

**Freedom Theatre Boosters
Meeting
November 2, 2020**

Location: Virtual due to Covid

Attendees: Val Walters, Laura Rossman, Allison Fontaine, Sandra Wilfong, Jason McGraw (led meeting in President Krista DeVeneré's absence), Rachel Novi, Tanya Amme, Patty Fink, Lara Larson, Sarah Bercher, Susan Potock,

7:08 PM Meeting called to order.

7:09 PM **Thespian Report, Allison Fontaine, ITS President**

- October – had virtual points clarification – went well.
- October spooky social – went very well.
- Run through of each show.
- Classics and Contemporaries pairings (upper and lower classmen pairings for support and camaraderie).
- Cappies will be virtual this year. Can do 8 submissions per school. Contemplating what they might be and timing of all.
- Maeleigh Moore leading efforts for a Virtual Friendsgiving.
- Question re ITS Induction Ceremony: Will bring up at Officer Meeting on Friday. Ms Novi supports doing a virtual induction, likely end December 2020.

7:10 PM **Theatre Director Report, Ms. Novi**

- Show dates changed to Dec 3-5, 2020 as per Dr. Fulton's recommendation. Gives 2.5 extra weeks. Nov 16-20 is now Tech Week. Very different Tech Week than normal. Asking to use "On the Stage Zoom" – which allows for multiple screens recorded at the same time; needs administration approval for use of Zoom. Can overlay sound, significant splicing, etc. On the Stage has a built-in ticketing platform...easy to use. If not allowed to use On the Stage, Ms. Novi requests assistance in sales, encrypted links, etc. Jason attended a virtual performance recently and received a link and code after purchase. He will look into the system used and provide details as they are available. Posting to YouTube as an unlisted address is another option. ShowTix is an option (Rock Ridge uses this). Options to use the existing 11-minute VTA video as a test run. Considering 2 ticket prices, individual and family.
- Huge Thank You to all students for being incredibly adaptable, honest, participative! 45 students involved in plays and all are doing very well.
- Extending show fee to November 13.
- T-shirt design to be finalized this week.

- Distribution plan to be determined after ordering is complete.
- Poster design in for approval. Will be printed and booster assistance is requested for distribution around community.
- Anna McDonald designed a yard sign. Fundraiser potential. Discussion on purpose, links v. QR codes, generic v. show specific. Laurie Mosier volunteered to ask SR Prop for permissions, etc. Jason sent Ms. Novi and Board Members a link to SR Proprietary webpage with info.
- Volunteer help needed prepping for (next 2 weeks) and actual distribution (3rd week) of props and costume pieces.
 - Costume pieces need to be washed or dry cleaned and props need to be pulled and sanitized prior to distribution.
 - Ms. Novi is available: A days – 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, B days – 11 AM – 1:07 PM
 - Mondays are good days to have parent help (as it is a planning day for Ms. Novi).
 - Susan to coordinate volunteers.
 - One parent volunteer in the building at a time.
 - Distributing – Amazon orders split into bags and boxes and labeled. Delivered to student homes. (3 weeks out)
 - Suggestion to have a student club (4-5 students) help. Ms. Novi was told students cannot work with fabric in small spaces. Allison suggested hauling costumes outside.
- VTA – received an excellent rating on show. Allison and Elle kudos for tech support. Thank you from Ms. Novi.
 - Great workshops.
- Drive in Concert (December 12, 2020; rain date December 19, 2020) is under review for approval. Collaborative effort of all performing arts (Theatre, chorus, band, orchestra, guitars). Currently open to Seniors first. Planning to do it twice (back to back). Outdoor, FHS parking lot, spacing, etc. Tech opportunities available for students.
- Cappies – up to 8 small performances. Combined Officer and Cappies committee meeting on Wed AM to finalize ideas for Jan, Feb and May. Jan – short 1-act piece of individuals or duets. Feb – 1-act play festival with voting and 1 will go to Cappies (December 2, 2020 after school is interest meeting.). May – surprise!!
- VHSL is moving forward with in-person events. Planning to do an in-person performance and an in-person conference with 10 or less in each cast. As of now, have not opted out. If FHS participates, it will likely be something similar to “4 AM” format (small vignettes, no ensemble). Could be lottery or audition based.
- Ms. Novi has not heard about Folgers in 2020-2021 school year.
- Clubs:
 - Tuesday after school Improv Club

- Thursday AM Choreo Club
- Friday after school Tech Challenge / Goober Club
- ITS 1st Monday of month after school
- No news on Tag Day this year. Believes it is cancelled.

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Old Business

- Cabaret – Jason reached out to Social House. Today’s weather was a reminder that it is fall/winter now. Recommends Cabaret in Spring.
- Sponsorships – from last year’s sponsors, Jason has received 1 response and much silence. Anticipates more participation as an in-person show becomes a reality. FreedomTheatreBoosters.net has been updated with info including .pfd sponsorship forms. Asks all in Boosters to approach doctors, restaurants, local businesses, etc. for their willingness to support. 2 levels: \$500 and \$350.

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New Business

- Val Walters suggested and will lead effort to convert current paper-based membership form to a Google Docs form. She believes it will cut down on errors and ease financial and membership tracking.

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Treasurer’s Report

- Val needs to get with Anne O’Brien.
- Needs to get with Susan or Rachel to understand reconciliation processes for incoming funds. Susan has no background here; believes Anne would be very willing to do this.
- Goal is to get this done prior to next meeting.
- Jason offers his support as former Treasurer.
- One \$99 charge this period to renew annual website fee.

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Next Meeting Date & Adjourn

- Tuesday, December 8, 2020
 - Google Meet Code: meet.google.com/jdu-rark-ppf
- Susan motioned to adjourn, Sandra seconded. All in favor.