

## **SAXON STAGE ON CUE**

**General Membership Meeting  
April 6, 2010, 5:30 pm  
Theatre Arts Lab, Room 101**

### **Agenda**

The April meeting of Saxon Stage on Cue (SSOC) was called to order by Una Higgins, President.

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

The report is pending, however \$466 was collected from audience donations during *Deadwood Dick*, a \$25 profit was made from the flowers sale, and concessions cleared \$284. Production expenses from the show have to be reconciled. Thanks to all our DD volunteers.

#### **Time's Square 2090 DVD**

"Time's Square" DVDs have been distributed. David Brandt inquired about the original videographer's fee. Phyliss Jaffe reported that she requested a full refund of the videographer's fee, however there were some costs involved and a partial refund was returned. This \$200 refund was deposited in SSOC, and was gifted to Michael Coar and Bill Parks who re-produced the DVD – audio and video. SSOC sent a thank you w/ the gift.

#### **Improvements for Future Productions**

(1) Audience procurement should be approached earlier.

(2) Ticket process should be more organized.

(3) Publicity needs improvement. We should put flyers at surrounding schools. Phyliss stated that popular shows have sold out in the past, and age appropriateness can be an issue.

#### **Deadwood Dick**

Only 20 DVDs have been ordered. Need 40 orders to break even. Phyliss will remind students about the DVD order deadline and an e-mail reminder will be sent from SSOC. Colette Worm mentioned if we let people know the turn-around time it might motivate orders.

Phyliss commended Sheryl Callahan for the great *Deadwood* costumes. Una told the group about the nice article in the Great Falls Connection.

### Trips

Phyliss commented on the London saying that the kids' chemistry was wonderful, the tour guide (Jonathan) was phenomenal and the chaperones were great. She mentioned possibilities for trips to Italy or the Edinburgh Festival. The trips would be w/ ACIS and we hope to work with Jonathan as the guide. Phyliss and Jonathan were focusing on the Edinburgh Festival, he knows of various venues where the kids have an opportunity to perform.

### One-Acts

One-Act performances are April 23-24 at 7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for costumes, programs and publicity. Please contact Una if you want to help. Phyliss is thinking about placing the audience on stage during the performances.

Una discussed having a student prepare a design for the publicity posters and program. Phyliss has a design that could be used, and asked whether the actors' name should be listed on the posters. Susan Mayman and the group agreed. The group decided to copy the programs in-house.

### Carwash

A parent volunteer is needed to coordinate the upcoming carwash fundraiser with the Theatre Honor Society. It is May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Great Falls Exxon.

### Awards Ceremony

Need volunteers to coordinate this event. Phyliss suggested hosting this at a restaurant after school as a pre-dinner banquet. Parents are invited to attend. LHS Admin. will also be invited.

### Cappies

The ceremony is Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at The Kennedy Center. A parent volunteer is needed to coordinate tickets. These tickets go on sale right after the nominations are posted (May 16<sup>th</sup>). It was suggested that Tim Higgins set up ticket sales on-line. Susan Mayman told the group about requirements of nominees, Cappie rehearsals, etc. This information is on the Cappies website, and she has emailed these to Wes Brandt.

### Communications

Una inquired about student attention to e-mails and announcements sent by SSOC. Susan suggested that a THS Officer set up and maintain a Facebook page so the kids will read it.

### Important Dates

- (1) One-Act Performances-April 23-24, 7:30pm, Saxon Stage
- (2) Next SSOC meeting-Tuesday, May 4, 5:30pm, Room 101.
- (3) THS Spring Car Wash-May 15, 2010, 9am – 3 pm, Great Falls Exxon
- (4) Theatre Awards-June 9 (details pending)
- (5) Cappies Gala-Sunday, June 13, The Kennedy Center

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

*In Attendance: Una Higgins, Phyliss Jaffe, Sheryl Callahan, Susan Mayman, Colette Worm, Katherine Haskell, David Brandt and Angela Lichtenstein.*