

Highlands Theatre Boosters – SRO
Meeting Minutes October 13, 2015

Attendance: Cathie Conniff, Amy Homer, Trisha Zimmerman, Rachel Eglan,
Jason Burgess, Becky Manyet, Janet Forbes, Terribeth Smith, Stacie Contreras

Secretary's Report: Rachel Eglan

Minutes were reviewed from the Sept. 2015 meeting. Amy moved that they be approved and Stacie gave the second motion.

Minutes are posted on online for all to review.

President: Cathie Conniff

Cathie discussed the "Parent Show Packet" for Little Shop of Horrors. It seems to have been quite successful. Jason stated he's heard nothing but positive comments about ordering the items online. He only received a couple of hard copy orders.

Several people joined SRO by utilizing the show packet. Cathie and Trisha will follow up with these people to get all the membership info that they still need.

Cathie reviewed the goals for November which include the Cappies Dinner and creating the "Parent Show Packet" for The Wizard of Oz.

Theatre Director: Jason Burgess

Jason and the other directors are working hard on the current production, Little Shop of Horrors. By the end of the week he hopes to be done with all the blocking and music. He picked up "the plant" from CCM. The show poster has been created with Ellie Conniff as the designer. Jason discussed the Cappies performance / event for Sunday Nov. 8. Jason discussed that no one as of yet has volunteered to coordinate a cast party. He will send out an email about this. Some ideas members had included the Twisty Grill, bowling at Bellewood, or 15 North, if the weather was nice.

He is now gearing up for The Wizard of Oz auditions and crew interviews which will take place the week of Oct. 19. He stated he has 100 HMS students auditioning and 75 students signed up for crew interviews. Parent meeting for The Wizard of Oz will be Monday Nov. 23 at 7 pm.

An informational meeting will be held Monday Oct. 19 for all those interested in the trip to New York this spring. The first deposit will be due Friday Oct. 23. He plans to take ~ 30 HHS students plus interested parents who wish to go. They will be seeing 5 shows and attending workshops. This is an all-inclusive trip; they will only need \$ for souvenirs.

The high school drama club is partnering with the elementary school drama clubs to assist them in their elementary school drama productions.

Treasurer: Amy Homer

The fundraising documents to be able to have the Taste of Season next year were submitted to the HHS principal. Amy is still waiting for approval.

Current account balance is \$22,708.13

Jason made purchases amounting to \$2,723.91. Purchases included various tools, tool boxes and orchestra lights.

Amy mentioned that she is seeking a SRO member to replace her as treasurer for next year (starting May 2015). She would like to start the mentoring process as soon as possible. She would be available next year as well to help that person through the transition.

Vice President / Membership: Trisha Zimmerman

Trisha stated we have 53 members! 20 memberships were obtained through the "Parent Show Packet".

T-shirts as well as show tickets and concession vouchers have been delivered to all current members. We will need to order more size small and medium.

Fundraising: Becky Manyet

Becky continues to develop a sub-committee of people to work on actual food tastings for next year's taste of the season. She currently has Lou Schnier, Byron and Darbbie Slaby and Sandy Nagel on the committee. She talked with 15 North and will be talking with The Fort Thomas Pub. Funky's Catering is still lined up if the tasting idea does not work out.

There has been no deposit given yet on the Mess Hall for next year. The reason is the possible grant that will be given for partnering with the city for their Summer Series. This would save \$1000.00 on hall rental.

Becky is still asking that all the Taste Chairs email her the details / reports for their committee to help mentor new chairs for next year.

New Business:

Janet Forbes and Cathie Conniff are in charge of the Cappies Dinner. Janet brought in décor samples and pictures of what she plans to create with flowers and the food. The motif will be a Floral Shop. They are working with Ft. Thomas florist to get real plants to decorate. Menu was discussed. Dinner will be at 1pm in the Black Box.

Jason will send out emails to the HHS students to notify them up- coming of "work days" at Janet's house to create the tissue paper flowers and other decorating items.

Cathie mentioned that we need a person to take charge of the SRO Facebook page to keep it current and interesting.

Currently, Little Shop of Horrors parent sign up on "sign up genius" is going well. Darbbie has been able to send via member planet. Yard signs are being purchased by parents via the "show Packet". The student publicity committee will also be placing these around town.

Cathie brought up the changes in the by- laws. She will put these on the website with changes highlighted for members to review. Discussion will be held at the Nov. 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Eglan