

Drama Boosters Minutes
Meeting September 17th, 2019

Meeting Date:	Tuesday May 17 th , 2019
Meeting Time:	7:00 pm
Notes Taken by:	Nicole Jacobson, Secretary
Attendees:	Cyndi Branciforte, Leigh Ann Lemons, Nicole Jacobson, Lisa Roti, Vanessa Gelinis, Dawn Matthews, Holly Eelman, Maggie Schmitz, Jodie Labovich, Yulia Boyle, Charlie Kraiger, Lauren Smith, Danielle Janson, Carol Stuart, MayBeth Tribble, Michelle Steindl, Mary Foltz, Elena Shacochis, Jennifer Wilkinson, Caroline Weeks,
Next Booster Meeting:	December 9 th , 2019 7pm in Drama Room

I. Call to Order:

Cyndi Branciforte opened the meeting at 07:05 seconded by Lisa Roti.

Introductions led by Cyndi. All those in attendance introduced themselves. Cyndi recapped the purpose of the Drama Boosters; resource to Mrs. Gelinis and support the program as a whole.

II. Budget:

Lisa Roti gave the current budget report. (See attached Budget) She reviewed the big categories of the budget with the Booster members.

New line items designated in budget: Field trip allocation money and Coordinator positions.

Lisa reviewed workshops that are provided in the budget for each drama levels (Pete Bergen, Synetic Theatre, etc.)

Yulia Boyle asked if there is a plan in place for funds for students who can't afford to attend trips and events that cost money. Lisa confirmed that there is money set aside (and a process in place) to help students should they wish to request financial assistance for trips. Consensus of the group was that we would make financial assistance availability and the process for securing assistance more known in writing and during event sign ups.

*Private emails should be sent to Vanessa Gelinias if anyone hears of students in need.

Drama Booster Membership: Cyndi reviewed the new Director's Circle membership option for families with students in both Chorus and Drama at Oakton High School. (All other levels remain the same as last year based on discussion from the last Booster meeting held in May 2019). Drama membership forms will be sent to all Drama families from Vanessa Gelinias in the next couple weeks. Drama membership forms can be completed until the first show in November. However, those who wish to take advantage of the Director's Circle membership are encouraged to complete and submit the form prior to the "Cougar Cabaret" Choral event. (Families in Chorus were issued a Choral Booster Membership form last week).

III. Review/Approval of May 28th Minutes: Nicole Jacobson

Nicole Jacobson had copies of the May minutes available for review. Lisa Roti moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Holly Eelman seconded the motion.

IV. New Business:

Drama Coordinator roles reviewed by Leigh Ann Lemons. Each performance throughout the 2019-20 season will have a separate Coordinator to manage the lobby and parent volunteers. The following parent volunteers fill current Coordinator positions:

1. Fall Show #2: Wild Oats: Holly Eelman
2. One Acts Dinner Theatre: Yulia Boyle
3. Soap Operas: Jodie Labovich
4. Improv: Lauren Smith
5. Cappies: Sarah Fiskien

COORDINATOR ROLES STILL NEEDED:

1. Fall Show #1: Men on Boats. (NOVEMBER 7,8,9)
2. Spring Musical: TBA (April 30, May 1-2, May 8-9)

*** Please contact Leigh Ann Lemons if you wish to volunteer for one of these helpful leadership positions: leigh_lemons@hotmail.com*

Itickets: new program coming. Details TBA from FFX County. Vanessa Gelinias reported that if the system is not in place before the fall shows we will do sales at the door.

Videographer: We have hired the same videographer from last year for the 2 fall shows and the Musical this season. Many people reported having difficulty playing their DVD's from Catch Me If You Can.

Cyndi will follow up with the glitch and see how we can fix this problem for upcoming recordings.

V. Directors Report:

Vanessa Gelinis reviewed all the shows for the 2019-20 season.

Improv: First show: October 18th

Fall Show #1; Men On Boats: November 7, 8, & 9. This show is an all-female show. This show will be the Oakton Drama Cappie Show for the season.

Fall Show#2: Wild Oats: November 21, 22, & 23. This show is a western-themed comedy.

One Acts Dinner Theatre: February 3rd, 2020

Soap Operas: February 13th, 2020

Spring Musical: April 30, May 1, 2, 8, & 9, 2020

Musical will be announced at Halloween.

The Fall Show Men on Boats will be the Cappie Show for the 2019-20 season due to the Cappie organization rejecting the request to have the Musical be the Cappie show.

KT Scholarship: The Scholarship honors a creative student who passed away from Cancer. The Scholarship is open to anyone in the school. Students submit creative portfolios of the students' choice. The former friends and teachers of Katie vote on the scholarship applicants. The 2019 recipient was Carolyn Best.

Mrs. Gelinis touched on the 2020-21 School Year when the auditorium will be under construction. Fall shows will be "On the Road". Possible idea: Our Town outside under a tent.

VI. Other Business:

Elena Shacochis reviewed Cappie's dinner details. Elena outlined the needs for parent volunteers that evening from roughly 3:15 pm-11:30 pm. Set up, Decorations, Clean Up, and Food donations will be needed. The student Cappie Critic team will come up with ideas for the food and decorations. Any parent volunteer without a Cappie critic is encouraged to help. Students who are not Cappie critics as well as students not in the show may help with the event as well.

Show Attendance: Cyndi encouraged people to really promote the shows so we get people in the seats; spread the word and photos on your own Social Media and community platforms to get the word out about our shows.

VII. Next Booster Meeting: December 9th at 7pm (OHS Drama room)

VII: Meeting Adjourned:

Daneille Janson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm; Charlie Kraiger seconded the motion.