THESPIAN BACKER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2016

**Frank Ruggieri**, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30

Frank described the Thespian Backers mission and the benefits of membership. Benefits include a significant Thespian Conference discount, eligibility for Backer’s Thespian scholarships as seniors, and field trip discounts. The Backers also assist the Theater department with special requests, such as helping to buy a new Sound Board last year.

Board members were introduced: *Frank Ruggieri*, President; *Jamie MacKay*, Vice President, *Amy Shope*, Treasurer; *Mary Ranallo*, Secretary and *Susie Chaplin*, Parliament

**Treasurer’s Report** – Amy Shope - Referring to our Budget handout, side 1 shows this year’s proposed budget along with last year’s income and expenses. Side 2 indicates our recent income/expenses:

Chipotle $413.13 – thanks to those who participated and Becca Gialanella – student leader. Expense – Summer picnic

Motion to accept the Budget by Barry Mc Glumphy: Rena Mesogitis, second. Motion passed.

**Committee Chairs** – Frank explained each position, confirmed returning Chairs and proceeded to fill vacancies.

Show/Event Concession Co-Chairs: Tracy Dabkowski & Michele Traficante

Coffee House (Dec. 8-10) Concession Chair: Susie Chaplin

Coffee House Concession Co-Chair/Shadows: Linda Paul & Kelly Romero

Flower Coordinator (all productions): Andrea Michalski

Krispy Kreme Donut Sale Co-Chair: Frank Ruggieri

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Awards Banquet Chair: Janet Getto

Awards Banquet Shadows: Lisa Ruggiero, Cindy Gialanella, Rena Mesogitis, Kelly Romero

Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs: Lisa Ruggieri & Carolyn Mullan & Mary Ranallo

Backer Website Coordinator: Michele Traficante

Program Ads: Tammy Hardy

Prom Fashion Show Co-Chairs: Jennifer DiLucia & Mary Ranallo

Prom Fashion Show Co-Shadows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(freshman parent) (freshman parent)

Prom Fashion Show Vendor Coordinator: Rena Mesogitis

Prom Fashion Show Vendor Shadow: Kelly Romero

Prom Fashion Show Program Coordinator: Amy Shope

Prom Fashion show Program Shadow: LuAnn Scarton

Prom Fashion Show Decorating Committee Coordinator: Judy Scannell

Prom Fashion Show Decorating Committee Coordinator Shadows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ &

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**Dates to Review:**

**Prom Fashion Show** – The musical Director, Ray Cygrymus said the set will be a bit complex so the musical would need the full stage from Feb 13, forward. The suggested dates for this Sunday event would be 2/5 (which is the weekend following the Music Department’s Meatball &Music) & 2/12. We need to confirm the suspicion that Snowball Dance is the night before. Date is not yet confirmed.

**Awards Banquet -** presently scheduled for Wed., June 14,2017

**Krispy Kreme Donut Sale** – First sale tentatively set for Sat., October 22. Thespian students can pre-sell donuts to friends and family for delivery morning of the sale. Parents are needed to drive students to designated neighborhoods. Emails will be sent confirming sale date and requesting drivers to sign up.

**Conference** – Dec 1-3, Thurs.-Sun., in York, PA. Jeanie Cygrymus, our Student Thespian Troupe Sponsor (and our Spring Play Director) will organize and attend with students. Typically a senior and junior experience, our Student State Representative, Maria Getto has requested the inclusion of sophomores, as well. There are 40 available slots to be filled by seniors, then juniors, then sophomores based on points. The trip costs around $200-250, with Backers’ students getting discounts. Cost covers $100 registration, 3 night 4/room hotel stay, and bus. We are performing a one act play and get to interact with Thespian students from other schools, watch performances, and attend workshops of students’ choice.

**Ads -** All year-long business program ads are due Oct 13.

**Concession Report** – Tracy Dabkowski, the Concession Co-Chair, reported use of Sign-Up Genius will continue for all Concession donations and sign-up for all Thespian volunteering. Nonperishable donations will be requested for delivery a week before the first show of the production run and the Chairs will replenish from funds the remaining needs. Tracy gave her extra storage key to Jamie MacKay so the Board has access to supplies. Carolyn Mullen will see that concession gets the “leftover” Awards Banquet giveaways for sale at productions

**50/50 Raffle** – Considering the difference between sports and theater atmosphere along with some negative feedback last year regarding pressure to return the winnings, the question arose whether to continue this fundraiser. It was proposed we try with Dracula to announce our appreciation of all who participate in the 50/50, along with our expectation that the winner keep their share of the pot. The winner will be asked to pick up their money at the concession stand after the show. Jeanie offered having actors in costume come out during intermission to pick the winning ticket. Janet Getto made a motion to sell 50/50 tickets at Dracula enacting the above changes. Motion was seconded by Rena Mesogitis. Motion passed.

**Director’s Comments** – Ray Cygrymus, fall play and spring musical director, was not available, however Jeanie Cygrymus, reported that Dracula had been cast. Tech and student leader will be announced soon. Kelly Barefoot is the Producer, who was not available this evening, made bio and ad information copies available, which also can be found on the call board.

**Social** – All Thespian students are invited to a Bon Fire at the Getto’s (Maria Getto – senior) home on Oct. 1, at 7pm. Students don’t want to miss this event as “families” will be decided!

**Next Meeting**: Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7pm in LGI-2

Thank you to all who attended!