**Stratford Playhouse Booster Club**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**April 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Susan Fargason after a sneak peek of Footloose, which was amazing! The number “Let’s Hear it for the Boy” was performed.

A quorum was established.

The previous meeting minutes from January were posted and no changes were made so the minutes were approved as posted.

**Directors’ Reports (Alyssa and David):**

* UIL update- we had many awards- All-Star Cast, Honorable Mention, Best Performers- and we moved on to Region, the 4th round, before we got out.
* Thanks to everyone who is working on Footloose set, costumes, thrifting and helping in any way. April 16 TBD rehearsal from 9am-1pm- might not happen but might be needed.
* Parent preview for Footloose will start at 3:30pm sharp!
* 42nd Street auditions will be May 1-3, in between the 2 weekends of Footloose. Vocal auditions and callbacks are after Footloose closes, after May 7.

**Executive Board Reports:**

**Traci Meadows & Kara Deis, Co-Treasurers:**

* A lot of expenses are coming in for Footloose but Gala did well so we have good cash reserves and are even starting to buy some much-needed equipment.
* If you want to see our financials, please contact them.

**Michelle Rigo, Secretary**:

* Carol Salva has been working on planning additional Spirit Nights. White Elm is again doing dinner and a show for all the showings of Footloose, lunch and dinner. They will give a portion back to the Playhouse if you eat there (lunch only on Sundays). Please tell your friends!

**Denise Rhew, Thespian Liaison**- reported on Nominating Committee- in Standing Committee reports below

**Amy Dybala, Box Office:**

* Footloose is selling well early so get your tickets! Lots of groups are buying tickets already, and ticket sales pick up closer to show time! We’ve sold about 1/3 of the tickets for each show already.
* Playbill final edits will happen late this week, early next week and goes to the printer soon. It’s going well!
* We have lots of extra YF Playbills if you want one.
* Student ticket sales will be both Thursday and Friday of the show weeks in the cafeteria. We will need volunteers!

**Claudia Villarreal, Payment Platform and Information Manager:** nothing to report

**Courtney Hodge, VP: Communications**- nothing to report

**Natalie Mandery, VP: Fundraising**- (and Gala Auction Chair Vanya)

* Thank you to everyone who participated, came, help, donated, bought items, etc!! We are so appreciative for all of you!
* Expenses were incredibly low! $18,891.09
* Raffle made over $17,000 and we had 2 out-of-state winners! Such an easy way to make money for the Playhouse!
* Underwriting made $13,550
* Gala raised almost $86,000 for the Playhouse, surpassing our goal!
* The scholarship fund still needs donations- this year our total is so far lower than it has been in the past, so please donate! It’s currently at $5720
* Senior parents- if you did not pick up your senior’s headshot, Natalie has them for you. Carrie Picott printed and framed photos for you so please pick them up!
* A scholarship video was then played.

**Christine Scott, VP Membership**: She has Playhouse decals for anyone who is owed them.

**Renee Ash, Parliamentarian:** Please repost/share publicity about the show- Footloose- so that we can sell lots of tickets!

**Standing Committee Reports:**

* Denise Rhew- Chairman, Nominating Committee, and Liz Goodman, Linda Ju, Amy Miller are serving on the committee- slate will be posted by April 22 so let them know if you want to nominate someone for next year’s Board.
* Carly Filippov and Heather Sullivan- Set update- Saturday, April 16 from 8am-12pm we need painters and lots of help to work on the set! Please come!! We can start building Sunday, but cannot build before then bc of Spring Show. So we need help with carpenters following Sunday. Stay tuned.
* Vanya Karia and Valerie Britt- Costumes update- This Saturday, they need sewing help- if you can sew a button, you can help. 10:30-2:00pm. If you are a better seamstress, they also need you! You can take it home if that time doesn’t work for you. There will be a lot of alterations to be done so please help if you can! Thanks to those who have helped!
* Genesis Mitchell- Youth Matinee and SMG Watch Party for Young Frankenstein- Youth Matinee is Friday April 29 at 9:30am, 802 students, 10 schools. We still need a few more volunteers so please volunteer! SMG- April 17 next Monday- doors open at 6:30pm, show will start at 7:00pm. Students can sign up until Thursday and then parents (seniors first) will get the rest starting on Friday. Entrance is free, and they can buy food there. USBs will be handed out there.
* Kimberly York- Company party- We secured the Refuge from 8-10pm after Strike for the Footloose party. We MUST have more chaperones- one parent per 10 kids. Donation drop off will be the same as call time that Sunday, and Kimberly will be here at the school to load her car up with party donations, or you can bring them to The Refuge at 7:30pm during set up. We’ll have Cane’s for the kids to eat. Please also donate money so Kimberly can buy the trays.
* Han Wright- Sign-up genius- The sign-up geniuses will go out- please sign up for a slot! We need volunteers as well as donations for food, etc.
* Linda Ju- Jason’s Deli Spirit Night- This is a fun tradition, so please go and support the Playhouse! We get a portion back. The students always enjoy this, but parents can attend too (we sit separately). To-go items count, just for all purchases please make sure you mention Stratford Playhouse! 5-9pm at Jason’s
* Wendy Petruzzi- Yard Signs and Posters- She brought them to the meeting tonight. Please pick them up! Sign them out when you take them. If you end up with an extra poster, please find a new place to hang it! Update the Google form with any new locations where we can hang posters. There are a few spots left on the sign-up genius for posters, and you can also buy a sign if you still want one. Students can hang them, and they will get Thespian hours if they are on Publicity crew.
* Jemmina Gualy- Break a legs ARE here, and you can pick them up tonight or they will be available at the Break a leg table during Footloose.
* Michelle Rigo- White Elm Dinner and a Show Promotion
* Liz Goodman- our last match is April 20 at 7:00pm in the Black Box against 2 other schools. Please be there!
* Jean Tanner- if your student was in A Few Good Men, come see her bc she has something for them!

**Additional notes from President Susan Fargason:**

* Upcoming dates:
  + April 17- YF watch party at SMG!
  + April 20 ComedySportz Match
  + April 27 Dress Rehearsal and Spirit Night
  + April 28 Youth Matinee
  + April 29-30 Footloose Performances
  + May 1-3 Dance Calls for 42 nd Street
  + May 4 Tommy Tune Awards
  + May 5-7 Footloose Performances
  + May 8-12 Vocal Auditions for 42nd Street
  + May 8 Booster Club Meeting
  + May 12 10 Minute Plays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rigo

Recording Secretary