



DA Theatre Boosters General Meeting  
Tuesday July 20, 2021, 6:30 PM via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes

• **Welcome**

Valerie Gray welcomed everyone; hoping for more normal 2021/2022

*In attendance:* Valerie Gray, Kathy Hylton, Danielle Berke, Keri Rogers, Missy Decker, Jen Douglas, Bonnie Dyches, Jodi Gibson, Sara Mitchell, Heather B, Stephanie DeMaio, Heather Carter, Melanie Moore, Heather Sarra, Adrian Pulliam, Rachel Dorrian, Rose Marie Llerandi, Vendelda, Cheryl McClurkin, Carissa, Donette Nasta, Lauren Dimitrov, Jaime McDaniel, Karen Smith, Kelli Dicey, Tina Goral, Tish Jones, John, Vicki Burton, Cadey Eastman, Christina (Ava's mom)

• **Vote on Bylaws (revised July 2021)**

Removed box office manager from a leadership position; Will move and be under VP Operations

Article 9 – Revisions on titles

These changes were sent out in the latest newsletter and will be in the Handbook, which is housed on the Boosters Website

**\*Unanimous Vote Approval for Revisions to Bylaws**

• **Introduce and vote on nominated officers**

Normally takes place at the end of the school year; Now moving to nominate officers for this year...

Co-Presidents Valerie Gray and Kathy Hylton

VP Operations – Stephanie DeMaio (Oversight of patron program, Extravaganza)

VP Sales – Adrian Pulliam will serve in this role again for another year

Membership/Education – Marjory Vazquez

VP Fundraising – Sara Mitchell (Poinsettia sale/Silent auction)

VP Special Events and Hospitality – On Hold (will vote at next meeting)

VP Finance (Treasurers) – Cadey Eastman & Karen Smith

VP Show Support & Marketing – Bonnie Dyches

VP Communication – Jen Douglas (Social Media/Newsletter/Website)

**\*Unanimous Vote Approval for all nominations listed above\***

• **Discussion of upcoming dates**

1. Transition event for incoming Freshman happening this week (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)
2. Styles Bootcamp – Mr. Cooper runs this; Audition only; July 26-29 9-3 for those who made the class.
3. PT/Tech Bootcamp will take place on July 27<sup>th</sup> for new students in PT & Tech
4. Orientation Welcome Luncheon and Senior Buddy Meet and Greet – August 5<sup>th</sup> - Theater Boosters is hosting a welcome luncheon for new students and parents at 12:00 at the conclusion of the orientation. Freshman students will be matched with a senior buddy; RSVP Is strongly encouraged for the luncheon.
5. First day of school - August 10th

• Discuss Theatre Booster handbook that will be given at Orientation. – will also be loaded on the website once changes are finalized

\*\*Questions asked regarding Senior buddies, RSVP to the luncheon; Links are on the DA Theater Boosters Facebook page.

\*\* Rent & DA Hands DVDs; There were issues with the Rent videos that were taken; They are trying to salvage the recording; Mrs. Dyches has been distributing photo albums and will mail out the remainder. Videos will either be refunded, distributed or traded for photo albums.

• **Panel discussion regarding tips from graduated senior parents.**

*Panel will include Rachel Dorrian, Marjory Vasquez, Jen Douglas and Jodi Gibson*

*Rachel – Every college has a net price calculator you can use to see what the costs will be; Electives have been cut due to budgets at some universities; College Audition Project was done in November; Auditions are in February/March, so you can spend a few months researching all the schools before auditioning.*

*Marjorie – Common App – Students can enter everything there at the end of their junior year, but it's incredibly time-consuming; Some schools change curriculum; Make sure you check the curriculum of schools.*

*Jen – She wishes they did the pre-screens and common app sooner. and had material picked sooner.*

*Jodi – Sam recommended focus on yourself, not what everyone else is doing; Make sure you hit all the deadlines; It took him 2 months to get his common app completed.*

*Marjory – Prescreen process – It's more than just applying to the college you want to attend. Douglas Anderson offers slots in October to do pre-screens (Video auditions – Monologue/Dance/Vocals) She suggests creating a spreadsheet and pull out the criteria for each school; Many schools have the same criteria, but some require something different. Make sure you make recordings for everything required. To maximize your 30 minute time slot, have a list of everything to make it easier for videographer. Practice Practice Practice!!! Come prepared!*

*Valerie – Spreadsheet with Colleges, requirements, ranking of priority can help you whittle down your list to the right ones for you.*

*Sam – Mr. Kemper helps with outfits/costumes for the videos*

*Marjorie – Headshots in September, Pre-screens in late September/early October*

*Rachel – Got a separate Calendar just for the college audition process to keep track of dates*

*Rachel – Difference between Caps, Unified; Unified was a big gathering in New York for theater; CAP(College Audition Project), College Audition Coach, Cleveland...Different programs you can attend and audition for dozens of schools at once. When you join CAP, you only pay one fee to audition with a lot of schools. They coach you through the entire process and coordinate with a lot of schools.*

*Marjory – She attended labor day weekend workshop to work on audition materials;*

*Valerie – Unified will be in person this year*

*Sam – How does prescreen process work? ‘Get accepted’ website is where you would load your videos. You choose the colleges and pay the fee; It lets you know if you are moved forward or rejected. You can choose your audition times through this website. Auditions were done via Zoom last year.*

*Marjorie – Let the students do most of the work. Give them a budget so they prioritize the schools.*

*Karyn – Do any colleges come to DA to recruit? They do have a night where schools come in and set-up tables to share information about their programs.*

*Jen – Rachel, what made you choose CAP over other audition prep programs?*

*Rachel – She chose CAP because they offered monologue help and they also offered scholarships for students. They also had a great line-up of schools in their roster.*

*Sam – would love to answer any questions you might have!*

*Valerie closed the meeting*

Prepared by Karyn Carroll/Jen Douglas