

Footlights Foundation Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2016

Attendees: Mary Bachhuber, Steve Bennett, Carrie Bowers, Mary Brown, Cathy Carter, Mike Dapper, Mike Dorn, John Edin, Joel Fischer, Mary Fischer, Dan Grothe, Rebecca Grothe, Maryanne Hageman, Mike Kneer, Erik Lane, Becky Nelson, Dave Nelson, Heather Nelson, Luann Quayle, Peter Quayle, Brett Rogers, David Sailer-Haugland, Sarah Wille.

Treasurer's Report

Joel Fischer recapped the expenses and revenues related to the most recent show, International Thespian Festival fundraiser *Legally Blonde*.

Balances as of 4/16/16: Checking \$10,386.02 and Savings \$200.21

Around the World in 80 Days and 10 Minute Play Festival (10MPF)

80 Days Programs: David Sailer-Haugland will work his magic on these.

10MPF Programs: Brett Rogers will pass on the information to Heather Nelson, who'll create these single page programs.

Photography: Several people offered (or their parents offered them!) to take promotional photos during dress rehearsal. Carrie Bowers, Mike Dorn, Cameron Nelson, and Eleanor Quayle will send pictures to FootlightsFoundation@gmail.com and they will get upload to the RAHS Facebook pages and RAHS Drama website.

80 Days Tech Week Meals: Mike Dorn moved for the spending of funds toward a Monday and Tuesday night meal during tech week. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that tech week for the 10MPF will not run later than 6:00p.m., so there's no need to organize meals for this group.

Postering: Members discussed the need to reestablish a postering campaign for RAHS drama shows. Eric Lane will contact Rosetown's Melanie Cogan, hoping she'll share Rosetown's postering list as well as advice. Heather Nelson and Mary Bachhuber will assist Erik with the poster design and dispersal logistics. Mary Brown donated tape for this project.

Public Relations: Mike Dapper will craft and send an announcement for *80 Days*. Peter Quayle volunteered to take on the PR role going forward. Mike will share his contacts and process with Peter.

Concession: It was decided to have concessions for "Nine Lives" (10MPF) before the show and at intermission. Will add volunteers to Sign-up Genius.

Box Office: *80 Days* tickets are general admission at the door.

10MPF requires no ticket for admission. The group decided to dedicate the show to and solicit donations for a RAHS drama student whose family recently lost their home in a fire.

Volunteering: Carrie Bowers will organize everyone via Sign-Up Genius.

***Legally Blonde* and the International Thespian Festival (ITF)**

Mary Brown reported that 28 students have signed up to attend the June ITF. They'll be chaperoned by Brett Rogers and 2 RAHS drama alums, Anna Roemer and Nicole Charland. Thanks to the overall proceeds from *Legally Blonde*, each student received \$285 toward the cost of their ITF trip. Students' costs have been further reduced if they participated in the Footlights-organized bagging of groceries at Cub or received funds for individual ticket sales.

John Edin moved that Footlights gift Kellen McMillen and Jamie Lercher \$100 each, in appreciation for their assistance with the pit orchestra for the Saturday night performance. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended that an informational meeting be held for parents and students interested in the ITF. Mary Brown will convey this need to Brett.

Sound System Update

Steve Bennett shared that about \$4900 has been spent on sound equipment this school year. He complimented the RAHS Drama tech students for the outstanding job they've done adapting to and managing the new equipment and the increased workload it's created.

Steve recommends waiting to make additional enhancements in the near future, given that the school intends to make upgrades to the sound system.

The group talked about the need to advocate for financial and facilities resources for drama. One way to do so is by serving on the district's facilities planning committee. Applications for participation are due April 29th. Find more info. at <http://www.isd623.org/our-district/welcome/facilities-planning>.

RAHS Drama Awards Ceremony

This event is Tuesday May 31st at 7 p.m. in the RAHS Auditorium. Mary Brown moved for the approval of spending up to \$300 on desserts. This passed unanimously. Rebecca Grothe offered that Dan Grothe, who enjoys baking, is willing to provide some sort of dessert. He'll coordinate with Steve Bennett, as Steve orders the food, to work out specifics. Becky Nelson offered to supply bottled of water for this event.

Cathy Carter, Carrie Bowers and Sarah Wille volunteered to serve the desserts.

2016-2017 Officer Elections

In a motion made by Mike Dorn, the following slate of unopposed officers was unanimously approved. All positions have 2 year terms.

Vice President: Heather Nelson

Treasurer: Dan Grothe

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Bachhuber

Members at Large:

Cathy Carter

John Edin

Rebecca Grothe

Mike Kneer

Luann Quayle

Becky Nelson

Little Canada Days

Becky Nelson suggested that volunteering at Little Canada Days would be a great way to raise funds for RAHS drama. If not dedicated as a ITF fundraiser, all kids might participate and it'd be a means of getting more publicity and building community support for RAHS Drama. She will look into registering us as a fundraising group.

Special Thanks

Mary Brown led the group in acknowledging the great work of the Footlights members who were attending their final meeting, as their kids are graduating this year. Throughout the meeting, it was noted that we'll miss the support and expertise of senior parents such as Treasurer Joel Fisher, Corresponding Secretary Mary Fischer, Public Relations Expert Mike Dapper and Photographer Mike Dorn.