

Meeting began at 7:07 pm.

Board Members present at 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 (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order

Kathy Goss

Minutes of the Prior Meeting

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

Directors Report

Cece Prudhomme

The Booster Club parents were treated to a lively preview of one of the numbers from our big show “Me and My Girl”.

Cece introduced Rachel Stone who is the student director for “Me and My Girl”. Rachel talked a little about the number called “Hold My Hand” in Act I – Bill (Matt Hopper) pursues Sally (Lauren Dodds) while Jacqui (Addi Barrett) tries to break them up with the help of a few tennis players (dance ensemble).

There is a lot of work happening on costumes and sets. There will be a Parent Only – Set Work Day this Saturday, January 7th along with a Costume Work day. There will also be additional costume work days on Saturday, January 14th and 21st. The Gala numbers are shaping up. The Senior auditions for solos will be held during class time or lunch. Sophomores and Juniors are working on theirs.

Financial Report

Judi Campbell

Judi passed out copies of the Activity Account and Booster Club Account. These can be found on our website as well. All financial forms can be found on the website. If you need to submit receipts, it’s a good idea to copy them and submit the copy. If you have any questions, you may contact Judi Campbell.

Committees

Gala

Debbi Salls

Tickets are \$80 until midnight Thursday, January 5th. We are in need of a Big Board – to either borrow or own. There was some talk about borrowing one from the Sports Booster Club. An ideal size would be 8 feet long and 5 feet wide, stand alone and be lit. There will be grab bags for restaurant gift cards and a wine pull. We are looking for a crafty person to work on them. The volunteer list will be coming out soon – there are many opportunities to help out at Gala. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so the more help we get, the more successful the event will be. We are still in need of vacation spots for our Live Auction. A beach house or a lake house for a weekend or a week’s rental would be a welcome addition.

Freshman Basket

Susan Hagedorn

The Freshman Basket has enough items in it but will not turn down any additional items given. The following are the parents who are in charge of the remaining baskets.

Sophomore	Sharon Muschalik
Junior	Pam Goodson
Senior	Beverly Winter

Thank you to all who have donated.

Box Office

Kristin Hopper

If you haven't signed up, please do so. It's a fun way to meet other Playhouse parents. The Box Office will be open on Wednesday, January 18th. During the week the show opens and runs, the box office will be open every day from 10:30 – 2 pm (volunteer shifts begin at 10:15 to set up) and the night of each show from 6:30 – 7:30 pm (volunteer will need to be there at 6:15, and close up at 7:45). If you have tickets for that night, you can still work a shift. You should be able to leave your shift a little early before the show begins.

Costumes

Danielle Menard

It is a very busy time for Costumes. There will be 3 work days in January – Saturday, January 7th, 14th and 21st from 9 am to noon. We are renting the costumes but still have quite a bit of work to do on them. The work days will be held in the Band Hall and there will be food and drinks provided.

Yard Signs

Jane Ivey

An error by the printer was made on the original yard signs so there were replacements made. Please pull up the old signs and replace with the new signs. They will be distributed at the end of the meeting, and are also available for pick up at Jane Ivey's house. Jane has the list of people who have ordered them.

Student Matinee

Jennifer Bates

The student matinee or "Brat Mat" will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 9:30. Please note the new date. There will be a sign up genius for volunteers. Jennifer has 6 schools confirmed so far.

Raffle and Fundraising

Cheryl Aven

A book of raffle tickets will be sent home soon for the students to sell as another big fundraiser. It is strongly encouraged that all students participate.

The raffle prizes are:

1 st prize	Go Pro package
2 nd prize	Apple 2 Series watch
3 rd prize	UE Megaboom speaker

The dress rehearsal for "Me and My Girl" is Wednesday, January 25th at 4 pm. After watching our amazing cast and crew in action, please dine in or carry out at Jason's Deli. Don't forget to sign up on sign up genius and put the number of meals you will be purchasing. We will be selling candy souvenir cups again. They will have a "Me and My Girl" logo on the cup and be filled with candy. They are \$5 each and you may pre-order them now with Cheryl Aven or buy them before each performance at the Break-a-Leg table in the Lobby.

Posters

Marna Meir

The “Me and My Girl” posters are in. Please sign up to help distribute them to local businesses to hang in their window for publicity.

Cast and Crew Lunch

Laura Williamson

The Booster Club will pay for the main portion but a sign up genius link will come out soon for the rest of the food items needed. There will be two Saturday matinees and since the students cannot leave in between shows, lunch will be provided for them. There will also be spots for serving and cleaning up. Every student needs to bring 2 2-liter soft drinks.

Blue Willow

Sue Bach

Barnes and Noble had over 4K in sales on our fund-raising day. This Saturday, January 7th from 9:30 am to 6 pm if you shop at Blue Willow Book Store, Playhouse will get a percentage of the profits from that day. Some of the cast is scheduled to perform at 10:30.

Comedy Sportz

Julie Haralson

The schedule is on the agenda and also on the website www.shsplayhouse.org. Julie is selling season tickets for 4 home games – \$15 for 4 tickets – you get one free. Please make check out to Stratford. If you have already purchased 4 for \$20, please see her to switch out the tickets.

Green Room

Susanne Miller

There will be a sign up coming out soon for bringing snacks for the Green Room. The “Green Room” is the cafeteria where friends and families gather after the show for refreshments and to see the cast and crew. Volunteers are needed not only for bringing food but also for hosting each night. All that is required when you host is to load the cart in the paint room in the Scene Shop with a variety of the 2 liter drinks as well as 3 tablecloths and napkins. Bring the cart to the cafeteria and set up the food (people will drop off) and drinks. Afterwards, you will clean up and bring the cart back to the paint room.

New Business

Kathy Goss

-We are looking for a few people to help host the Glazed Over party for Gala. If you have extra items or are shopping sales, please donate to our Silent Auction. Gala is a fun night and it is very entertaining to watch our kids perform. Since this is a fundraiser, you will need to purchase a ticket for Gala in order to watch the students.

-Meliza Saldivar will be the host for the Cast and Crew Party at the Refuge on closing night.

-If you have any questions about crew or Thespians, please contact Shannon Finger.

-The dress rehearsal for “Me and My Girl” is Wednesday, January 25th at 4 pm. Family and friends are encouraged to attend – they need a live audience for feedback and support. After watching the show, please dine in or carry out at Jason’s Deli and mention Stratford Playhouse when you order. Playhouse will receive a portion of the sales for that date.

- Spirit Box forms will be coming out soon. Cast and crew will fill out the form and then draw names.

They will put together a box of their person’s favorite things and will exchange boxes on opening night. The suggested budget is \$25 – 30.

-Coming soon, Julie Haralson will send a logo pack (graphic) for people to upload to Facebook or Instagram to promote the show.

Dates to Remember:

January 7th, 14th, 21st

January 18th

January 20th

January 25th

January 26th–28th

January 31st

February 2nd-4th

February 24th

March 3rd

March 6th

Costume Work Days

Box Office Opens

Gala-Lakeside Country Club

Dress Rehearsal and Jason's Deli

Me and My Girl

Student Matinee

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Comedy Sportz Match

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Booster Club Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McCall, Recording Secretary