Stratford Playhouse Booster Club Meeting September 30, 2019

2019-20 Board Member Present:
Jennifer Bates, President
Janelle Flores, Treasurer
Thuy Moon, Recording Secretary
Lorraine Alvery, Box Office
Laura Letchford, Historian
Carolyn McCall, Parlimentarian
Michelle Majewski, VP Fundraising
Sheila Sage Leif/Thuy Moon, Thespian Liaison
Kristin Hopper, Crew Liaison

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

The meeting opened up with Sydni Moon the student director introducing a scene from Peter and the Starcatcher (PATS) followed with a performance from some of the cast members.

Call to Order Jennifer Bates

Directors Report David Clayton

PATS will open on Thursday, Oct. 17th. They have started painting and costumes, lights, sounds are all coming along. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 16th and David Clayton encouraged everyone to come out because the kids need to practice with an audience.
Comedy Sportz will have practice tomorrow night and the first match will be a week from tomorrow with Stratford vs Stratford. David Clayton encourages parents come support Comedy Sportz.
There is still time to sign up for the London Trip which will take place during Spring Break. The sign-up link is posted on FB and David Clayton has printouts as well listing the itinerary and pricing. The price will go up on October 3rd. There are 20 students signed up so far. The London trip is open to all grades, but David Clayton prefers having Playhouse students participate. He talked about a few things on the itinerary. Jennifer Bates encouraged parents to buy insurance for the trip.
Auditions for UIL one-act play will start after PATS closes and the UIL contest is 2 ½ weeks after Drowsy closes. The Drowsy Rehearsal Calendar coming out next week.

Financial Report Janelle Flores

Janelle Flores gave the financial report, stating that we ended September in a good cash position. She also said that for the fiscal year-to-date timeframe, the Booster Club reported net income compared to a budgeted full-year loss. Janelle reminded the group that the Playhouse

still had some of its biggest moneymakers and expenses to come. She added that the Booster Club was off to a good start with fundraising, memberships, donations and business ads. Janelle reminded the group that the Booster Club does not reimburse sales tax and to contact her for a tax-exempt form. Reimbursement requests and Deposit forms are available on the website: www.shsplayhouse.net.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting — Thuy Moon

Minutes from the August meeting were posted to the website, www.shsplayhouse.net. Sheila Sage Leif made the motion to approve the minutes and Laura Spaulding second it. Motion approved.

Committees

Membership — Laura Letchford

Laura encourages everyone to join because it helps the Playhouse in so many ways. If you have any questions about membership please contact Laura at letchfordgal@gmail.com.

Box Office — Lorraine Alvey

PATS tickets are on sale on the website, www.shsplayhouse.org. There are also group sales of 15+ people at $15/ticket. Lorraine can hold and reserve group tickets a few weeks before the performance. She will be posting a sign-up link for box office volunteers. Drowsy tickets will go on sale on Monday, Oct. 28th at 9 am.

Crew Liaison — Kristin Hopper

Kristin will be sending out more email reminders closer to the show. She encourages that students talk to their crew heads 1st about schedule conflicts and not have their parents get involved. Spirit box forms will be ready to distribute this week hopefully on Wednesday. Kristin talked about what is all involved with a spirit box. An average amount to spend is usually around $25-30. It is given on opening night before the show.

Green Room — Michelle Rigo

The green room “cafeteria” is where the cast and crew, families and friends meet after each show to enjoy refreshments. A sign-up link will be sent out for volunteers to bring items and also to help with set-up/clean-up. Michelle asks that parents consider signing up.

Company Lunch — Jill Schein

The company lunch is usually done between the matinee and evening show. A sign-up genius will go out asking for volunteers to help with set-up, serving, clean up and bringing food.

