

Stratford Playhouse Booster Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Meeting began at 7:04 pm.

Board Members Present at the Meeting:

Kathy Goss (President)

Judi Campbell (Treasurer)

Linda Gervasio-Aber (VP Communications)

Cheryl Aven (VP Fundraising)

Danielle Menard (Parliamentarian)

Shannon Finger (Thespian Liaison)

Carolyn McCall (Secretary)

Call to Order

Kathy Goss

Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Minutes from our previous meetings have been posted on our website, www.shsplayhouse.org. Motion approved by Cheryl Aven and seconded by Cassandra Wagner.

Rubianne Wagner introduced Allison Delgado as “Blanche” and Marie Lauderdale as “Nora” and we watched while they performed a scene from “Brighton Beach Memoirs”. It’s going to be a great show! Get your tickets at shsplayhouse.org if you haven’t already.

Director’s Report

Christian Holmes

This Saturday, April 8th is Mr. Holmes Game Night hosted at the Hopper’s home. It was an auction item. If your student is interested, you can sign up on Facebook. The cost is \$25 for food and fun.

Brighton Beach Memoirs cast has been having fun rehearsing. They have been in both black box and on stage rehearsing. The season reveal was a little early this year but seemed to be good timing. The directors are trying to plan an audition workshop for boys who are interested in auditioning but unsure of the process. The students have been busy working on the 10 minute plays and the Senior shows. Mr. Holmes is grateful for the Comedy Sportz parents and students – they have really stepped up and helped while he has been busy with a new baby at

home. The matches have been going really well and are fun to watch. We are waiting for Paula to set the dates for the auditions for The Addams Family. The auditions for the one act play UIL will be the first week of school. The next week the audition for Rimers of Eldritch will be held. Students will be able to do both.

Financial Report

Judi Campbell

All financial forms can be found on our website, shsplayhouse.org and if there are any questions, please contact Judi Campbell. There was a hold up reported on expenses for Me and My Girl; we have a new bookkeeper who is aware of the situation and is on it. The Gala made \$ 56,500.00 this year.

Thespian Report

Sue Bach

Friday, April 7th is the Thespian Progressive Dinner. It will be hosted by families who live on Tosca Street. The Thespians will start with appetizers at the Perdomo house, move on to entrees at the LeFevre (Hart) house, and then finish with desserts at the Muschaliks. Each grade is responsible for bringing a particular dish. New application and dues for Thespians are due Thursday, April 6th to Addi Barrett. All information pertaining to that can be found on the call wall. Senior mentor sign ups can also be found on the call wall. May 11th is the Thespian Banquet and Senior Show.

Fundraising

Cheryl Aven

Wednesday, April 26th is the dress rehearsal for Brighton Beach Memoirs and after that make sure to head over to Jason's Deli for dine in or take out. Playhouse gets a percentage of their sales but don't forget to mention Playhouse when you order. There will be a link on Facebook to sign up.

Patricia Lauderdale will be selling tumblers at Middle School Night on Monday, April 24th.

Box Office

Kathy Goss

The Box Office opens April 19th for Brighton Beach Memoirs. Box Office is looking for volunteers and will train new people interested in volunteering.

Posters

Marna Meier

Brighton Beach Memoirs posters are available to be picked up and put around our community. It is a small cast so we need a lot of publicity and the posters help get the word out.

Scholarships

Kathy Goss

The application for scholarships may be found on Facebook and our website, www.shsplayhouse.org. The following are scholarships that Playhouse offers to its students: Bernard and Carolyn Prudhomme Performance Memorial Scholarship (for seniors interested in pursuing theatre), Michael Sanchez Technical Memorial Scholarship (for seniors interested in pursuing technical theatre), The Pillars of Playhouse Scholarship (for seniors going to college), Tim Driscoll Memorial Scholarship (for a rising sophomore, junior or senior who pursues theatre in the summer through camps and dance), and Bernard and Carolyn Prudhomme Memorial Student Orchestra Scholarship (for a senior in orchestra). Alumnae parents are the members of the scholarship committee. The winners will be announced closing night of Brighton Beach Memoirs.

