

Minutes

AHS Drama Boosters

February 16, 2021, 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82649717435?pwd=QkFuYmVubkgzRTZOSIBKVIRGajBmUT09>

Attendance: Sharon Barnes, Michelle Wood, Nathan Rosen, Karen Bickel, Sophia Leshchyshyn, Marta Thompson, Jennifer Molinari, Sydney Barnes, Sammy Fu, Kerry Bloom.

1. Meeting opening and welcome: Boosters President Sharon Barnes opened the meeting at 7pm with a *moment of silence for alumna Lindsey Cohen*, who passed away recently from cancer, and her family.

-Information about ways to support the family:

-**Memorial service** this Sunday, Feb. 21, 4pm; please contact Pam Cohen if you'd like to be a speaker or contribute media for the service - prcohen92@gmail.com

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-**Meal Train:**

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/62w71q?fbclid=IwAR0A-eKuxyRvwK95723weFeFfNfJ561eGSqIjyzOTZSKtIsQGQvkhXSeLrI>

-**GoFundMe** (to help with medical and other expenses related to Lindsey's illness):
https://www.gofundme.com/f/lindsey-cohen-cancer-slayer?fbclid=IwAR3r8veRt6dTZHaPrIZFU804HZXMTGQSzX3JI6Dxshfxm6hhY7qnB4We_Yc

-**donations in lieu of flowers** - charities supporting the arts, LGBTQ rights, Triple Negative breast cancer research, homeless charities, or plant a tree in Israel or Colorado. Suggestion for such a charity - **Broadway Cares:**

<https://donate.broadwaycares.org/give/140654/?fbclid=IwAR0tF3fxqvQuhBgp3pPnXtFu0RGDqHvw0ll1hfsPkDKTfrQVs7zzlRNFI8M#!/donation/checkout>

2. Approval of minutes from January meeting: Mr. Rosen motioned to approve, Karen seconded, Michelle abstained, all others voted to approve.

-Christy will not be continuing as Recording Secretary, so Lada agreed to take on that job.

3. **President's Report** (Sharon Barnes):

-**Nominating Committee** needed: those interested should contact Sharon

-**Senior Scholarship**: we give two scholarships of \$250 each every year to graduating seniors

-Sharon suggested that we *name the scholarship in honor of Lindsey Cohen*, Lada seconded, all approved

-last year we talked about forming a committee but that didn't happen; usually Mr. Rosen nominates two students; Sharon has put together a draft of criteria; it would be great if we had a committee to work with Mr. Rosen, and to tweak the criteria; Sharon will send those out and we can decide from there; Mr. Rosen said he looks for students who have given a lot of time and shown dedication and involvement in theatre at AHS when deciding whom to nominate, and he has a vantage point that others don't have, but it's up to us

4. **Student Liaison Report** (Sophia Leshchyshyn):

-the liaisons are planning another **student online game night** soon, and want to use **Backyard.co** this time; advantages - more students can play, wider range of games, no payment needed; this is a good time to plan another event

-also planning a separate **game night for recent alumni** (past 5-6 years); lots of interest already - about 20 people interested; these kids are the ones who knew Lindsey best, and they could benefit from an online get-together now

-Sharon offered any support needed from grownups

5. **Mr. Rosen's Report**:

-has been helping with **memorial** for Lindsey Cohen; he knew her well and has stayed in touch since she graduated

-**Thespian Festival** coming up April 9-11, doesn't conflict with school; will be requesting donations from families whose kids want to go; base package \$40; don't have to do it all; optional competitions; students got a powerpoint with forms and information, went to students not currently in a theater class too; would love to have volunteers, who would get their fee refunded, would be mostly zoom cohosting; at a previous meeting, we had discussed possibility of boosters making a

contribution, will see what we need based on donations - if a student wants to go but can't donate, have to find a way to make it possible

-3 theatre **classes** underway now, lots more students than in fall; Musical Theatre class will do a show; Theater Company will probably have 2 shows (one-acts); students will need to record at home even if they're in hybrid class, because can't sing in school

-online winter show, **coVAUiDEVILLE**, went well, had variety, was interesting, had good acting

-have been told there will be no live in person performances for rest of school year county-wide

-Sharon asked about Broadway Dreams - does virtual field-trips; Mr. Rosen said the Thespian Festival has same sorts of offerings

-for a spring show, Mr. Rosen is looking at things that can be done online

-Mr. Rosen is in a an online show with Rude Mechanicals called "The Tamer Tamed", which has another live performance this coming Saturday: <https://www.youtube.com/therudemechanicals>

6. Treasurer's Report (Michelle Wood):

- no activity on account in 2 months, nothing to report

-Mr. Rosen asked if Boosters can support Thespian Festival fees? don't have line-item in budget, but it could come from line-item for department support; would need to be cautious and make it only this year

-need to check mailbox for Chipotle check, will make arrangements with Mr. Rosen to bring out any checks

7. Membership Report (Marta Thompson):

- still just 11 members

-incentives: had held off with raffle in case got more members, will try to do another push for membership and then do the raffle

8. Closing: Boosters President Sharon Barnes closed the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: March 16, 2021