

Footlights Foundation Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2015

Attendees: Erik Lane, Joel Fischer, Mary Fischer, Carrie Bowers, David Sailer-Haugland, Joy Lehman, Steve Bennett, Annette Huot-Link, Becky Nelson, Heather Nelson, Mary Brown, Mike Dapper, Maryanne Hageman, Sarah Wille, Mike Dorn

Old Business from Footloose:

- Payment approved with vote of 15 to 0 for \$200 to the choreographer
- Parents recommend finding a different Choreographer for future shows

Recap and recommendations for Fundraiser:

- Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and supporters – the Fundraiser was huge success!
- Mr. Lane says it was great to have support from Footlights
- In the future, look at ways to have fundraiser when more people are in the building, maybe on a different time frame like spring vs fall. Or try to broaden attendance by connecting with Rosetown, use Facebook to get more people to know about fundraiser, RAHS drama supporters, look at class reunion/class pages, etc.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current Balances: Checking=\$14,616.33 and Savings=\$200.21
- 2015 Benefit on Oct. 24th raised \$2552 from Silent Auction, Fund-A-Need, Program Ads and Pizza/Desserts
- Old business: Payment approved with vote of 15-0 for 2 microphones (purchased during Footloose), green room & crew supplies, and website maintenance

Plans for January Shows:

- Mike Dapper will create PR for local papers & calendars, Heather Nelson has volunteered to help
- Vote approved to provide Tech Week dinner on Tues, Jan 19th. Steve B. will coordinate; Carrie, Mary F & Annette volunteered to help.
- Mike Dorn volunteered to take PR photos – will contact Brett to coordinate
- Carrie Bowers will coordinate the Volunteer Sign Up Genius and send out early in January
- Heather Nelson will coordinate the Senior Matinee – create flyers & send out
- Photography during rehearsals: Mike Dorn will cover Cyrano and Annette will cover One Act.
- David Sailer-Haugland has volunteered to create the Program for Cyrano

Spending options for mics/sound improvement:

- Steve Bennett is working on options to improve the sound system. Options being looking into include additional mics, belt packs, and sound board. He will also talk to the District AV person and see what options we have through the district.
- Goal is to have sound improvements made by the musical "Legally Blonde."
- Steve will bring his spending recommendations to the Jan. 16th Footlights meeting for a vote (10:00 am in RAHS Café).
- David Sailer-Haugland volunteered to look into additional ways to fundraise for the new sound equipment.

Volunteer Positions Openings for 2016-2017:

- Please contact Mary Brown at mlbrown4646@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for one of the open positions for next year: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer or Vice President
- Show Programs – David Sailer-Haugland has volunteered to create for Cyrano
- PR in local papers and calendars – Heather Nelson has volunteered to help Mike Dapper

Thespian Festivals:

- State Thespian Festival is Feb 14-15
- Approved with vote of 15 to 0 to sponsor up to 4 kids to State Thespian Festival. Need Erik Lane or Brett to recommend students to sponsor.
- International Thespian Festival (ITF) is June 20-26
- Becky Nelson volunteered to help Mary Brown with coordinating the ITF details
- Cub Foods grocery bagging for ITF fundraising has been set up for March 12. (Thanks Annette!) Sign up for grocery bagging shifts will be sent out in Feb.
- Need volunteers to coordinate additional fundraising beyond Legally Blonde. Becky Nelson volunteered to contact Pizza Ranch. Steve Bennett volunteered to contact Chilis. More details to come.
- Joy Lehman may have an open house event and fundraise with her products and donate percentage of profits to program

Other Parent Concerns:

- Parents are frustrated and would like to have better communication when there are schedule changes or running late. Please let the kids leave that have to go or have ride waiting.
- Mr. Lane is implementing a Drama Code of Conduct for students to sign to make them more accountable for actions and responsibilities.