

## **Peters Township Thespian Backers**

### **3/12/2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Julie Collins, Brian Hyjurick, Alan Skillings, Becky Lipinski, Mandy Feitt, Anne Gavorcik, Molly McNally, Jen McCabe, Dan Taylor, Kristin Taylor, Julie Serenyi, Tanya Kotonoglou, Stacy Henderson, Pam Gasher, Margi Swellie, Michelle Skillings, Molly McNally, Lisa Gensler

#### **Julie Collins-President**

- Jeanie Cygrymus and Lorraine Mszanski not present but relayed updates
  - Mamma Mia!-Dance Workshop was a success. Thank you to all of the students and parents who volunteered to work with the kids.
  - Spring play-cast list released this week. Looking forward to the production.
  - Encore show-alumni show to be held 6/1
    - Any students who would like to participate can still sign up. Solos are assigned but there is still room for more students in any of the ensemble
- Mamma Mia! Dance workshop
  - Recap-All students learned Waterloo together, younger kids learned Mamma Mia!, older students learned Dancing Queen. They used black box and LGI to learn dances and performed in the auditorium for parents at end of workshop
  - Thanks again to the students who worked so well with all of the kids. The dance captains were great leaders. Julie noted that kids asked if we will be holding another one for next year's musical.
  - Well-received by parents of those who attended. Feedback has been positive so far. Alan Skillings noted that parents commented they will be at the show. Maura McCabe noted that her neighborhood kids were excited to learn the dances.
- Calendar note-many of the thespian students are also in the choir. Choir banquet is 5/27, Thespian banquet 5/31, Encore rehearsal 5/31, and Encore show 6/1.
- Senior Recognition-next week
  - Locker decorations and lawn signs to recognize seniors involved in thespians. Coincides with musical opening.
- Committees-Several committees can use additional volunteers next year
  - Dine and Donate
  - Concessions
  - Senior Recognition
  - Coffehouse
  - Banquet
  - Fundraising

- Cast Party
- Scholarship
- Production bags
- PTMS Liaison-new committee added for 2025-2026. Great position for a parent of a freshman thespian. Duties include: reserving block of seats for PTMS musical, communicating with PTMS director/parent volunteers, organizing HS students who attend musical to support PTMS, facilitating sign-ups for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in PTHS theater.
  - Julie Serenyi volunteered for position

### **Becky Lipinski-Secretary**

- February meeting minutes provided for attendees to review via website and by email prior to meeting
  - Motion to approve February minutes as written by Anne Gavorcik; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve February minutes by Lisa Gensler; vote: unanimous to approve minutes as written
- Senior Scholarship update
  - Met with Jeanie and Lorraine to discuss. Jeanie has drafted essay question for application. Application will be available on March 25, due April 30. Jeanie and Lorraine are discussing judges and will have 3 this year. Judges will follow rubric and essay will not contain applicant's name. Scholarships presented at awards banquet
- Save the date: Banquet on May 30, 2025 at Valley Brook Country Club, following Awards ceremony
  - Seniors-arrive at 4:30 for senior recognition
  - 5:00-Awards ceremony begins (PTHS Auditorium)
  - 7:00 Dinner at VBCC
  - Reminded parents that students wear formal wear; parents do not wear formal, just appropriate for dinner at VBCC

### **Alan Skillings-Treasurer**

- Equipment need-Ray and Jeanie Cygrymus noted it would be helpful to have large Bluetooth speaker for rehearsals
  - Board agreed that speaker would be useful for Backers' supported events as well (P-Rade, dance workshops, picnic, teasers, etc)
  - Given immediate benefit of using for dance workshop, board opted to purchase
  - Alan proposed Backers reimburse board member for purchase of speaker. Review of financial presentation will show adequate monies to cover
    - Lisa Gensler-made motion to reimburse board in amount of \$488.59 for speaker/microphone purchase by board
    - Jen McCabe-made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to reimburse board for purchase
    - Members present voted unanimously to reimburse board for \$488.59

- Financial presentation
  - One Acts-\$1290 was collected
    - Concession stand collected \$126.00
    - Expenses = \$300
    - \$990= left to be divided among the directors for their contribution
  - All Clad Raffle-Thank you to those who have already submitted their ticket stubs/money. \$1600 collected so far.
  - Dance Workshop-\$1245 collected, \$425 spent to buy drawstring bags. Board opted for bags vs t-shirts, as collecting t-shirt sizes is a challenge. Kids excited about bags; 16 remain to be sold at concessions. \$820 profit from workshop
- Taxes have been filed. EIN allows for Dine and Donate fundraisers. Dates for upcoming provided by Erin Fallon
  - 3/18-Panera
  - 5/6-Moe's
- 2025-2026: Krispie Kreme no longer doing large orders for fundraisers. Anne Gavorcik suggested selling Krispie Kreme vouchers. Will discuss ideas to replace donuts in upcoming meetings.
  - Motion to approve budget: Margi Swellie, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve budget: Jen McCabe. Vote: unanimous to approve budget as presented

### **Brian Hyjurick-Vice President**

- Presentation of the 2025-2026 Officer Slate to be voted on at May meeting
  - President: Julie Collins
  - Vice President: Becky Lipinski
  - Secretary: Stacy Henderson
  - Treasurer: Alan Skillings
  - Parliamentarian: Mandy Feitt
  - Thank you to Molly McNally and Anne Gavorcik for serving on nominating committee
- Mamma Mia! Volunteers-Thank you to parents for signing up in advance. Only 2 spots remain open (one 50/50 and one concessions)
- Mamma Mia! Concession donation: Still collecting \$30 donation/family; \$1050 collected so far. Can give check to Alan or drop off at Brian's house.
- Directors' Gifts: Amy Racunas is collecting donations from students for 11 adults involved in production. Any amount is appreciated as donation; presented by entire cast/crew. Can give cash to Audrey or Venmo Amy

### **Mandy Feitt-Parliamentarian**

- By-Laws Discussion and vote for approval
  - Were presented at last meeting with discussion. Also emailed to all parents for review.

- Mandy reviewed updates to several sections and opened floor for discussion.
- Questioned raised by member regarding membership and if it will be collected at picnic. In by-laws update, dues will be established by executive board and presented to be approved as part of annual budget during August General Membership meeting. Dues will not be collected until after they are approved at first meeting.
- Motion to approve By-Laws made by Stacy Henderson; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Joanne Gudenburr. Vote was unanimous to approve new by-laws.
- Mamma Mia! Cast party update-held immediately after 3/23 performance in cafeteria
  - Family Deli has generously offered to provide food for party including sandwiches, salads, etc. Backers will provide dessert, drinks, partyware, decorations
  - Party committee will set up prior to performance and meet Family Deli to receive delivery

**Additional comment by Julie Collins**-fall picnic tentatively scheduled for Aug 17

**Meeting Adjournment:** 7:02 pm

- Motion to adjourn made by Anne Gavorcik
- 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Julie Serenyi
- Attendees voted unanimously to approve adjournment