

Minutes - AHS Drama Boosters - May 2020

Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 7 pm

Zoom online meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82463119819>

Meeting ID: 824 6311 9819

Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Lada Onyshkevych, Pam Cohen, Nathan Rosen, Marta Thompson, Pam Axler, John Schoen, Christy Irwin.

1. **Meeting opening and welcome:** Boosters President Kara Lampasone opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and greeted everyone.
2. **Approval of minutes from April 14 meeting:** Michelle motioned to approve, Christy seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

3. **Mr. Rosen's report:**

-informed administration of date of our Award Event; Ezra is working on slide show, still needs some submissions

-University of Maryland online production of "She Kills Monsters" on Zoom - thinks it was only live, not sure it's archived; was interesting, had interesting technical glitches - audio continued but video froze, had fun with snapchat filters for costuming (horns, dragons breathing fire, red eyes); beautiful zoom backgrounds - they used their tech people; cast had never rehearsed in person, all remote; playwright made special version for zoom, they worked with him; it was live, not pre-recorded, so had the crackle of live performance; some people are making lemonade; this also works because it's a small cast - can do it with 11 people; did some breakout rooms for 2 people scenes etc; maybe we can do something on zoom in future, if we continue with remote learning, but so far no guidance from school system

-working out who is eligible for Thespian Society, will be announcing soon; those eligible will need to fill out another form online and make an online payment

-seniors will be getting cords along with caps and gowns; graduation will be streamed online; at Mr. Motley's request, he has reached out to some of our celebrity graduates and asked them to record a message for graduation

-Hairspray - postponed; we don't have streaming rights; doesn't think it will be the same show if socially distant on stage, and doesn't think we'll be able to stop social distancing; some companies are working on streaming adaptations; might be asking Boosters to fund a paid Zoom account for future shows, since Zoom has advantages that other platforms don't have; could maybe try doing single songs through Rehearscore - each person records singly and then mix it together

4. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Michelle Wood discussed the Budget Report sent out via email.

-NY Trip refunds: Refunds were received for our NYC trip expenses and issued to all families who had paid.

-Advertiser refunds: Partial refunds were also given to advertisers who purchased advertising for the spring musical and who requested a refund instead of credit for next performance (so you will see income reduced in that line item).

-Budget amendment for Directors' Gift line: at the final general membership meeting (just before the banquet/award ceremony), Michelle plans to request a budget amendment to increase the spending in the directors' gift line item by \$160.00. The reason for this is to reimburse a boosters member who had already incurred expenses for directors' gifts prior to the pandemic (and subsequent school closure and musical cancellation), which could not have been anticipated. The situation rendered us unable to collect donations as we normally would have and, given the economic hardship the pandemic has caused, we do not wish to solicit donations but rather have the boosters absorb those unavoidable costs. The email Michelle sent out provides notice of that proposed budget amendment and gives the opportunity for members to ask questions/express any concerns prior to the vote.

-senior gifts - will use banquet funds to give seniors \$25 gift cards (or possibly \$50); also 2 senior scholarships from the scholarship fund

- John motioned to accept the report, Lada seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.
- Michelle will need volunteers to audit the books after June 30; John and Kara volunteered.

5. Nominating Committee's Report and Virtual Election plans:

-change in slate: Pam Cohen and Lada Onyshkevych will switch places in the positions for which they are running, because of Pam's family situation. Nominations will still be accepted from the floor, as always, but the Nominating Committee's final slate is:

President: Sharon Barnes

Vice President: Marta Thompson

Treasurer: Michelle Wood

Recording Secretary: Christy Erwin

Corresponding Secretary: Lada Onyshkevych

4 elected Members at Large: Pam Axler, Pamela Cohen, Jennifer Molinari, Kerry Bloom

-voting: the committee has a GoogleForm ready to go for voting online.

-Our bylaws do not specify voting format, and online voting is similar to paper ballot voting (which is the usual procedure if more than one person is running for a position).

-The GoogleForm can be sent out tomorrow, and stay open until shortly before our General Membership meeting on May 27. Voting results will be announced at the meeting.

-The form allows write-in candidates (equivalent to nominations from the floor).

-It will collect emails of those voting, to reduce duplicate or invalid votes. But anyone can edit their response as many times as they like.

-The form has been tested, but we ask board members to vote soon and let us know if any issues arise; please log out of any hcpss accounts first.

-discussion of whether to do voice vote during the meeting; logistical problems due to zoom format; a decision was made to proceed with online voting, then if there are any write-in candidates, can announce that at beginning of meeting and vote through a show of

hands, Kara will monitor any show of hands since Lada will be minuting and won't be able to see everyone at once.

6. Awards Virtual Event planning:

-General Membership meeting will take place online on **Wednesday, May 27, 7:30-8 pm**, before the Awards event

-platform for Awards event - GoogleMeet? Zoom? Mr. Rosen said that Zoom has sharper images; Kara can set up and have Mr. Rosen and Ezra as co-hosts so can share the senior video

-Mr. Rosen recommends not posting the link on FB or other social media, just via email, to avoid zoom-bombing; ask people not to share with non-participants esp on social media

-need to discuss: Treasurer's Report, Election results, Volunteer Recognition, Directors' gifts, Senior Scholarships and gifts

-Kara asked how to distribute the Amazon gift cards for seniors? Mr. Rosen suggested electronically, and he can supply email addresses; question about the kids who are on the fringes of drama and don't respond to anything - do we want to give those students gift cards? Kara will leave it up to Mr. Rosen; will buy email gift cards in one transaction, \$25 or \$50 each (will decide when have final number of students), and schedule delivery time for shortly after meeting is over

-Directors' gifts: porch deliveries? Jennie needs contact info; Mr. Rosen will get back to her

-8-8:45 -Awards, 8:45-9 - senior video

7. Miscellaneous, Q&A

-Alissa Suser's idea about drive-in theater at school as fundraiser? Mr. Rosen says can't use school grounds until the county allows access; would need permission; sound would be difficult, maybe short-range FM broadcast; concessions would be a bad idea for anything in near term; was moved and delighted that kids were thinking about it though

8. **Closing:** Boosters President Kara Lampasone closed the meeting at 7:59 pm.