

Theatre Boosters Meeting Minutes December 5, 2017

Manal opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Students Present- Esri Lowe, Hannah Clements, Lulu Megahed, Meena Megahed, Kaylee, and Julia.

Boosters Officers Present- Amanda Lowe, Manal Megahed, Gemma Starkie
Booster Members Present- Rengin Morro, Randall Wood, Jaime Graham, Kathleen Clements

Student Officers Report

Lulu reported on the upcoming Theatre Improv competition coming up this Friday. 2 8th grade teams will be competing- A and B team. Rehearsal on Thursday and Kilmer Competition will be Friday at 7pm. Hannah reported on the *Hansel and Gretel* performance by Music and Movement based theatre, Synetic, in Crystal City on Friday, 11/30. Hannah did not enjoy the performance- found it confusing with no speaking. Mina had positive feedback- she enjoyed how the story was told in a different way. Esri reported on how improv has been going in class- she has seen a lot of people improving once they got comfortable with the games. Kaylee and Julia were present as well- Julia didn't enjoy the Hansel and Gretel show- didn't like how everything was left up to interpretation but enjoyed the movement part. Kaylee is enjoying improv- likes watching people do their scenes and seeing what people can think of on the spot. Students were pleasantly surprised with how well some students were doing with improv. Lulu also reported on Hawk Talk- their show this past month was the longest yet at 30 minutes. They really enjoyed the Suburban moms Thanksgiving and the interview with Kevin, the professional actor who did a workshop with theatre students in November. Lulu requested first dibs to interview our next Broadway star.

Director's Report

Mr. Pafumi reported that classes are going well. Theater appreciation is focusing on duet acting and scene development. 82 students went to Synetic for the Hansel and Gretel performance- they enjoyed navigating the Underground in Crystal City. Another \$5 fine arts trip will be held in March- going to see *The Outsiders*. 13 schools are participating in the Kilmer Improv Competition this Friday. We have 2 8th grade teams and 7th graders are going for moral support and to observe/learn. The Improv team "Last Ham Standing" is at Next Stop. Manal requested to reach out to Evan to see if a field trip could be arranged to go to Next Stop. Scott approved and gave her the go-ahead. Second payments (\$200) for NYC trip are due this month. Please make payments through MySchoolBucks- easier to track that way, and Mr. Pafumi gets an email when each school bucks payment is made so he can enter it into his database. It is an option to wait and pay the full amount at the end if needed. Second show will be *Three Tall Women*- a somewhat absurdist play about

Albie's life- about life passage of 3 women and how they are all connected. Character names are A, B, and C. *Lion King* auditions will be at the end of January. After Winter Break, workshops on monologues, choreography, and music from the show will be given. Students will need to present coming of age monologues. Choreography will be learned in group form, and students will be able to pick from 4 songs for vocal auditions. Students can read about the play during class time. On 12/14 from 3pm-4:30pm there will be a drama mixer with HHS Theatre director and students, which will include a White Elephant party. HHS is doing *Into the Woods* in the spring for their musical. Improv competitions are once a month and the winner gets a big trophy- they get to engrave their name on it and keep it until the next month's competition.

November minutes were handed out, and were approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report

Amanda reported on Dining for Dollars- last month's event at Cava was successful. December's Dining for Dollars event will be at Mellow Mushroom on December 12 from 4-7pm. 10% of ALL the sales that evening will go to the HMS Theatre Boosters. Amanda is waiting for flyers with "HMS Theatre Fundraiser" to be corrected and printed out. Manal presented for Dannielle, who was absent due to family illness. There has not been a lot of activity since our last meeting- no expenses and income of \$307 with a current balance is \$5,202. No updates on the IRS status- we are waiting to see if they have received our tax returns so will reach out again in the New Year.

Manal wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Our next meeting will be on January 9 at 7pm and will focus mainly on preparations for the musical.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Wise