

SRO Minutes

January 12, 2016

Attendance: Trisha Zimmerman, Cathie Conniff, Amy Homer, Dave Theil, Darbbie Slaby, Lou Schnier, Janet Forbes, Kori Cavacini, Rachel Eglan, Jason Burgess

Call to order and review of Dec. 2015 minutes.

Amy Homer moved to approve, second motion given by Rachel Eglan

President's Report:

Wizard of Oz online payments went well. Only 2 personal checks given per Jason.

Goals: To find an alumni chair, Need to find a treasurer starting in May, Spend more SRO \$ this year on Theatre dept. needs

Membership:

There are 13 new members from Dec. 2015 to Jan. 2016. There are 73 total members.

Observation made that it has increased membership to have it included in the parent packet for shows.

Director:

Wizard of Oz is going well. Students are doing well with rehearsals.

In to the Woods auditions and crew interviews will be the 2nd week of Feb. 2016.

Drama Club is planning the Drama Prom will be held in Feb. 2016 – most likely the 13th. SRO will send out a sign up genius for chaperones and food. SRO should contact Caroline Lembright to find out what they need.

Drama Club also plans to have a game night in Feb.

There are 4-5 students who have submitted their play ideas to The Fringe Festival.

Jason is working on getting an improv group from OTR to do a workshop for the students. He's working on additional artist workshops for the spring.

New York trip for Spring Break 2016 discussed.

Cincinnati Shakespeare Company will be working with the students.

C.A.S.T. performance dates will be the weekend of July 8-10 and 15 -17. Auditions will be March 13th and 20th and crew interviews will be March 19th. Call backs will be March 26th. Cast and crew list will be posted by the New York trip.

Treasurer:

Amy submitted written treasurer's report.

Beginning balance Dec. 2015 balance = \$23,649.64 End of month Dec. balance = \$ 24,084.99

Amy suggested that the SRO \$ be spent this year vs. allowing it to simply accumulate. She stated that the kids would like to have more professional workshops.

Ideas by Jason included (in addition to the above stated) bringing in actors from Broadway shows running at the Aronoff such as Newsies. Also to bring in HHS theatre alumni to do workshops to share what they've learned in college and beyond.

Amy suggested increasing the \$ amount of the senior scholarships awarded or increased the number of scholarship given. All members present were in favor of doing this.

Amy needs all outstanding receipts given to her.

Suggestion was made by Darbbie to use SRO funds to help pay for the cast and crew tech rehearsal dinners. All were in agreement to assist in this way. Cathie suggested that a forecasted amount that would be allowed be brought the next meeting. Then the executive committee could vote on \$ amount that would be provide for each dinner. Darbbie motioned to approve this plan and Rachel gave the second.

Old Business:

Vote held to approve changes to the by-laws. All voted to approve. Amy gave the motion to approve and Janet gave the second.

Amy will research whether the changes to the by-laws need to be officially changed with the state of Kentucky.

New Business:

Be thinking about nominations for officers / chairs for next year

Social Media – Savannah S. and Liz Reitman should connect to make sure the same info is on the SRO Facebook page and the Highlands Theatre Face book page.

Submitted by: Rachel Eglan – SRO Secretary