

The Production Company

Parent Meeting, March 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m., McCallie Hall, KHS

Attendees

Kim Fitzgerald, President
Cindy Peterson, Treasurer
Susie Slavney, Secretary
Kelly Schnider, Director of Theatre
Greg Booth, Keating Center Manager

Angela Gracey, Tech Week Food Committee Co-chair
Vivian Antoine
Martha and Klaus Bank
Christy and Ted Berger
Monica Lee Beuckman
Kim and Bob Bliss
Carolyn Burke
Jim and Kathy Clodfelter
Julia Comfort
Chris and Dan Desloge
Matt Dumke's parent
Jenn Johnson
Stephen and Beth Gribat
Lisa Grommet
Lynn Hoganson
Sandy Johnson, Performance Concession Sales Co-chair
Becky Landrum, Performance Concession Sales Co-chair
Alison Levine
Deni O'Malley, Banquet Chair
Dan Overmann
Mary Murphy-Overmann
Diana Richardson
Sally Riggs
Gail Rowland, Tech Week Food Committee Co-chair
Lana Schuessler
Lynne and Rick Weis
Chris Wilson
Jodie Wright

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions - Kelly Schnider

Explanation of upcoming musical - Kelly

Schedule

Participation Fees (includes tech week food, t-shirt and cast party)

Advertisements in program

Volunteer Opportunities for Parents:

Tech Food Serving - Angela Gracey and Gail Rowland
Performance Concession Sales - Becky Landrum and Sandy Johnson
Dance Competitions/Scholarship Opportunities - Kim Fitzgerald
Banquet - Deni O'Malley

Meeting Notes

This meeting was for parents of the Grand Hotel cast, crew, and orchestra pit.

Our web site is <http://www.kirkwoodschoools.org/khs/arts/drama.php>. It's easy to find from the Kirkwood High School home page by clicking on Arts, then Performing Arts, then Drama.

Welcome and Explanation of Upcoming Musical - Kelly Schnider - If your child is in the cast of Grand Hotel, he or she should have brought home a cast packet. It includes a form for rehearsal conflicts to fill out and return to Kelly. We are also asking for a \$40 participation fee. This covers the food served during the long Tech Week rehearsals, a Grand Hotel T-shirt, and the ensemble (cast and crew) party on Saturday night after the performance. Kelly is collecting the fees.

Tech Week begins with a rehearsal on Sunday April 18 from 12:00 to 8:00 pm. On the following Monday and Tuesday rehearsals run from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. On all three days parent volunteers are needed to help with the food service - set up, serving, and clean up - more about that later. On Wednesday there is the Creature Feature, a special dress rehearsal for the teachers, and the cast and crew are given a snack.

Advertisements - Personal ads in the program are just \$20. Many parents buy an ad to wish their son or daughter good luck, or embarrass them with a baby picture, etc. Or you can just get your name in the program as a sponsor (and get some free tickets that way). Businesses may also buy advertisements of various sizes and rates. On our web site, click on "Become a Theatre Sponsor" to download an order form for advertisements.

Fund raising - We don't ask your kids to sell wrapping paper or chocolate or anything else to raise money. Instead, we ask you for a few hours of your time to support our major fundraising activity. We rent the Keating Theatre for several weekends in the spring to children's dance competitions. We make money from the rental and from selling concessions - hot dogs, pizza, soda, candy - to the dancers and their families. These competitions usually run on Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. The concession booth is staffed by KH Players and one or two parent supervisors, and a shift coordinator who oversees the whole weekend, does the shopping, and is generally on call.

We make a lot of money this way - for example, enough to provide three \$1000 scholarships last year. The money also goes toward summer camp scholarships and the KH Players' participation in the annual International Thespian Society conference. Next year's ITS conference is in Springfield, MO, and the KH Players will be taking a show to perform, so it will cost more than in previous years.

We really need every parent's help. Please contact the dance concessions coordinator, Peggy Geolat, to sign up for one or several shifts as a parent supervisor. (pgeolat@brownshoe.com, 378-0503.) There's a schedule on our web site that shows which shifts are still open. Shifts are just for three hours. The next dance weekend is Apr 30 - May 2.

Tickets - Kim Fitzgerald - Tickets for Grand Hotel may be ordered now. You may print out the order form on the web site and mail it in with your check, or you may send money to school with your student to purchase tickets at the Keating box office. Tickets may also be

purchased at the door on the night of each performance. It's reserved seating, so the sooner you buy, the better your seats will be.

Summer camp - Scholarship forms are now available from our treasurer, Cindy Peterson (JustCJP@aol.com, 346-8141).

Tech Week Food - Angela Gracey - Parent volunteers are needed to help set up, serve food, and clean up in the Green Room on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Tech Week. No cooking required! It will take about an hour and a half. We'll send you a reminder via email. *[This sign-up sheet was completely filled after the meeting. Thanks to all parents who volunteered so promptly!]*

Concessions and Ticket Sales - Sandy Johnson, Becky Landrum - In addition to the dance competition concessions mentioned earlier, we also sell concessions (cookies and soda) at intermission during the performances. Three parents are needed to help with this at each performance. We also ask for two parents to volunteer to help Susan Bubb in the Keating ticket booth. *[These sign-up sheets have also been filled. Thank you! All volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the web site, in case you forget what you signed up for.]*

Drama Banquet - Deni O'Malley - The Banquet will be Wednesday, May 19, at 6:00 pm in the KHS cafeteria. After we have finished dinner we'll move to the Keating Theatre for an entertaining evening - seriously, our banquet is much more fun than you might be expecting. We'll need volunteers for setup, cleanup, registration table, decorations, etc. See the sign-up sheet on the web site, which is nowhere near full yet! Deni is looking for someone to be a co-chair with her. If you're interested, contact her at domalley1302@amedisys.com, 435-5164.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 pm.

Notes are by Susie Slavney. Send comments and corrections to Susie.Slavney@swbell.net.

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