Parent Meeting September 3, 2009

Opening:

The BHS Theatre Arts Booster Club Parent meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM by Gena Foster.

Present: Gena Foster – President; Lynn Matherly – Vice President; Alice Sargent – Secretary; Julie Stewart – Fundraising; Robbin McKinney – Hospitality Coordinator; BHS Theatre Director – Chris Williamson and Theatre teacher - Lauren Ayers; Gay Lynn Morrison – Student Liaison; Pam Spofford - Tech Liaison.

Not Attending: Troy Morrison – Treasurer

B. New Business

Bylaws were approved.

Budget: Former treasurer Jim Spofford reads and explains the budget which was also approved.

Gena introduces Chris Williamson and Lauren Ayers to the parents. Chris informs the parents of our two big shows, The Triangle Factory Fire Project and Bye Bye Birdie. Lauren introduces herself and her background.

Gena explains some basic theatre information like Course fee, production fees. CHARMS will be available to the parents to access, and the Passbook is our only fundraiser.

Kids interrupt and perform two quick skits.

Lynn explains CHARMS in more detail: how to log in, parents can see their child's account, see if fees are paid and if information is correct. CHARMS will also be used for communication with parents and to track Thespian points.

Gena runs through the Calendar (which is posted online at the website).

Gena introduces the Booster Club officers.

Pam Spofford describes the Tech needs: 1900's era furniture, workdays will be on the 3rd/10th/ and 17th of September and there is a sign up sheet for that; lunches will be appreciated on Tech days if parents could bring up food so the kids do not have to leave; explains that the dinner on the 19th should be a parent/student-cook-together-type with food from different cultures.

Lynn goes over the different types of communication tools:

Websites – www.birdvillehighschooltheatre.org

www.bhstheatre.wordpress.com

Email - bhstheatreboosters@gmail.com

Facebook - Birdville High School Theatre

Twitter - www.twitter.com/bhstheatre

PTSA E-news; BHS Theatre Booster Newsletter; Star Telegram "School Notes" section in the Sunday paper.

Membership pricing tiers and the benefits of membership such as bumper sticker, newsletter and early admission to stage shows.

Golden Patron sponsorship: "Artist" level of \$25-\$49

"Director" level of \$50-\$99

"Producer" level of \$100-\$299 which also includes 2 tickets to the Musical.

Season sponsors are acknowledged as a supporter of the 2009 - 2010 season on all main stage programs.

Parents may purchase personal ad space to congratulate kids in the programs.

Gena gave parents a list of different ways they can help out: Need a canopy for the car wash, CD players, buying shirts, help with the JR high workshop, concessions at the shows, Volunteer Rep., Donating items for the raffle, help with flower sales, selling biscuits and cookies (see Julie), help with sets and costumes. They must be an approved volunteer.

There was a drawing of the papers parents signed up to volunteer on; winning two free tickets to the Fall Show was Deanne Crawford.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Alice Sargent