Break A Leg Kaci Guy

Break A Leg is a card for parents, friends and families to write encouragement for the students and will be displayed in the lobby. They will be given to the students after the last show. Kaci has the pre-order ones which she will be passing out tonight. They are $1/card and can be purchased in the lobby before and during intermission of each show. She is asking for volunteers

Costumes Trina Morford

Costumes are going well. Ellie Dipaolo and Jenny Calhoun are doing a great job. There are 2 costume workdays coming up on Oct. 9th from 3-5:30 pm and Oct. 11th from 10-2 pm.

Posters Stewart Krosby

Stewart thanked the parents that have already volunteered to hang posters and encourage them to hang them up soon.

Yard Signs Amy Lyster

Amy has a list of names of those who have already purchased one and a few can still be purchased for $15/sign.

Fundraising Michelle Majewski/Amy Waltz

Michelle had some Playhouse t-shirts made (not show specific), green t-shirts for $20 and green and black polo ones for $45. Michelle will post a link on the FB page for opportunities to purchase them and she will leave them on her porch or deliver them in person. She will sell them at each show in the lobby and maybe in the box office during school hours.
Amy Waltz talked about the 2 kinds of cups that they are selling. The styrofoam cups are $20/sleeve and the frosted cups are $10/5 cups.
Jason's Deli Fundraiser event will be right after the dress rehearsal on Oct. 16th. We may switch venues in the future like Grub Burgers or Taco Cabana.

Gala Michelle Majewski

The gala will be on Jan. 24th at Queensbury Theatre at 6 pm. She will need volunteers and there are already 73 volunteers signed up so far. Tickets will go on sale soon. As soon as PATS closes, we will start gala stuff.

Thespian Liaison Sheila Sage Leif

Sheila had sent out the fee sheet to one parent in regards to Thescon which will be held from Nov. 21st-23rd. We will be leaving from the school on Nov. 20th and returning late on Nov. 23rd. Please email Sheila at ssleif@gmail.com if you didn't receive the fee sheet. Thescon form and money are due this Friday Oct. 4th to David Clayton or CeCe Prudhomme.

Thespian Signs/Decals Staci Krosby

Thespian signs are $30 and decals are $2/each.

Comedy Sportz Jean Tanner

Jean is asking for 1-2 volunteers to join this year to take over for next year. The job is essentially making sure the audience know when and where to go, teams are fed, and making sure we have volunteers to sell concessions and tickets. The 1st home match is next week at 7 pm. Season passes are $25 for 6 matches. Please talk to Jean if you are interested in becoming a comedy sportz parent.

New Business Jennifer Bates

Ryan McCall is heading up Project Playhouse which will take place Saturday, Oct. 19th. It's been publicized in all the elementary schools and on social media. It is $40/kid which includes a t-shirt, making a craft, snacks, learning a song/dance and performing to their parents at the end. Mamma Mia will open on Friday, May 1st (at Northbrook) with dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 30th and another matinee show will be added due to Tommy Tunes being held on Tuesday, April 28th. Tommy Tunes is limited to a certain amount of kids and is done by priority. Kids have to buy tickets to participate.

Dates to Remember…

October 8	Comedy Sportz Match-SHS
October 16	Peter Dress Rehearsal and Jason's Deli Spirit Night
October 17	Peter and the Starcatcher opens
October 19	Company Lunch
October 28	The Drowsy Chaperone Tickets Go On Sale 9:00 am
November 8	Comedy Sportz Match-SHS
November 11	Playhouse Booster Meeting-7:00 pm
November 14	Comedy Sportz Match-Foster HS in Richmond, TX
November 21-23	Thescon-Grapevine, TX
December 14	Barnes and Noble Bookstore-Fundraiser/Drowsy Kick off

Links to Remember…

Playhouse website www.shsplayhouse.net

Public Playhouse website	www.shsplayhouse.org
Playhouse FB page	Stratford Playhouse
Playhouse Booster FB page	Stratford Playhouse Booster Club *members only

Meeting ended at 7:58 pm
Respectively submitted, Thuy Moon (Recording Secretary)