions from some people; when we have a full slate, we will send that to the Board, and after that to the membership.

[Note: the Nominating Committee was able to put together a complete slate and send it to the Board on 4-16-20:

President: Sharon Barnes

Vice President: Marta Thompson

Treasurer: Michelle Wood

Recording Secretary: Christy Erwin

Corresponding Secretary: Pam Cohen

4 elected Members at Large: Pam Axler, Lada Onyshkevych, Jennifer Molinari, Kerry Bloom]

6. Scholarship Committee's Report:

-Kara asked if we can do something else for all the graduating seniors this year, since we don't have an application process in place; have \$1000 in the budget for the scholarship, Michelle says we have \$1100 in the budget for banquet food and expenses, which we won't be using, but have to use the scholarship money for a scholarship; we do have at least one student who intends to major in theater

-will table the application process and grant scholarships in the same way as in previous years, with Mr. Rosen's nomination; committee will decide how many scholarships/amounts [Note: committee later decided to grant two scholarships, and use remainder of scholarship money in the budget to issue gift cards in small amounts to our other seniors]

7. Contingency plans, in the likely event that schools will not reopen physically this school year:

-advertising money collected from businesses for shows: Christy will email the businesses and give them a choice of a refund, online advertising on our website/FB page/email lists, or let us keep the money till fall in case we have a show then; smaller businesses might need the money to be returned, for employee salaries or other expenses; Michelle suggested that any businesses asking for a refund should do so by June 1

-Boosters election: decision made to conduct online voting through a Google Forms or other survey, with write in option for nominations from the floor, as voting through a Zoom meeting would be difficult; bylaws do not specify format of voting; quorum is 11 members; will need to approve Michelle running for 3rd year as treasurer

-Awards Banquet: decision made to have an online celebration, starting at 7 pm with the Boosters meeting, followed at 7:30 by the awards, senior slide show, and a virtual banquet,

so people can join when they want to; may switch to GoogleMeet rather than Zoom; Mr. Rosen won't have access to Thespian Society letters and certificates since he isn't allowed in the school building; can't set date yet, as we don't know yet when school ends, if seniors are done early, etc; Mr. Rosen will ask Mr. Motley if there will be any online conflicts in May; suggestion to hold the award show in school parking lot, projecting the senior slide show there; Mr. Rosen will find someone to put together the senior slide show, will send out email to ask parents for the baby pictures and senior pictures, deadline May 5; group photos welcome too; Kara will organize smaller online group meetings to plan the Boosters portion of this

-possibility of an early August picnic, if conditions allow, maybe a potluck (because next year's budget won't be approved yet)

-celebrating our graduating seniors: we usually have a couple dozen seniors, including tech, class, etc; we have already ordered a senior banner - will attach it to fence by school drop off line so kids can come and take a picture with it; discussion of other possibilities - yard signs in seniors' yards? will continue discussions about this [note: Kara later met online with Mr. Motley and other Boosters presidents; decision made to order yard signs for all seniors; all Boosters organizations will be involved]

8. **Miscellaneous, Q&A:**

-Kara will send a food basket to Dustin Merrell, will be donation-funded, those who would like to contribute can Paypal donations to her at klampasone@gmail.com; Mr. Rosen will send her Dustin's address.

9. **Closing:** Kara concluded the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Next meeting will be online some time in May - date not yet set.