

## **GHS THEATRE BOOSTERS' MEETING MINUTES:**

**May 10, 2018**

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Lisa Dinning called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **In Attendance**

Lisa Dinning, President; Annie Styrna, Vice President; Christina Vrba, Secretary; Kate Smith, Treasurer; Letty Ebel, Phil Walker, Cathy Ostergard, Angela Kobylecky, Debra Nowak, and Amber Judson.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Lisa Dinning made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of Connie's name being spelled with a "K" not a "C." Cathy Ostergard seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report**

Kate Smith reported that our current balance. She also reported that our balance as of March 31. (Reported)

### **Membership**

Lisa reported that we currently have 39 members.

### **Discussion Items**

- Per our last meeting, Debra Nowak reached out to Konnie and Bill of Encore Theatre Productions to discuss their summer workshops and provided the full details. Bill suggested a cold read and a monologue session for 2 sessions each week for 4 weeks in June and 4 weeks in July on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8pm for \$150/session or \$300 for both June and July sessions. There is a 10-student minimum and a mini performance at the end of each session. Konnie suggested a dance workshop on

Wednesday nights for the same weeks as Bill's except it would be a 90-minute class and the sessions would only be \$125 each.

- Darcy Carberry reached out to Lisa with an idea to name our theatre scholarship after Phil for all of his hard work and efforts with our group for all these many years! Lisa made a motion to change the name to Phillip G Walker Geneva Theatre Scholarship. Amber and Cathy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Per our last meeting, Angela Kobylecky reported that she reached out to Mr. Rogers about the time and date changes for the musical. Although he is onboard with our ideas, he would like to wait until the new choir director is announced so he/she can be a part of this important discussion.
- Per our last meeting, Brenna Castagna reached out to Lisa about broadening our reach to the lower levels (middle school and possible grade school) and Lisa thought at this time that wouldn't work due to lack of faculty support. However, the group discussed that the gap still needs to be filled somehow. Some of the suggestions included bussing the kids to the HS to watch our musical and for our boosters to attend and have a presence at all back to school nights of the lower levels. Lastly, it was suggested that smaller group of HS actors go to the schools and put on mini shows for them.
- Lisa reported that our very last CPK fundraiser made \$96.11 and it was \$493.95 for the year. This money goes back to the school to help offset our licensing expenses.
- The group discussed asking Mr. Rogers to pay the extra for the license to video record our productions. All agreed if he is on board to do so, that we need to find a professional to handle this. Our small group is not manned or able to handle this on their own. GTV kids were suggested as a possible outlet but someone from this group would need to coordinate that with their sponsor.

- Debra Nowak discussed the possibility of engaging our woods, arts, photography and otherwise “artsy” students with our productions in any of the techie, makeup, costume or any other area where it seems a natural fit. The group discussed that again the either the shows’ directors or faculty/sponsors would be needed to spearhead and organize these kids in order to incorporate them appropriately. Kate suggested the possibility of adding another Theatre scholarship geared more towards the arts/techie side of the productions (next year) in order to attempt to attract more artsy/crafty kids.
- The school forwarded a bill from the lighting company that Ms. T used to rent a special lighting board from, which was needed for our spring musical. Ms. T paid the \$800 bill on her personal credit card, she needs to be reimbursed either by the school or the boosters ASAP. There seems to be some confusion as to why the school would be getting a bill since the company was already paid by Ms. T’s personal credit card. There is also some confusion as to whose responsibility it is to reimburse Ms. T...the boosters or the school? The boosters are in a holding pattern right now as there is a discussion going on between all the parties involved...

## Committee Reports

- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** no report
- **PHOTO TABLE:** no report
- **PUBLICITY:** no report
- **WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/AD SALES/FLASHDRIVES:** Phil was able to get a \$140 deduction off our web hosting bill to bring the price for the next 3 years down to what it was 3 years ago. Great job Phil. Phil discussed that he will begin ad sales immediately for the fall after updating the flyer to reflect all 4 shows. The group discussed not increasing ad sale pricing due to the already impossible task of selling the ad space.
- **FRONT OF HOUSE/DISPLAY CASE:** no report

- **CAST AND CREW BOARD:** no report
- **FANAGRAMS:** no report
- **BANQUET:** Kate and Amber wrapped up the banquet details, and all agreed it was truly a HUGE success!!!! Thank you Kate and Amber for all the time and effort put into this event!!! New this year were certificates for each student who attended as well as a “key to the theatre” award for those students who contributed to all 3 shows. Kate reported there were about 75 students involved in the theatre program this year (about 50 cast and 25 techies). **Lisa Dinning and Annie Styrna agreed to reserve May 5, 2019 for next year’s banquet.** The senior gift (a theatre-themed queen pillow case with pillow inside) were a major hit, and it was suggested that maybe this is the set gift each year for seniors as they send off to college. The group discussed the idea of the banquet again being free but possibly considering moving the time to 7-8:30pm after the dinner hour since it’s an all desserts event. The seniors’ slide show was really fun to watch and Kate suggested asking for 2 youthful pics and 2 more recent pics so that the adults can recognize who all the kids are in the slideshow.
- **CAST APPRECIATION/PINS:** no report
- **TEE SHIRTS:** no report
- **BIOS and SHOUT OUTS:** no report

**Next Meeting:**

**September 13, 2018 at 7pm in the Guidance Office at GHS**

Cathy Ostergard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm, and Lisa Dinning seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christina Vrba