



DA Theatre Booster Meeting
January 11, 2024 at 7:04pm
Meeting Minutes prepared by: Carrin Simmons

Joda Mathews: Co-President opened meeting at 7:04pm

Calendar Dates:

January

15 No School - Martin Luther King Day
18-19 DA Black Arts A.L.I.V.E. Blackout at 7:30pm
20,23,24 DA Theatre Auditions
27,28 NYC Unifieds
28 Program Ads Due for *Once on this Island*
31 Early Release from School (Wellness Wednesday)

February

5,6,7,8 Chicago Unifieds
7,8,9,10 *Once on this Island* at 7:30pm
9 Patrons Dinner for *Once on this Island* at 6:00pm
10,11 *Once on this Island* at 2:00pm
11 *Once on this Island* at 7:00pm
19 No School - President's Day
22,23,24 Tech for Extravaganza, Florida Center for the Performing Arts (Times TBA)
24 *Extravaganza* at 7:00pm
28 Early Release from School (Wellness Wednesday)

March

12 Booster General Membership Meeting at 7:00pm
13 Early Release from School (Wellness Wednesday)
15 No School - Teacher in Service Day
16-24 No School - Spring Break
29 No School
31 Program Ads Due for *The Crucible*

Faculty Update:

Mr. Beaman provided the faculty update.

District Thespian Competition:

The District Thespians Competition hosted by DA went well. Mr. Beaman is very pleased with all the positive feedback he received regarding the DA students.

State Thespian:

The Theatre Dept is in the process of review and planning a possible State Thespian trip this year. If possible, DA will only bring the One Acts this year. Please stay tuned for additional updates.

The goal is to begin attending State on an annual basis.

Once on this Island:

Rehearsals are going well. Ticket sales will open soon.

NYC Unifieds (Seniors Only)

The itinerary is being worked on and will be published soon.

Extravaganza:

The schedule is published on the students Theatre Teams page.

Committee Reporting

Finance: Cadey Eastman & Karen Smith

Please see attached budget for complete details

Highlights:

- Enrichment Fees
 - Continuing to collect Enrichment Fees - we are still below 60%. If you have not submitted your Enrichment Fee, please do so as soon as possible.
 - Payment Options: DA is happy to offer payment options for our families: PayPal, Debit Card, Credit Card and Apple Pay
 - Treasurer's will be sending invoices to the families that have not paid.
- Patrons
 - Closed
- Corporate Sponsors
 - Please reach out to DA Theatre Booster Leadership with Corporate Sponsor information or Corporate Sponsor leads with complete contact information
 - DA Theatre brochure available to provide potential Corporate Sponsors
- Districts
 - District Thespians was a great success. We made \$2400 in concession sales. Thank you to all who volunteered to help make the day a success.

- Production Budget
 - *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812* - came in over budget.
 - Thank you to Keri Rogers-Ochs & Son and the Carroll Family. We saved \$7,800 on videographer services.
 - All Cast & Crew meals were donated or provided by parents. Thank you!
- Poinsettia Sales
 - The sales were much lower than expected. The department only profited \$800.
- Silent Auction
 - Sylvia and the team crushed it making \$8,375 profit from the Silent Auction.
- Treasurer Positions
 - Two open positions for Treasurer for next school year. If you are interested please reach out to a current Board Member.

Education: Marlynn Jones & Rashada Tedder

(Chairs were not present - Joda Mathews, Co-President provided information)

- Scholarships Committee
 - The Scholarship Committee will begin meeting in February.
 - Five scholarships available: MT, PT, TECH, Academic and Spirit

Fundraising Nereida Cordero

- Upcoming Fundraising
 - Showcase: Flowers & Candy Gram Sales
 - Showcase: Barbecue
- Silent Auction
 - Silent Auction for *Once on this Island*, please donate and/or volunteer.

Events & Hospitality Kate Chung

(Chair not present - Joda Mathews, Co-President provided an update)

- Patrons Dinner
 - Patrons Dinner for *Once on this Island* is scheduled for the February 9th. Please RSVP if you are a Patron
 - Cast and Crew Meals; Currently working on “*Once on this Island*” and “*Extravaganza*”

Show Support Sara Mitchell Keri Rogers-Ochs

(Chair was not present - Joda Mathews, Co-President provided update)

- Show Ad for *Once on this Island*
 - Due by 1/28
- T-shirts

- Will be available for purchase soon
- Volunteers
 - Volunteers are needed for Box Office. Please consider signing-up

Operations Karyn Carroll & Danielle Berke
(Chairs not present)

- Need volunteers: the greatest needs are Box Office Sales and Volunteer Coordinating, please consider signing up for a shift.

Merchandise - Frank Suma
(Chair not present)

- No update provided.

Communications - Melanie Moore
(Chair not present)

- No update provided.

Student Panel - Summer Intensive Programs

A Big Thank you to all students who participated!

The full video of the discussion can be located on the January Newsletter.

Liam Lavery - Boston Conservatory at Berklee Musical Theatre Acting Intensive

Kennedy Kovacs - Ithaca College Summer Theatre Conservatory and NYU

Ruby Simmons - MUNY Summer Intensive

DJ DeJesus - MUNY Summer Intensive

Ella Escamilla - Oklahoma City University High School Pre-College Intensive

Clarie Smith - Texas State University NEXUS Musical Theatre Pre-College Intensive

Sofia Goral - Stagedoor Manor Summer Camp

Lindsey Kuruce - The College Audition Conservatory

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11pm