

# **STATESMEN THEATRE BOOSTER MEETING 9/18/19**

## **Booster Board Introductions**

President - Trish VanStory

Vice President - Betsy Moran

Treasurer - Rachel Rothstein

Secretary - Donna Kellermann

Director of the Theatre Department - Bernie DeLeo

## **ITHS Student Board Member Introductions**

Rachel Lipetz

Soven Bhagat

## **Other attendees introduced themselves and student they are supporting**

Annie Lim - Andrew Nee

Betsy Moran - Adriano Moran

Mauren Hai - Tai Hai

Mark Baturseh - Luke

Betty (?) - Asura

Ramita Lipitz - Rachel

Jonathon Westreich - daughter is Shirite

Maureen Barry

Mom - Brandon

Heather Doorman - Cassidy

Parents - FaiFai

Kristin Brace, Dylan

Rachel Rothstein - Vivienne

Anka Beeritich - Patrick

Jeff Caraway - Evan

Karen Ovstesky, Evie

Valerie Eislle - Ellen

Tina Ejtemai, Kian

Kelly Cutler - Talia

Karen Perry - Jack

Dawn Ebert - Elise

Mom McKalub - Tara

## **Welcome Remarks**

Trish excited to have so many different parents here to have fun and to help

Bernie has been in theatre for over 40 years, loves the program and happy to see so many families coming out to support the department

Everyone encouraged to follow Statesmen Theatre on Facebook ( <https://www.facebook.com/statesmentheatre/> ) Instagram: @statesmentheatre and Twitter: @GCMTheatre and to share our show info with others.

### **Treasurer Report**

Thanks to Annie Lim former Treasurer who left everything so organized. Ended last year in great shape and now have been cash on hand of \$9,700. Our money comes largely from donations from boosters and corporate sponsors. Ticket sales - a portion of them come from ticket sales, but the county and the school take a huge cut. We offer affordable tickets to encourage larger audiences. Boosters funds pay for food, costume cleaning, musicians, promotional materials and all other expenses that the ticket budget doesn't cover. If you have financial questions, email [statesmentheatre@gmail.com](mailto:statesmentheatre@gmail.com). If you need to use mail use:  
USPS 1544 Spring Hill Rd  
PO Box 11307  
McLean, VA 22102.

Spirit wear for sale at pay4schoolstuff. Place orders for new - due tomorrow or ask about vintage. Also available at shows.

Rachel moved to approve the budget, Annie seconded. Budget approved.

### **TAG DAY**

Students will meet at school on Sat Oct 5, at 2 pm, parent will drive. Kids go to vendors to sell sponsorships and program ads. Sheets with the pricing and the ad sizes will be given out. There will be pizza afterwards. Sign up will go out soon.

Trish suggested asking your vendors who support your kids, to support Statesmen Theatre. Examples include dentists, doctors, etc.

Tina made brief introduction about the program for sponsors - newly added \$75 option for "friend of Statesmen" sponsorship this year.

### **POT LUCK**

Welcome pot luck for everyone new to the program including parents also from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on September 27 in classroom C113

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Additional information will be made available through our major emails. Sign up geniuses let you enroll to volunteer or donate goods.

## **SHOW INTRODUCTIONS - Bernie overview**

Auditions were last week for play, the musical auditions will be this week. Call backs for the play are done, next week call backs for musical. Cast lists will be out after both.

Black box (*Putnam Spelling Bee*) will be more traditional black box format, but it will be in auditorium not a classroom. Seats will be on the stage, surrounded on three sides. It won't be majorly staged but will be worked upon with kids input as to whether they concert style or a bit more staged. Expected to have four Black Box Shows. Dates may be added given smaller number of seats.

*The Gifted Program* will be Nov 7-9 including a matinee.

Rehearsals begin week of Sept 25th.

There will be a dress rehearsal on the Tuesday before the show, be back by 3-ish, Tuesday. It's a 4 day weekend. The Monday will be off. Likely to be from 3-6pm

Saturday weekends will include the need for meals for tech work. Email to follow for those who want to volunteer to feed the students working on sets, etc.

*XANADU* will include a professional band so we will need extra funds for that. Note professional bands are largely available on evenings which may make for slightly later evenings. However, dress rehearsals are almost always done at 7:30. Students are fed to keep schedule tighter.

## **FACULTY MEALS - Bernie**

We offer free dinner for the teachers along with free tickets. They are encouraged to promote the show in their classrooms, etc. Student attendance isn't what we'd like so we are trying to get the teachers involved with promoting the shows.

Tina agreed to help with Faculty meals Rachel indicated boosters can fund which will always make purchases tax free. You can also have it reimbursed. Email [statesmentheatre@gmail.com](mailto:statesmentheatre@gmail.com).

## **COMMITTEES**

TICKETS: Ramita Lizpetz

CONCESSIONS: Betsy Moran and Dawn Ebert

THEATRE GRAMS: Dawn Ebert

PUBLICITY - Donna Kellermann

CORPORATE SPONSORS - Tina Etjamel

TEE SHIRT SALES - Kristen Brace

CONTRACT WILL BE COMING FROM YOUR STUDENT IF THEY ARE CAST OR CREW. Fees will be charged of each student for each show to cover t shirt, food, and cleaning of costumes. The fee this year will be \$30 per show and can be paid at pay4schoolstuff.