

March 13, 2013 FoPA meeting

In attendance:

Leslie Boyce, Kera Dalton, Alisa Moscone, Molly Welch, Karen Jancsy, Gale Argentine, Nancy Thorne, Dara VanRemoortel, Diane McCarthy – list incomplete did not pass around a sign in sheet!

Finance

Alisa Moscone provided a financial update noting that we started March with \$16,546.68 and will be ending the month with \$15,660.00 after expenses of \$2,699.64 and \$1,808.00 in revenue. This included a net revenue of \$8.36 for Dramafest (revenue of \$1808.00 less \$1,799.64 in expenses) and paying \$900 in funding requests approved for Stephen Black.

FoPA Scholarships

- Scholarship committee is not open to parents of current seniors.
- This year's committee is: Alisa Moscone, Diane McCarthy, Karen Jancsy
- Get the word out online, email, etc. Reiterate that scholarships are for anyone including crew, cast, band etc.
- Create and post a flyer for Fopa scholarships in performing arts wing

MyStage Grant

- Susan Hauck reviewed the final application, plan and timeline. We have allocated \$2000 for this first grant cycle. Application deadline is April 5 and grant programs can be run between May 2013 – December 2013. Thereafter grants will be offered each fall to be run within the academic year.
- Waiting on Deb Heaton's approval (which we did receive on March 21)
- Create and post Flyer for My Stage grant in performing arts wing
- Grant Committee to review grants and choose final grants was established to include Susan Hauck, Gail Power, Kera Dalton, Amanda Roeder, Stephen Black so far. We would like to include two students and one community member and welcome suggestions.

Funding Request

- Steve Black has announced he'd like to do a big Disney musical next year and may need to tap FoPA to help with funding as it is likely to be more expensive than other musicals and come in higher than the budget.
- We have questions for Steve about this and will discuss at next meeting. One question is that since we're doing a big family-friendly musical won't door receipts be very high and therefore cover the extra funding needed? Are they actually asking for a loan up front from FoPA that they can pay back?

Communication

- Molly to create a FoPA Facebook page
- Cc: Kristen Norman on all FoPA email blasts so she can add things to the Daily Bulletin
- Fopa flyers/email sign up sheet needs to be created. Distribute them at Together in Harmony and Acapalooza
- All Marblehead has been great about posting our news

April meeting

- This is our last meeting of the year because we reserve the May meeting for dinner and drinks out!
- The scheduled date conflicts with a strings concert and we need to move the date – we will send an email with the revised date
- We are inviting Administrators and Faculty and want to do a retrospective on the year... what worked, what didn't and what can we do better.
- Other topics we want input on:
 - o Sweeney Todd – did this break even? Other lessons learned
 - o Ask them to detail funding requests they already know they want next year
 - o What happened to the Arts Council money this year?
 - o What is the budget for performing arts?
 - o What is the plan for succession for Band now that Ken Warren is retiring. How will you address the gap in middle school?

Fundraising

- We would like to establish a Fundraising Committee to come up with fresh ideas on new fundraisers. Ideas discussed included a Yard sale, a 50/50 raffle. Please volunteer!