

SAXON STAGE ON CUE  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, 6:00 PM  
THEATRE ARTS LAB, ROOM 101, LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

AGENDA

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

Una opened the meeting with a welcome to current and new members, an introduction of Theatre Arts Chair Phyllis Jaffe, and current officers Susan Mayman, Treasurer, and Angela Lichtenstein, Secretary. Una gave the formation background of this year old organization.

Theatre Honor Society (THS) Overview for 2010-2011

THS President, Lauren Stewart addressed the group:

- (1) Cappie Critics Team auditions will be Thursday and Friday of next week.
- (2) A THS "Quidditch" party will be held at Tess Higgins' home Friday 9/17 at 4pm.
- (3) Our fall Car Wash, benefiting SSOC, will be at The Great Falls Exxon on Saturday, October 9, from 9 am - 2 pm. It was noted this is LHS Homecoming and SATS are that morning.
- (4) Glee Party will be October 16 - more details to follow
- (5) A Social was held today for THS members and all theatre students.
- (6) Elaborated on Cappie Critics, including written audition process. The names will be removed from submissions then Phyllis, the current critics team and an LHS English teacher will review them.
- (7) Possible event at Jammin' Java on January 8 from 1 pm – 3 pm, which will include student skits, music, and poetry, etc. A contract is being reviewed by FCPS Risk Management.
- (8) Students can make application in November for THS

Treasurer's Update

Susan Mayman gave an overview of items SSOC purchased in 2009-2010 and how SSOC financially supported main stage productions, Cappie expenses in June, etc. She reported duplicate Cappie awards are available for purchase, and that SSOC will be buying 2 duplicates from NCA Cappies for the theatre showcase near the LHS Auditorium. Susan mentioned how effective the actor collections are during performance intermissions. SSOC has collected \$5,000 in donations since school started. Some upcoming items to consider for purchase are a new lighting and sound system for Room 101 and possibly a few microphones. Phyllis explained the need for these items. SSOC has a carryover balance of \$1,700. Window clings for donors have been ordered, and SSOC bought an ad for the school directory. Susan explained that during productions, we'll have reimbursement forms.

Spirit Wear Update

Angela Lichtenstein showed the group pictures of 2010-2011 spirit wear items which include a new hoodie sweatshirt, flannel pajama pants, and a new T-shirt. She encouraged the group to send her their order forms and indicated that orders will be placed at the end of September.

Communications

Una explained the SSOC "This Week in Theatre Arts" (TWITA) email system and encouraged members to visit and navigate the website [www.saxonstage.com](http://www.saxonstage.com). She told the group a new icon will be added for regional theatre and local auditions. Una told the group about monthly meetings and how everything is posted on the website. She informed the group about a SSOC logo design contest being held among the computer graphics students.

### Production Support

Una explained there will be a mandatory parent meeting for the upcoming Fall play and that any parent with a student in the cast/crew must participate and volunteer. Phyliss announced that the Fall show will be “*A Midsummer Night's Dream*” and will run November 18, 19 & 20 with 2 weeks of mandatory rehearsals beginning November 8. An audition form for parents to sign will be posted on the website. Phyliss explained how each cast member will receive a rehearsal schedule. There will be a preview performance and Mimi Jones volunteered to do out-reach to elementary and middle schools as well as retirement centers, etc. Wendy Ackerman asked if the Fall show is always the one considered for Cappie nominations and Phyliss responded yes. The Spring show dates are February 17, 18 and 19. She said there will be many performance opportunities this year in the elective classes including children’s theatre, a mini musical (“Schoolhouse Rock”) and readings at retirement centers. Phyliss is also considering a One-Act marathon.

### Committees

Una indicated that we currently need a co-chair (with Susan Stewart) for Cappie Critics performance night, which will be November 19. Wendy Ackerman volunteered. Thank you Wendy. Una thanked Bonnie Patterson for volunteering to chair the THS Car Wash and passed around a parent volunteer sign-up sheet (slots for 2 hour shifts need to be filled).

Other volunteer needs for the Fall and Spring shows will be organized later at mandatory parent meetings, prior to each production.

Una also thanked Dawna Poyner for re-designing part of our summer flier. She also thanked Tim Higgins for painting the Theatre Lab (Room 101) stage, and SSOC is getting new couch cushions for the classroom. Phyliss would like volunteers at some point to help install new shelving in the prop room.

### Trips

Phyliss told the group about a trip to Disney World the first weekend in December (students would miss 2 days of school). The number of students will be unlimited. She is hopeful the students will be performing at Universal Studios and having workshops with Disney tech staff. March 16, she will be taking 50 students to NYC for tours and Broadway performances, including *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Two SSOC volunteers will assist Phyliss w/ trip planning and logistics – thanks Wendy Mueller and Susan Stewart. We also have a field trip Coordinator, Cori Johnson.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30pm, Theatre Arts Lab, Room 101

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

In Attendance: Una Higgins, Phyliss Jaffe, Susan Mayman, Wendy Ackerman, Katherine Haskell, Mimi Jones, Sheryl Callahan, Kathy Cox Allen, Mary Ann Myers, Jin Moon Kang, Bonnie Patterson, Pete Waldorf, Marie Cecil, Risa Sanders, Peggy Fraser, Cathy Tovic, Sigrid Calandra, Robin Richardson, Susan Stewart, Jane Shuler, Michael Coar & Angela Lichtenstein.