

#FREEDOM THEATRE

Freedom Theatre Boosters

General Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2020

Location: Virtual due to Covid

Attendees: Allison Fontaine (FHS ITS President), Amanda Bean, Carolyn Helmick, Jason McGraw, Krista DiVenere, Lara Larson and cat, Laurie Mosier, Rachel Novi, Sandra Wilfong, Susan Potock

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Krista DiVenere, Booster President

7:00 PM Thespian Report, Allison Fontaine, FHS ITS President

- White elephant exchange planned for Dec 18 immediately afterschool

7:07 PM Theatre Director Report, Ms. Novi

- Social – 5-6:30 PM. Temp checks to begin at 4:30. Sign up (Google Sheet) for attendees to be coordinated and posted by Maeleigh Moore this week.
- Approval for Community service project. December 16-18, 2020 (Wed – Fri) – collect pet supplies to donate to NoVA SPCA. Maeleigh to make a bin for collections. Booster help: 4 PM and 7 PM drop off / pick up outside of school. December 16-18. On Friday, no pickup required. Drop off also welcomed during social. Maeleigh to create and send list by this Friday. May need a volunteer to deliver collections to SPCA as students / ITS officers may do that.
- Huge thank you to Boosters for assistance in making the show a success. >200 device uses! Received much positive feedback (listed in Schoology groups).
- December events:
 - “Bad Auditions” rehearsals happening now. Open situation in that anyone who wants to participate can show up through tomorrow (Wednesday, December 9, 2020). 3 scenes written, 9 more to be written tomorrow. Student collaboration is high in all regards. This will be submitted to Cappies as will one of the 1-Act Plays. Unknown if this will be a paid viewing; single, virtual performance is on January 15, 2021 at 7 PM. Students who elect distance learning are allowed to participate in in-person activities.
- 1-Act Plays. Students writing with submission deadline of midnight on December 18th. Students can write and direct or can team up and have one writer and one director per play. Short student meeting from 5-5:20 PM on Friday, December 11 to discuss intricacies of teamed writing and directing. Student participants do not need to be enrolled in Theatre classes. Links in Schoology groups (acting and tech). **FHS Theatre Performing: 43HK-JP53-NDJ4J. FHS Theatre Tech: 9ZJZ-VX6C-QQVK7.** Decision on plays to use by Dec 30, 2020. Auditions scheduled for

January 4-6, 2021. Krista asked about notifying students who aren't connected via theatre groups. Sandra suggested it go on Morning Announcements.

- Request two parent volunteers for Social on Friday, December 18. Masked and gloved. 4:30 to 6:30 PM at FHS.
- Monday, December – Ms. Novi will sort and put away props and clothing. Requests one parent to assist at school and drop off clothing at dry cleaners. Estimated 2 hours during window of 10 AM and 3:30 PM – exact time TBD between Ms. Novi and parent volunteer.
- Reminder of 3 clubs available to students:
 - Improv, Tues 4:15 – 4:45
 - Choreo, Thurs 8:15 – 8:45 AM
 - Tech Challenge / Goober Club, 2nd and 4th Friday 4:15 – 4:45
- Would like to do Yard Signs for 1-Act Plays.

7:30 PM Booster Officer Reports

- President – Krista DiVenere
 - Val could not join us tonight. Working on Budget and will get it out later this month. Past and present Treasurer and signatory authority met with the bank. Expect full financial report at January 2021 Booster meeting.
- 1st VP (Membership) – Susan Potock
 - Membership dues are being paid on line. When Boosters wants a check from the school, submit request to Hope (FHS office). Sandra will run a report and send it to Rachel who will share it with Booster officers. Lara Larson reported she submitted the form via email. Krista stated her belief that most people who have paid have not submitted forms and is looking forward to seeing a printout of payments. Susan stated info on form is needed for new members only.
 - Only four freshman added to Booster list. Based on that, Susan believes Booster info is not reaching freshman students and families. She asked for ways to increase awareness of Boosters throughout larger FHS theatre community. Laurie suggested posting Booster notices to the FHS Parent Only Facebook group.
 - Susan asked about best way to distribute Booster Meeting Minutes and asked specifically if posting to Facebook or the website is appropriate.
- 2nd VP (Marketing – Website and Facebook) – Jason McGraw
 - Jason has been posting to Facebook and Booster website for many years and welcomes a replacement. Laurie suggests a Freshman or Sophomore parent take over social media/marketing for consistency and longevity. Krista suggests the opportunity be listed in parent volunteer list. Caroline Helmick volunteered on the spot!! (Yay and Thank you, Caroline!)
 - Jason thanked Caroline for reaching out to potential sponsors. He stated it is tough going in this Covid environment and believes reaching out in early new year may yield some sponsors for Spring 2021 shows.
 - Sponsorships tie directly to available scholarships at end of year.

- Secretary – Laurie Mosier
 - Nothing to report.
- Treasurer – Val Walters – not present
 - From email: Val indicates she is working on a 2020-2021 school year budget and will provide the same to Booster officers via email by end of month.

7:47 PM Old Business

- Yard signs
 - Ms. Novi will work with students to create a design. She is aware of the next SR BoD meeting date (January 14, 2021).
- Google Forms for membership enrollment
 - This is Val’s initiative. To be updated during January 2021 meeting.

7:50 PM New Business

- Set dates for future Booster meetings (through end of 2020-2021 school year)
 - Wednesday, January 6, 2021
 - meet.google.com/bdx-chmm-dne
 - Tuesday, February 2, 2021
 - meet.google.com/wjz-qeah-zsj
 - Wednesday, March 3, 2021
 - meet.google.com/eiw-gddk-ese
 - Tuesday, April 6, 2021
 - meet.google.com/kmk-spqp-xef
 - Monday, May 10, 2021
 - meet.google.com/nms-mysc-ugd
 - Tuesday, June 8, 2021 (potentially cancelled if not needed)
 - meet.google.com/rrz-ersu-ows
- Susan asked about possibility of in-person show this year. Ms. Novi cannot begin to speculate. She recounted VHSL stance and assured attendees that she will do whatever she can to provide in-person opportunities for students.

7:57 PM Adjournment

- Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded the motion. No discussion. Approved.