

#FREEDOM THEATRE

Freedom Theatre Boosters

General Meeting Agenda

October 7, 2020

7:05 PM Introductions - 2020-2021 Officers

- President: Krista DiVenere
- 1st Vice President: Susan Potock
- 2nd Vice President: Jason McGraw
- Secretary: Laurie Mosier
- Treasurer: Val Walters
- Rachel Novi, FHS Theatre Teacher
- Allison Fontaine, FHS ITS President

7:07 PM Thespian Report, Allison Fontaine (ITS President)

- First ITS Mtg – went well
 - Alumni talked about experiences with FHS theatre
- Get to Know You Social in September
- Spooky Social on Oct 23
- Point clarification on Oct 14, 15, 20 at 8:30 AM
- ITS Dues can be paid online payment system. \$30 induction fee (1 time fee provides lifelong membership)

Theatre Director's Report, Ms. Novi (FHS Theatre Teacher and Director)

- Fall Show Needs
 - 2 shows
 - Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Goose (started rehearsals)
 - Students are showing very positive energy. Ms. Novi is appreciative of everyone's fun and flexibility.
 - Shows: November 12-14, 2020 (4 total)
 - TBD 10/8/2020
 - 60 students involved (tech and actors combined)
 - Creating backdrops and sets could be challenging. Everything used in these shows must be items from the student actors' homes OR purchased new. Ms. Novi is looking for parent volunteers to pick up items from school and deliver them to students' homes.
 - Students asked about thrifting for the show. Ms. Novi believes anything like this will need to be coordinated through Boosters as she suspects LCPS would not authorize the school to coordinate this. Ms. Novi will check.
 - Costume Room at FHS is off limits due to COVID precautions.

- Jason pointed out the ridiculousness of the “touch” policy regarding items.
- Val suggested a Zoom platform would allow for graphic design backdrops vice physical material backdrops.
- Sandra Wilfong offered Sr pictures used shared caps and gowns with parents’ acknowledgement
- VTA
 - Oct 29 to Nov 1, 2020
 - The “not Sherlock” piece will be presented here.
 - Large theatre conference in virtual style.
 - Ms. Novi is awaiting reply to question about students attending some of VTA and some school during the same day.
 - \$25 fee (\$45 if auditioning). Payable via the online payment portal.
- ITS Dues can be paid online payment system. \$30 induction fee (1 time fee provides lifelong membership)
- Theatre Clubs
 - ITS – Mtg on Tuesday of next week 10/13 at 4:15 PM
 - Choreography Club – Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM
 - Tech Challenge Club – Friday afternoons starting 2 Fridays from now (4:15 – 5 PM)
 - Improv Club – Tuesdays after school
 - Club pages will be created in Schoology
- Cabaret/Caroling ideas
 - Can host separate from school.
 - If using mics, will need to be sanitized between uses.
 - Jason to reach out to Velocity Wings and Social House to look for date options.
 - Ms. Novi has a vision of a socially distanced caroling (think of a drive by where the kids are stationed in groups/pods along a “trail” and attendees would drive by and linger at each pod.
 - Trang Lien shared about a Drive Thru Drama by The Alden in McLean. Link shared with Ms. Novi.
 - Desire is to offer a live performance opportunity for students.
 - Perhaps team up with Chorus classes.
 - Put some thought into this and discuss more at next month’s meeting.
 - General support for the idea from Boosters.

New Business

- Discuss needs for parent volunteers & mentors
 - When Ms. Novi has a need, she will notify Booster officers and Susan will send out an email to Booster roster with details.
- Booster membership sign-up
 - Booster club dues for 2020-2021 school year, \$25, to be paid via Venmo.

- Form is available on Booster webpage. Instructions indicate to mail in.
www.freedomtheatrebooster.net
- Susan – requests Boosters in attendance share her emails with non-members who are interested and encourage them to contact Susan to get on the Booster roster.
 - Ms. Novi to post Booster tag line on all theatre-related Schoology pages.
- Ms. Novi appreciates Booster support and is overjoyed with the enthusiasm of the students this year.
- Lara Larson reciprocates appreciation for Ms. Novi.

Treasurer's Report

- Val, Anne (last year's Treasurer), and Krista to get together prior to next meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

- Monday, November 2, 2020, meet.google.com/ktx-oaun-yrq
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020, (I missed the Google Meet info for this date.)

Questions

- Virtual Tag Day plans? Ms. Novi has not heard anything and doubts it would be sanctioned.
- Opportunities to earn ITS points virtually? Yes, every Google Meet the students attend in support of theatre (not academic classes) is recorded and counts.

7:52 PM Adjourn