

SAXON STAGE ON CUE

**General Membership Meeting
May 4, 2010, 5:30 pm
Theatre Arts Lab, Room 101**

Agenda

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

Treasurer's Report

Recent expenses include the costs for a ghost light, yard signs for spring and fall shows, microphones and memory cards for the new video cameras, costumes and playbill costs. Per Jaffe, income from One-Acts was "about \$1,500." Concessions cleared \$100.25, and thanks to Betsy Hubbell for her efforts. Expenses from "Deadwood Dick" have not been reconciled. Production income not available at this time.

Una stated that we have an obligation to our donors to spend down our balance of \$1,125.72. We also anticipate income from the upcoming Theatre Honor Society carwash.

THS (Theatre Honor Society) Awards Ceremony

The group discussed location/food for the June 9 ceremony. Angela Lichtenstein explained the costs to host it at Pulcinella restaurant. Phyliss added that the students prefer to have this after school at someone's home, or on stage like last year's ceremony. Susan Mayman discussed Listrani's catering this event or doing a pot-luck. Una stated Wendy Mueller offered to host the ceremony at her home, and she has also volunteered to do invitations. SSOC will discuss the options with Kate DaRocha, THS President. Parents need to volunteer for the awards ceremony. Katherine Haskell inquired about decorations and Laura Mendelsohn explained the tradition of "stars" which the seniors get to keep. Phyliss told the group about the THS form that's posted on-line. Each student needs to fill these out (THS update forms and/or new applications) and return to her by Wednesday, May 12. There are 38 current members with 10 or so new inductees incoming. Linda DaRocha inquired about "paper plate awards," and Phyliss confirmed she will be presenting these. Given that this could be in a private home with heavy attendance, siblings should not attend.

Carwash

A parent volunteer is needed to coordinate the upcoming carwash fundraiser with the Theatre Honor Society. We need posters and volunteers for shifts. It is May 15th at the Great Falls Exxon from 9 am – 3 pm.

Cappies

We should plan on 35 Cappies tickets with all seats together. Extra tickets might be for sale, but these would not be with the group. The group discussed how tickets should be handed out. Phyliss will talk to the students about the allotment. We discussed the possibility of Tim sending an on-line survey about ticket interest. Susan Mayman told the group about Cappie auditions. They need singers /dancers for the opening ceremony, and she is taking a few students to audition. The information is on the Cappie website, (<http://www.cappies.com/nca/>) and SSOC will e-mail a notice.

SSOC Elections

President, Secretary and Treasurer positions will be up in June. Anyone interested should contact Una.

Website Improvements

Phyliss asked the group to look at the website and make suggestions as to the menu, icons, etc. so we can improve the usage. The group had discussed the possibility of a Facebook page for Saxon Stage, but the students are not in favor of this. They say email works best for them.

Volunteers

Una stated that a volunteer coordinator is needed for next year and asked the group if someone should serve per year or per production. The group agreed per production would work best. We also need someone to be in charge of the upcoming carwash and Cappie tickets. For next year, we need chairs for costumes, flowers, props, photography and fundraising.

Fundraising

The group discussed fundraising possibilities for next year. Susan Mayman suggested selling the props after the run of a show and auctioning the “comfy couch” seat in the very front of the auditorium. Una posed the question “do we sell/promote an item as a group?” (i.e. like coffee or greens, etc. like other booster groups at LHS) The group suggested an armchair-type fundraiser or a party in the spring. This could capture the upcoming parents of rising freshmen.

Cast Fee

The cast fee was discussed. Members agreed the spring show cast fee, (introduced to pay for T-shirts, hospitality expenses and other production support costs during the run of DD) was beneficial and justifiable. Una and Risa Sanders will reconcile the portions of the luncheon/cast party that parents paid, compared to what the cast fee paid, and arrive at a proposed cast fee amount for next year.

Miscellaneous

Phyliss will send a Saxon Stage sweatshirt to the London trip tour guide, Jonathan Franklin.

Deadwood Dick videos will be handed out Thursday after school, and remaining concessions will be sold to students at that time.

Important Dates

- (1) Best Buddies Walk-Saturday May 8-Vienna, 10:45 am
- (2) THS Car Wash-Saturday, May 15, 9 am-3 pm, Great Falls Exxon
- (3) Next SSOC meeting-June 1, 5:30 pm, Theatre Lab Room 101
- (4) Theatre Awards-June 9 (details pending)
- (5) Cappies Gala-Sunday, June 13, The Kennedy Center

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

In Attendance: Una Higgins, Phyliss Jaffe, Susan Mayman, Katherine Haskell, Risa Sanders, Linda DaRocha, Laura Mendelsohn and Angela Lichtenstein.