

Minutes of General Meeting

AHS Drama Boosters

Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 7:30 pm

Zoom online meeting

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Attendance: Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Lada Onyshkevych, Pamela Cohen, John Schoen, Marta Thompson, Pam Axler, Nathan Rosen, Steven Molinari, Stephanie Gurwitz, Toyette Sullivan, Joshua Wallace, Bryce Smart, Sol Rougow, Joelle Popa, Cameron Goodwin-Schoen, Rachel Goodwin, Robbie Taylor, Alissa Suser, Alystica Woodworth, Emily Erwin, Christy Erwin, Destini Nyorkor, Divija S, Ezra Silver-Eisenstadt, Kyra Stewart, Sharon Barnes, Erin Edwards, Nyah Lampasone, Autumn Gebhardt, Craig Axler, Pam Axler, Eliana Axler, Kelsie Schlichting, Sophie Rose, Josh Molinari, Nick Thompson, Marta Thompson, Max Crider, Harrison Cohen, Abigail Pisanic, Dani Tran, Arun Siripuram, Tashiana Lisulo, Jason Nguyen, Aeris Tepper, Elena Wenderoth, Zoe Crider, Yasmine Daoud, Anastasia Mantzari, Sophia Leshchyshyn.

1. **Meeting opening and welcome:** Boosters President Kara Lampasone opened the meeting at 7:34 pm and welcomed everyone.
2. **Approval of minutes from May 13 meeting:** Pam Cohen motioned to approve, Jennie Molinari seconded. **Unanimous** vote to approve.
3. **Treasurer's budget revision vote:** (Treasurer Michelle Wood)
 - asking to **increase the Directors' Gifts line item** in our budget by \$160, because purchases were made before we knew school would be closed due to the pandemic; because of the current economic situation, we did not want to ask families for donations
 - Christy Erwin motioned to approve, John Schoen seconded. **Unanimous** vote to approve.

4. **Election results for 2020-21 Boosters Board:** (Nominating Committee member Lada Onyshkevych):

-the Nominating Committee (Lada Onyshkevych, Sharon Barnes and Pam Axler) conducted a **virtual vote for next year's Board via GoogleForms** over the last two weeks. **Quorum** was met and exceeded, and no nominations were made from the floor through the write-in candidate option. The vote for the Nominating Committee's slate was **unanimous**.

In addition, the virtual vote included a question about allowing our Treasurer, Michelle Wood, to continue in that position for a **third term**, as our bylaws require a majority vote to approve an exemption to the usual two-year term limit. That question also received **unanimous** approval.

Congratulations to our **new Boosters Board** for 2020-21, which will take office on July 1:

-President - Sharon Barnes

-Vice President - Marta Thompson

-Treasurer - Michelle Wood

-Recording Secretary - Christy Erwin

-Corresponding Secretary - Lada Onyshkevych

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

Thank you for stepping up to help!

-The Nominating Committee would also like to thank **this year's Board** (in office until July 1): Kara Lampasone, Jennifer Molinari, Michelle Wood, Lada Onyshkevych, Pamela Cohen, John Schoen, Pam Axler, Marta Thompson, and Erika Tyson (who continued helping the Boosters even though she did not have a child in Drama this year).

-particular thanks to **two departing members of our Board and their families:**

-Kara Lampasone, who has been a terrific President and has consistently led by example, always involved and always helping. She has worked tirelessly,

coordinating events such as cast parties, social events, and the New York trip, and also stepping in to help wherever needed, on top of her duties as President.

-Don Lampasone has spent a tremendous amount of time as our videographer and photographer over the years, with the help of daughter Nyah, and has also stepped in to help wherever needed, including with concessions sales. We will really miss this family and we wish them all the best at their new school.

-John Schoen has been such a pillar of our organization over many years that we don't know what we'll do without him. He has organized so many things, including show meals, yard signs, director gift donations, and facilities setup, and has always been the go-to guy to solve problems. **Rachel Goodwin** has always been there to volunteer as an usher or ticket taker, or help wherever needed. Son Cameron has always been ready to help with anything as well. We will miss this family a great deal too, and wish them all the best.

-both families can expect a small token of our appreciation delivered to their front porches in the near future.

5. **Volunteer recognition:** (Kara Lampasone)

-thank you to these individuals for their volunteer work for Boosters this year - each person will receive a certificate through email in the coming days:

Lara Awofeso

Pam and Craig Axler

Sharon Barnes

Karen and James Bickel

Kerry Bloom

Pam Cohen

Luann Edwards

Christy Erwin

Jenny Fu

Maria Lecha

Andy, Sophia, and Danylo Leshchyshyn

Jennifer Molinari

Lada Onyshkevych

Malia Schlichting

Toyette and Shiane Sullivan

Carole Suser

Gina Tepper

Marta and Robert Thompson

Erika Tyson

Michelle Wood

Melinda Workman

Special thank you to our **student liaisons:**

Sydney Barnes

Nyah Lampasone

Sophia Leshchyshyn

6. **Directors' gifts:** (Coordinator Jennifer Molinari):

Tonight, we would like to acknowledge and thank the talented directors and the creative and innovative choreographers who helped put together our production of "Hairspray". They all dedicated so much time and put in so much effort to create what would have been (and may one day still be?) a memorable production.

Music Director: **Mr. Dustin Merrell (T)**

Choreographers: **Ms. Courtney Clutts (T), Ms. Nicole Payne, Ms. Brina Rosen (T), Mr. Daniel Rosen (T), Ms. Rachel Schotz (T), Mr. Ben Vaughn (T)**

(All of you will receive a gift bag including a mason jar so you can make your own "big blonde and beautiful brownies")

Chief Choreographer: **Ms. Stephanie Gurwitz**

(Here is a sample of what will be in your gift bag- Personalized wine bottle)

Director & Designer: **Mr. Nathan Rosen (T)** (And here is the main gift from your gift bag- Personalized Shadow Box)

In order to receive your gift bags I need to know whether you would like to have your gift **personally delivered or if you would like to pick up your gift from my house** in Columbia. Please send me an email at joshandjasek12@gmail.com and let me know your preference as soon as possible.

Thank you for all that you have done this year!

7. **Senior scholarships and gifts** (Chair Kara Lampasone):

-two **scholarships of \$250** will be granted to graduating seniors who plan to continue studies in theater: **Cameron Goodwin-Schoen and Ezra Silver-Eisenstadt.**

-**congratulations to all of our graduating seniors!** Boosters are giving you **each a \$30 Amazon gift card.** The cards will be **sent via email** in the upcoming week; if you haven't given Mr. Rosen a usable email, or something has changed, please contact Mr. Rosen or **klampasone@gmail.com**

8. **Closing, transition to Awards portion of evening:** Boosters President Kara Lampasone closed the General Meeting at 7:48 pm. The evening continued with Mr. Rosen giving Thespian Society and other awards, followed by the Senior Video, coordinated by Ezra Silver-Eisenstadt.

Our June meeting has been cancelled.