

TUSCARORA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 MEETING

ATTENDEES:

Cindy Kindl
Lorraine Ebbin
Noreen Moucheron
Rob Ebbin
Dorothy Baker
Terry Moore
Damon Dye
Rodney McBride
Brian McKenzie
Josh McKenzie
Veronica McKenzie
Gerald Claiborne
Rich Friis
Rick Eaton

Cyndi McNamara
Nancy Caraker
Martina Brewbaker
Jeff Brewbaker
Celia Marinelli
Trish Smatlak
Barbara Giordano
Robert Hostetter
Ellen Hostetter
Ron Pregonzer
Lorene Pregonzer
Sherri Gondeck
Merri Jo Wright
April Williams

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. The minutes of the July 2006 meeting were approved with two corrections. The spelling of Sharon Rowland's last name was corrected and an item under New Business was corrected to indicate that Ms. Griffiths will be sewing the Color Guard's flags but not the costumes.

Treasurer's Report

Noreen Moucheron read the Treasurer's report and said the report for August will be attached to the minutes for the September meeting. There is one outstanding check from the Show Choir and Terry Moore said he will handle it. Cindy Kindl said that Sharon Rowland has done an audit – or verification of cash – of the books for 2005 and has also checked the books for the last three years.

Administrative & Announcements

Josh McKenzie is working on creating a web site for THS's performing arts groups. A link to the site will be provided from the THS web site. The plan is for each home page to have news, pictures, competition schedules and results, and other relevant information. The committee also discussed the possibility of including the names of group members on the web site. Mr. McBride said posting a directory would be a problem unless permission was provided. As a result, the committee agreed not to pursue the idea of posting a directory. The directors of the performing

groups were asked to e-mail news and other information for the web site to Josh at freakishgrim@yahoo.com or call (301) 524-1847. Gerry Claiborne also suggested asking students to send news to Josh to get them involved and using the web site. Terry Moore suggested that Josh mentor someone in running the web site and said it would be a good graduation project.

Cindy Kindl said the first THSPAB newsletter will be completed by the October meeting. The newsletter will be posted on the web and hard copies will also be available. Veronica McKenzie volunteered to help.

Performing Arts Updates

Dorothy Baker presented a proposed THSPAB budget for drama, which included current expenses of \$550 for a tool cage and \$65 for membership dues in the International Thespian Society. Barbara Giordano made a motion to approve the tool cage purchase, which was seconded by Cindy McNamara and approved by the committee. Lorraine Ebbin made a motion to approve the membership dues for the International Thespian Society, which was seconded by Barbara Giordano and approved by the committee.

The proposed budget included a possible scholarship of \$300-\$500 to be awarded to an outstanding senior. Cindy Kindl said an impartial committee would be needed to make the determination and also suggested that scholarships be awarded for all performing arts rather than just drama. Lorraine Ebbin suggested awarding a scholarship for each group. Dorothy said she would check with other schools that offer scholarships to see how they are managed. Rodney McBride said a committee should be formed to handle applications and no parents of seniors would be on the committee. Gerry Claiborne agreed to work on this committee with three or four other volunteers. Cindy Kindl suggested designating a fundraiser for the scholarship fund, such as the murder mystery dinner.

The drama budget would also include an expenditure for the rights for the murder mystery dinner production. The cost would depend on show selection. The committee needs to set a date and Dorothy will look for available shows.

An estimate of \$500 was included in the budget for equipment repairs, which Dorothy said was a nominal amount to cover current needs. It was suggested that the estimate cover the worst case scenario and that it be provided as one general line item since all groups (including rentals) use the equipment. Dorothy will work on a revised estimate to present at the next meeting.

A student representative from drama will be attending future THSPAB meetings. The representative will be Lauren Ebbin.

Committee members were asked to mail any checks or invoices to the THSPAB's P.O. Box. As an alternative, a wooden lock box is also available at the school.

Next, Terry Moore presented the proposed budget for Choral Music. He mentioned that the choir robes have never been cleaned. Cindy Kindl said the marching band uniforms have been

cleaned at Prospect Cleaners and that they offer pick up and drop off service. Gerry Claiborne said we may be able to have the robes cleaned in the spring with the marching uniforms and possibly get a better rate.

The Choral Music program will receive \$500 raised at a Keys event.

The Show Choir is planning a Disney trip in January and will perform a benefit concert to raise funds. Students would sell ads and \$9 of the \$10 ticket would go toward the trip. Cindy Kindl suggested that the initial focus should be on fundraising for the Choral Music program and then on the Disney trip. Terry said he will look at options for additional fundraising to support the program and set priorities for items in the budget.

Rich Friis made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 out of the Keys funds to pay the Show Choir choreographer. The motion was seconded by Lorraine Ebbin and approved by the committee. The choreographer will need a contract and a W-9.

Cindy Kindl provided the marching band update for Damon Dye. The first football game is Friday September 8 and the band will play the opening of its show.

Two sets of flags are ready, with two to go.

The color guard has received its costumes. Shoes have been ordered and a uniform fitting is underway.

The first competition will be on Saturday September 30 in Glen Burnie. Damon receives a block of free tickets for the competitions which are sold to raise funds for the boosters. Rick Eaton will coordinate ticket sales for the competitions.

The marching band needs more line paint, which would cost an estimated \$300. Rich Friis said he can supply the paint.

All of Damon's assistants have contracts and W-9s. People have been added to his staff but the dollar amounts are the same because stipends will be shared. Matt's contract will need to be rewritten to reflect partial payment of his stipend now and the balance due in November. Lorraine Ebbin made a motion to approve and was seconded by Noreen Moucheron.

Rick said volunteers are needed for the marching band pit.

Gerry Claiborne volunteered to coordinate rental trucks.

Ways and Means

The Keys fundraiser could earn the boosters \$20,000 this year. The Keys gave the boosters the Keys Café, which earned \$100 per night plus tips. The boosters earned \$365 in tips, plus \$100 from working the Keys Café at the Bob Dylan concert. Beth wants to get together with everyone who worked the Keys games to discuss options for next season.

A volunteer is needed to run the sub sales.

Lorraine Ebbin provided samples of desserts from Gianni's and said order forms will be distributed soon. This will be the main fundraiser for September, with the selling period running through the end of the month and delivery the first week of October.

Lorraine also mentioned that her daughter, Lauren, is selling Enjoy the City books, which have coupons for local businesses, as a fundraiser for her senior project.

The drumline is considering holding a car wash to raise funds for the purchase of drum stands.

Rick is collecting cans to raise funds. Cindy Kindl suggested that Josh post this on the web site.

The cookbook fundraiser has made approximately \$1,000 in profit and about 35 books are left for sale.

Martina Brewbaker has volunteered to chair a ways and means committee that would be dedicated to fundraising. She will look for volunteers to serve on the committee and explore ideas before the October meeting. Volunteers were asked to e-mail Martina at jmssbrew@yahoo.com. Cindy Kindl will work with Dorothy and Terry to get participants from drama and choir.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.