

DEXTER DRAMA CLUB BOOSTER MEETING

September 8, 2020

ATTENDEES

Jodi Helmholtz, Erin Palmer, Kristin Tomczak, Karla Butters, Margie Portice, Nicole Durbin, Laura Kelly, Abby O'Haver, Martin Ruhlig, Julie Arnold, Jen Mast, Megan Urbin, Anne Carlson, and Kathy Withrow

General

Open House – In-Person Follow Up – the event went over well. The students seemed to have fun all while remaining socially responsible by wearing their masks and staying socially distant. The students all seemed excited to see each other which was good. There will be some more additional in-person follow up done later.

The Virtual Open House is this Friday, September 11th at 3:00 pm. An email reminder was sent out today and another will be sent on Friday.

Dexter Community School Volunteer Forms will need to be completed again this year. Maryanne Leadbetter will be coordinating the completion of these required forms.

Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood

Auditions – Erin and the officers put together an audition demonstration video to ensure everyone knows what to expect and what to bring. The audition text will also go online live tonight or tomorrow morning. The safety protocols, including those submitted to the School Board, will also be posted on the website. There are lots of fight scenes so there are talks with a special choreographer for fighting - particularly with the Covid concerns.

Tech Sign Ups – Noelle is a production stage manager for this show. She has created a google form for tech sign up which the students who want to do tech will complete. The tech form will be posted on the website next week after auditions.

There was a question regarding the timing of rehearsals since the students are doing their classwork from home. Rehearsals will be in the evening but haven't been scheduled yet as they are waiting for conflicts to come in from the students who are cast. Everyone needs to be encouraged to call in sick when they are sick, this is not the time to try to push through a cold. This show will also have understudies cast just in case a student isn't feeling well. There was mention that possibly the understudies will get to do one of the performances as has been done in previous productions. Erin will be reminding everyone that by choosing to do this production you are agreeing to protect everyone else involved.

Tents – Clubs are not yet allowed in the building though there may be some new policies coming out by the district soon which may allow some entry. We have two tents so far but were looking for one more (Abby and Nicole may have one) and will coordinate with Jodi.

Live Streaming/Digital Tickets – We will be trying to learn the ins and outs. There is a reference webinar for people to watch and reference.

Swag – Martin is working on the design for swag for this show. The company doing the live streaming can also sell merchandise for us during the live stream. They can print items on-demand and then ship them out which seems straight forward. There are fees attached above the ticket prices which is fine. Providing refunds and ticket exchanges will be difficult and costly so hopefully the show will be on!! The 400 water bottles are here, most are in the booster closet in the school. Once the volunteer form has been filled out, booster parents can go in the building. The bottles have black lids this year.

Publicity – Martin got Julie the banner and she is still waiting for confirmation from Dexter. The a-frames are still being researched but are looking to cost around \$200 each. The posters slide in, some are waterproof, more research is still needed. Julie will coordinate with Jodi to see what all options are out there.

Sponsorships – Maryanne was not available to give an update.

Pub Night/Company Party – Nicole discussed these events with Peter to come up with some potential ideas. We asked if he had any suggestions or ideas but at this point no decisions have been made regarding how to safely have these events.

Set Build – Dates to be determined. Kristin is going to woodgrain some trees. The first set design meeting is scheduled next week, and Jeff Leadbetter will be the set build lead for this show.

Dine to Donate – October 7th and everything is all set with Peter from the Dexter's Pub.

Volunteers – not too many are needed since the show will be on-line.

Hospitality – Water!! Parents need to remind students to bring their own water. The students suggested one of the stage managers could be the ONLY person who actually does the refilling of the bottles using the big drama jugs. Discussion agreed that seemed like a reasonable suggestion so we will need to have the water set up every day during regular rehearsals also. There will need to be ice also. We will wait until the rehearsals start, not during auditions since students have been told to bring their own and we will start with setting up just one big jug.

Bathrooms(??) – Students should be allowed in the building starting next week to at least use the bathroom.

Miscellaneous

There will be lots of opportunities for Drama Club this year including some virtual. Some of the newly remodeled events include 1) hosting social distance but in person Improv classes on Fridays, 2) offering a master class from a guest artist once a month with different themes, 3) hosting a mini film festival on December 15th using videos which can be produced in small groups, 4) hosting bonding events that will be open to anyone in the club versus having them for just the cast in that production. The current officers are working hard to ensure there are opportunities to everyone to be included in some way.

The current cast list for Clue is the cast list for putting on the production over the summer. Those students have those positions if they want them when the show goes on. If needed, others may be added or recast depending on the response.

2020-2021 Booster Meeting Schedule

Next Booster Meeting – Tuesday October 13, 2020 starting at 6:30pm

November 10th

December 8th

January 12th

February 9th

March 9th

April 13th

May 11th

June 8th

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| President | Jodi Helmholtz | Set Build Coord. Fall | Jeff Leadbetter |
| Secretary | Karla Butters | Set Build Coord. Winter | |
| Treasurer (acct reporting) | Michael Baker / Laura Kelly | Set Build Coord. Spring | |
| Drama Director | Erin Palmer | Sponsorships Coord. (Sales) | Maryanne Leadbetter |
| Graphic Design Coord. | Martin Ruhlig | Sponsor Assist (Post-Sales) | Angie Lampi |
| Hospitality- Concessions | Kristin Tomczak | SWAG Coord. | Margie Portice Jen Mast |
| Hospitality Green Room | Kathy Withrow Abby O'Haver | Technical Coord. | Michael Baker |
| Hospitality- Tech Weekend | Karla Butters | Thespian Society | Nicole Durbin |
| Photography | Anne Carlson | Tickets Sales Coord. | Megan Urbin |
| Programs | Katie Seale | Volunteer Coord. | Maryanne Leadbetter |
| Publicity | Julie Arnold | Website Coord. | Angie Lampi |

*Board members attending this meeting are highlighted in yellow.