

## **Peters Township Thespian Backers**

### **8/28/25 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Julie Collins, Stacy Henderson, Becky Lipinski, Alan Skilling, Mandy Feitt, Julie Serenyi, Anne Gavorcik, Michelle Skillings, Tanya Kotenoglou, Christine Chapas, John Chapas, Lisa Gensler, Mary Elford, Sarah Paez, Amy Berner, Kim Stangl, Christina Petroforte, Pamela Gasher, Katie Youschak, Joanne Gudenburr, Missy Meyers, Scott Meyers, Neil Glover, Susan Tsou, Marjorie Erb, Molly McNally, Nicole Zukowski, Margi Swellie, Karen Kelley, Emily Lamphere, Sally Jeswilkowski, Sally Wahba

#### **Julie Collins (President)**

- Welcome to returning Thespian Backers and to prospective members
- Introduction of 2024-2025 Thespian Backers board
  - Julie Collins-President, parent of a senior and a sophomore
  - Becky Lipinski -Vice President and parent of 2 seniors
  - Stacy Henderson-Secretary, parent of a junior
  - Alan Skillings-Treasurer, parent of a senior
  - Mandy Feitt-Parliamentarian, parent of a junior and a freshman
- Call attention to various forms available at meeting; forms can also be found on website, [www.ptthespianbackers.com](http://www.ptthespianbackers.com) and on Band App
  - Reminder to parents to join Band app as best source for ongoing updates
  - QR codes for Band App/volunteer opportunities/groups are on reverse side of agenda
  - Ad form
  - See a board member if you need help with Band App
  - Newsletter by Kelly Barefoot
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- Important Dates handout-please refer to tonight's copy as changes were recently made. It will be corrected on website.

#### **Alan Skillings (Treasurer)**

- Vote on Membership Dues-to increase thespian backer dues to \$150 which includes:
  - Discount field trips
  - INDUCTed Thespians:
    - Cover \$35
    - Student gift
    - Treats for kids
  - Concession Fee
  - Name in program

- 2 Year member: eligible for scholarship
- Seniors: Dinner at banquet is covered and pano picture

1 membership per family

1st motion to approve: Joanne Gudenburr

2nd motion to approve: John Chapas

Approved to increase membership dues to \$150 for 2025-2026 year (make check To PT Thespian Backers)

- Jeanie Cygrymus (Troupe 185 Sponsor)
    - Conference: Jan 2-4 in Allentown PA
      - Work as a group to give kids opportunity to perform
      - Opened to Seniors and Juniors and then to Sophomores with highest points
      - Main Stage Show-"This Murder Was Staged"-Auditions 9/11 unless you were cast last year and want to keep your part
        - 40 min to build set and 30 min to take it down
        - Question: Will audition by opened to sophomores? -answer: Jeanie is thinking on this
      - \$110 for conference and around \$350-400 for whole trip
  - Lorraine Mszanski (Troupe 185 Sponsor)
    - Overview of Troupe 185
      - To be inducted into Thespian Troupe
        - Cannot miss more than 3 meetings
        - Need 10 points
          - 2 Fundraisers
          - Participate in 1 show
          - Points for outside shows
          - Points for seeing a professional performance
- Outlined in Handbook and Jeanie made a 4 page summary that is posted
- On band app.

Activity fee form needs to be filled out for every child and \$10 check per kid made out to PTSD. Goal is to have all in by Oct meeting. 9/10 is 1st meeting with kids.

Also need student agreement form-signature . BOTH forms are found on forms page of website.

Dinner and Show Field Trip

Dinner at Caliente and Les Miserables show-Nov 25th

\$100 deposit due 10/8: make check out to PT Thespian Backers

Have 80 tickets available-will open to parents if <80 tickets sold

- Kelly Barefoot-PTHS Theater Producer and director of Brother's Grimm
- Julie Collins:
  - Patron of Arts- fundraiser: any fundraiser/business can donate-submit by 9/15 to be included in program
  - Communications:
    - Band App (see QR codes)
    - Email Distribution List
    - Website: [www.ptthespianbackers.com](http://www.ptthespianbackers.com)
  - Program Update:
    - Kelly Barefoot ([barefootk@pt-sd.org](mailto:barefootk@pt-sd.org)) handling all program aspects this year-full color
      - For Brother's Grimm: ad form and copy due no later than 9/15-check made out to PTHS
      - Willing to help out with create your artwork for ad if needed
- Jeanie Cygrymus
  - Spring Musical- Little Mermaid 4/16-4/19
    - Team:
      - Jeanie Cygrymus-Lead Director
      - Beth Wilmus-Assistant Director
      - Ryan Perrotte- Vocal Director
      - David Young-Orchestra Director
      - Nikki Uram-Cheorographer
      - Producer: Kelly Barefoot and Sarah Palermo

Musical needs: donation of any pool noodles

Becky Lipinski (Vice President)

Sign up genius for fall play volunteers (see QR code)- need backstage parents (2) for each show

Fall Bonfire social gathering- Feitt home-9/14

Committee Chairpersons needed:

Treat Bags-shadow needed for Joanne Gudenburr and a helper

Dine and Donate

Senior Recognition-shadow needed for Michelle Skillings

Stacy Henderson (Secretary)

Vote to approve May 14, 2025 meeting minutes- 1st motion-Molly McNally and 2nd motion Tanya Kotenoglou. Unanimously approved by the group

Meeting is 2nd Wednesday of every month. Update email address if not receiving communication from Backers-send to [pthsthespians@gmail.com](mailto:pthsthespians@gmail.com)

Alan Skillings (Treasurer)

Presented 2025-2026 Budget

Possible 6 senior scholarships depending on budget

Motion to approve- 1) Joann Gudenburr and 2) Tanya Kotenoglou. Unanimously approved

All Clad Raffle in fall and spring-\$10 per ticket, will have tickets next meeting

Mandy Feitt (Parliamentarian)

Krispy Kreme fundraiser 10/11

200-325 dozen doughnuts- sell \$15 /dozen and buy for \$7.25

Adults drive cars to deliver with 2-4 students in each car

Lisa Gensler and Joanne Gudenburr (Senior trip Coordinator)

NYC trip dates- 1/16-1/18

2 shows, food, bus tour, tour Radio City Music Hall

NYC trip meeting- 9/4 at 6pm, video conference

Commitment forms and \$100 deposit due 9/10, check made out to PT Thespian

Backers

Join band app

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm