

Peters Township Thespian Backers

5/14/25 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Julie Collins, Brian Hyjurick, Alan Skillings, Becky Lipinski, Mandy Feitt, Jeanie Cygrymus, Lorraine Mszanski, Anne Gavorcik, Molly McNally, Jen McCabe, Dan Taylor, Kristin Taylor, Julie Serenyi, Tanya Katenoglou, Stacy Henderson, Margi Swellie, Michelle Skillings, Lisa Gensler

Julie Collins-President

- Welcome and Call to Order at 6:30 pm

Jeanie Cygrymus and Lorraine Mszanski-Troupe 185 Sponsors

- **Spring Play Wrap-up**
 - Positive response from attendees
 - Sponsors were pleased with how hard the students worked to present a great production. Reflected on limited number of rehearsal days available due to music trip, spring break, and power outage.
- **Prom Fashion Show-5/20 at 4:00 pm**
 - Troupe was asked to perform a fashion show at Paramount retirement facility in prom apparel. Females can wear gowns; males can wear a suit.
 - Students are asked to sign up on Band app if available.
 - Students will walk in pairs on a runway while their name is announced.
 - Students are asked to transport themselves to/from event. Parents are welcome to attend and watch. Jen McCabe commented that she knows residents and they have appreciated the event in the past.
- **Awards' Night Dress Swap**
 - Sponsors suggested this during Troupe meeting; students would like to hold swap
 - Lorraine made a Google form and will post in Band app if no parent has an objection; she invited parents to discuss with her after the meeting
 - Student can submit Google form requesting to borrow a dress (size and color). Lorraine will receive request directly and will keep them confidential. She will then post anonymous request in Band app. (e.g. "student needs a size 6 gown, prefers blue"). Student with a gown to lend can respond to Lorraine and she will connect students to arrange drop off/pick up.
 - No questions/concerns were raised during meeting.
- **Troupe 185 Induction/Points**
 - 27 new inductees will be introduced at Awards ceremony

- **Awards Ceremony-**
 - Senior Recognition-Held at 4:30 pm. Seniors should arrive with their parents no later than 4:15 pm to participate. Sixteen seniors have responded; 6 have not responded. Encourage students to respond if they would like to be included.
 - Awards-Troupe voted at today's meeting. Will have 2nd vote tomorrow. First voting closes at 9 pm tonight. Please encourage your students to vote.
- **Alumni Show, Encore-Sunday, June 1, 2:00 pm**
 - Jeanie encouraged students to check email and review choreography
 - Rehearsals scheduled and in Band app
 - No tickets sold; \$10 donation recommended. Proceeds will go toward a related Troupe activity (see Jeanie for details).
 - Looking for volunteers to usher

Julie Collins-President

- Election of officers
 - Reading of slate proposed by Nominating Committee during April meeting
 - Attendees were invited to add nominations from the floor. No nominations were introduced.
 - Nominating committee's slate stands and the following officers will serve 2025-2026:
 - President-Julie Collins
 - Vice President-Becky Lipinski
 - Secretary-Stacy Henderson
 - Treasurer-Alan Skillings
 - Parliamentarian-Amanda Feitt
 - Julie thanked Nominating Committee for their service.
- Committee Chairpersons-List of committees presented on agenda with request for volunteers to chair or assist next year. Please see Julie to volunteer or learn more.
 - Joanne Gudenburr asked for help with production bags, as Kristin Taylor will not be serving; Michelle Skillings agreed to continue with Senior Rec
- Back to school picnic
 - Discussed moving date from Sunday before first day of school (8/17) to following Sunday (8/24)
 - Would allow for more time to encourage freshmen to attend by announcing at school
 - Julie will also email the rising 9th graders that participated in middle school musical to invite them to the picnic
 - Will be held at Rolling Hills Park on 8/24, time TBA
 - All food will be provided by Backers

Brian Hyjurick-Vice President

- Alumni show-Parent volunteers needed; please scan QR code provided, use Band app, or see Brian for details
- Senior Trip 2026-Parents of rising seniors should look for email to express interest in attending trip. Will be held in January. Lisa Gensler and Joanne Gudenburr have agreed to serve as Trip Coordinators and have met with Brian to discuss details. Will meet with families interested to discuss potential costs and fundraising ideas.

Becky Lipinski-Secretary

- April meeting minutes provided for attendees to review via website and by email prior to meeting
 - Motion to approve April minutes as written by Jen McCabe; 2nd motion to approve April minutes by Margi Swellie; vote: unanimous to approve minutes
- Banquet update-5/30/2025 at Valley Brook Country Club, immediately following Awards
 - All responses and payment due today
 - Consider carpool to VBCC as they are under construction and have another event
 - Reminded parents that students like to wear formal wear-see Lorraine to discuss dress swap. Parents do not wear formal, just appropriate for dinner at VBCC (no jeans). After dinner, students can dance and use photo booth

Alan Skillings-Treasurer

- Financial presentation
 - See budget report
 - Concessions from Spring Play reads \$1,291 profit with a few additional expenses to be counted
 - Currently collecting payments for Banquet
 - Overall, a successful year of fundraising and supporting students
 - Officers will hold budgeting meeting this summer. Budget will be proposed for membership vote at first meeting.
 - Motion to approve budget made by Dan Taylor; 2nd by Joanne Gudenburr. Attendees voted unanimously to approve budget.

Mandy Feitt-Parliamentarian

- Krispy Kreme no longer offering bulk orders for fundraising. Currently exploring other options. Will update at next meeting.

Additional comment by Julie Collins-Thank you to Brian Hyjurick for your dedication to the Backers in position of Vice President this year. Brian was always ready to help in any way possible and all of the students and other parents benefited. Thanks again, Brian!

Meeting Adjournment: 7:03 pm

- Motion to adjourn made by Dan Taylor; 2nd motion by Kristin Taylor
- Attendees voted unanimously to adjourn