

## **SAXON STAGE ON CUE**

### **General Membership Meeting June 2, 2010, 5:30 pm Theatre Arts Lab, Room 101**

**Agenda:** The June meeting of Saxon Stage On Cue (SSOC) was called to order by Una Higgins, President.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jane Haltmaier presented the monthly Treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,148.35. Jane suggested keeping \$1,000 in the account for any initial costs for next year. One check has not cleared and it was payable to "Perfection Learning Company." It was for classroom items. Jane will look into this.

Matt Korn mentioned not yet receiving his reimbursements for "Deadwood Dick" set construction supplies. Una will check on the status.

The group discussed SSOC account reconciliation/spending compared to FAPAS account reconciliation/spending. The group agreed that, prior to soliciting donations next year, we have a responsibility to become more educated about various accounts (Saxon Stage production accounts, SSOC, FAPAS, etc.), and better articulate fundraising goals.

Una stated that Phyliss requested lighting and sound equipment funding for the theatre lab (Room 101), if SSOC monies are still available.

In light of recent Cappie nominations/recognition, SSOC would like to purchase medallions for each student involved in the fall "Time's Square 2090" production (like other area drama booster groups). Una made a motion and Michael Coar seconded the motion. The group agreed.

Phyliss asked SSOC to fund the costs of shadowboxes for 2 annual THS student awards (for the June 9 THS Awards ceremony). The cost is approximately \$300 total. Kathy Cox Allen said her older daughter was presented one of these recognition awards when she was at LHS, and they are very well done. Michael Coar asked if these were traditional awards, and Kathy confirmed that they are given out every year. The group agreed that this recognition award should be funded.

#### **Theatre Awards Ceremony**

Wendy Mueller has sent out invitations. She reviewed the menu and last minute needs. Risa Sanders will bring quiches, and Angela Lichtenstein will e-mail Nancy Ayoub about using LHS's helium tank to blow up balloons. Sheryl Callahan, Linda DaRocha, and Risa Sanders offered to help with balloons. Michael Coar suggested having additional copies of the Time's Square DVD for sale.

### **Cappies Tickets/Gala**

Una explained the overall tiered-strategy of Cappie's Gala ticket distribution (to students 1<sup>st</sup>, and parents) and that the plan Phyliss, she and Susan Mayman put into action is working well. Fifty-five students are attending the gala (out of 70 invited). There might be 2-4 additional tickets available for distribution to parents. On June 12th at Robinson Secondary School (during rehearsal), there might be extra tickets for sale through NCA Cappies. Una will email the 3rd tier, assess their interest and draw names for any available tickets.

Phyliss asked for 2-3 parent volunteers to help students at the Kennedy Center on gala day. Duties would include keeping track of credentials, make-up, etc, but it cannot be an audience member parent. Students need to be at The Kennedy Center at 9:30 am Sunday, June 13 and will be there through the gala, which ends at 10 pm. Phyliss suggested students bring coolers, food etc. Michael Coar volunteered to help. Curtain is at 7 pm. The broadcast will air in July on Channel 21.

Una told the group that SSOC may do a commemorative Cappie T-shirt for students after the gala. Susan Mayman will get tickets tomorrow and distribute them at the THS Awards ceremony. Phyliss asked that she be given the tickets for the "Stand Up" performers so she can distribute them, on site, at the Kennedy Center, June 13.

Una thanked Risa Sanders for the PTSA publicity outreach support to news media and print media regarding "Time's Square 2090" Cappies nominations. Phyliss thanked Una and Susan for their hard work on ticket allocation plans, and showed the group the front page article of *The Great Falls Connection*.

### **Outreach for Next Year**

Una stated she will be reaching out to Cooper parents and students during their annual awards ceremony, in June w/ Meg Baber, Cooper MS Drama teacher. SSOC suggested contacting Longfellow and Kilmer as well. We want to capture volunteers, donors and participants for next year.

### **2010-2011 Officers**

Una announced the new SSOC Officers for next year: Una Higgins President, Susan Mayman, Treasurer, Angela Lichtenstein, Secretary. Una asked that any current Committee Chair who will not be returning in that capacity for 2010-2011, to let her know.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35

In Attendance: Una Higgins, Phyliss Jaffe, Jane Haltmaier, Michael Coar, Bonnie Patterson, Sheryl Callahan, Kathy Cox Allen, Susan Mayman, Wendy Mueller, Linda DaRocha, Risa Sanders, Colette Worm, Susan Stewart and Angela Lichtenstein.