THS Theatre Boosters Meeting Minutes 4/13/21

Meeting Participants: Melissa Banister- President, Jen Davis- Vice President, Sydney Marks- Director, Wendy Maestri-Cote- Secretary, Monica Leigh- Treasurer, Liz Cohen- Parent, Laya Fridman- ITS President

Meeting Began at 6:30pm with introductions of all participants

Meeting Minutes from 2/9/21 were reviewed by the secretary and approved by the participants.

Treasurer’s Report: Current balance- 2847.80 with a pending credit from $10 Mamma Mia T-shirt sale and proceeds from pin sales of $88.93. 111 pins were sold and will be ordered and distributed to students when they arrive.

Follow-up on Mamma Mia T-Shirts: the three shirts that were requested were delivered to the students’ homes on 3/23/21. Members discussed options for the leftover shirts and decided they will be stored at THS in the theatre department supplies as extras to be used when students need them during theatre activities.

ITS Report: ITS president reported that the induction ceremony for new members went great and students got their pins delivered to their home prior to the ceremony. Coming up this weekend is the Towson Theatre Festival with 9 volunteer theater professionals who are leading workshops for the students. ITS may plan something for Senior sendoff coordinated with Booster and would like to consider having a rose for each senior since they are typically given a rose at the Spring Musical.

Director’s Report: Planning an outdoor spring musical cabaret to take place in front of the school on the front stairs with the theme Sunstream Cabaret- Where did you find your light this year? Auditions are scheduled next week following an interest meeting and rehearsals will be mostly virtual with an in-person dress rehearsal followed by the presentation the next day. Dates for auditions and the show will be announced when available. Restrictions for COVID will be in place as required. Ms. Marks also asked the boosters to consider supporting the purchase of honor chords for seniors in the Thespian Society with the profits from the pin sale. This expenditure was approved by the board.

President’s Report: Senior scholarship committee worked hard the last month developing the application and standards. It has been distributed by Ms. Marks and the application window is open for students to apply until 4/23. Applications will be reviewed between 4/24-4/30 and then plaques will be ordered to be presented at the seniors awards night in May. Senior recognition ideas for the 13 Thespian seniors plus others who have been involved in theatre over the years. This will be discussed further in a special meeting of the boosters so items can be ordered if necessary. By-Laws draft was discussed and briefly reviewed. We will plan to review in more detail at the next meeting after all board members are able to review it.

Fundraising- Monica Leigh, Treasurer suggested we consider doing a textile drive to raise money. She has set up a tentative date of 5/22 from 10-2 in the THS parking lot pending approval by the administrators. We will also brainstorm and communicate via email about ideas for fundraising at the Sunstream festival.

Next meeting will also include officer elections so the new board can take over in June 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42pm Next Meeting is 5/11/21 at 6:30pm