Crew Information

Shannon Finger

Spirit boxes are a fun way for the students to get involved and are available for the cast and crew of each show to participate in. It is similar to a Secret Santa; students will fill out a form detailing a few of their favorite things, turn in the form and receive another student's form. They will then create a spirit box by purchasing a few of the items on the wish list. These spirit boxes will be exchanged on the opening night of the show. This is strictly optional and not meant to be very expensive, just a creative way to get to know fellow cast and crew members.

There will be an all-crew meeting tomorrow, Wednesday April 5th along with an all-crew photo (except for Sound Crew who will take their photo on Thursday, April 6th). Please wear a solid color for the photo but no dark shirts. Members of crew will need all black clothing: black shirt, black pants and black shoes and socks to wear during each performance.

Tommy Tune Awards

Kathy Goss

Tommy Tune Awards Night is Tuesday, April 18th. Me and My Girl received 8 nominations. The \$28 for student tickets is due tomorrow to David Clayton. A link for VIP tickets has been sent out. The VIP tickets are pricey but help to fund scholarships. On April 7th at midnight a link from TUTS to buy regular admission is opened – these tickets typically sell out within the hour. Tommy Tunes is a fun night; all of the students are able to sit together. The VIP tickets which sell for \$250 also include a cocktail hour with Tommy Tune before the show. There are also box seats available for \$150.

Yard Signs

Jane Ivey

Brighton Beach Memoirs yard signs are in. If you ordered one, you may pick it up at Jane Ivey's house.

Executive Officer Slate

Shannon Finger

The nominating committee consisting of Shannon Finger, Amy Delgado, Sally Mouton and Kandace Shyer has put forward the slate of new officers for 2017-2018.

President	Kristin Hopper
VP Fundraising	Cheryl Aven
Treasurer	Judi Campbell
VP Communications	Janet Spann
Box Office	Meliza Saldivar
Thespian Liaison	Sue Bach
Parliamentarian	Kathy Goss
Historian	Julie Haralson
Secretary	Carolyn McCall

Playhouse has a few volunteer needs for next year. A photographer and a graphic designer for help with the playbill are needed. If you are not a graphic designer but are familiar with Adobe iDesign that would be helpful as well.

Bye, Bye Birdie Blue Ray DVD's can be picked up from Kandace Shyer.

Next year is the Trip to London Theatre Tour that Playhouse takes every other year. It is a very fun and busy trip. Parents may also attend with their students. The approximate price to go is \$3,100 – this includes airfare, hotel and two meals a day as well as admission into three shows and entrance into all excursions. A few examples of the excursions are a cruise on the Thames River, a performance at The Globe Theatre, a curry dinner, Windsor Castle, Tower of London, a symphony performance, and a Jack the Ripper Tour. More information will be forthcoming.

We are waiting to hear what the dates are for the audition workshops and for The Addams Family from the directors.

Senior parents: please make sure that your seniors sign up for Senior night if they wish to be recognized on the last night of "Brighton Beach Memoirs". It is a good time for them to be celebrated.

Dates to Remember

April 5 th	Tommy Tune Ticket \$ due/All crew meeting
April 6 th	Thespian application due/crew watches run through (except set crew)
April 7 th	Thespian Progressive Dinner/Scholarship forms due
April 8 th	Mr. Holmes Game Night
April 10 th	Comedy Sportz 7:30 pm
April 18 th	Tommy Tune Awards
April 26 th	BBM Dress Rehearsal/Jason's Deli Night
April 27 th	Opening Night
Week of May 1 st	Thespian Induction Week
May 6 th	Thespian Induction/Closing Night and Senior Night

May 11th

Booster Club Meeting/Thespian Banquet/
Senior Show

May 18th

Ten Minute Play Festival

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn McCall, Recording Secretary