

Barbara Ingram School for the Arts
Parent Guild Meeting
April 19, 2010
7:00 pm

President, Rob Smetzer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The following officers/committee members were present: Becky Arnemann, Treasurer; Julie Cade, Secretary; Michele Fuller, Vice President; Susan Mowen, Arts & Academics Program Committee Chair, David Sheredy, Fundraising Committee Chair, Toni Webb, Campus Life Committee Chair. Also present were, Principal Thorsen, Mark & Angie Youngblood and parents (sign in sheet distributed).

Introductions

Executive Committee members, administrators and parents present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes from the March 15, 2010 Parent Guild Meeting was made and seconded. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Arnemann reported that to date there is a balance of \$5,800 within the account. In April, \$600 has been contributed by parents and \$1,900 from the community. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

President's Report

Rob reminded parents that the Hearts for the Arts campaign is on-going and parents still have the opportunity to make a donation to the inaugural class plaque to recognize their student and be a part of history.

The Parent Guild is sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation lunch on May 4, 2010. The Guild will provide the sandwiches, vegetable and fruit trays for the teacher's & staff. A sign up sheet is being distributed for parents to volunteer to provide the extras for the luncheon (paper products, drinks, etc.).

Rob asked for a parent volunteer that has experience in grant writing. Any one with experience in this realm is invited to work on behalf of the school to obtain grants. Please contact Rob if interested.

Committee Chair Reports

Arts & Academics Program, Susan Mowen, Chair

Susan talked about the upcoming spirit night at Buffalo Wild Wings on May 3. She reported that a Foundation member is working on obtaining donations for the raffle basket. Informational papers were distributed and everyone was reminded that the paper must be presented to the server for the funds to be properly credited to the school. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$5/per one ticket and \$20/for five tickets. Angie & Mark Youngblood graciously offered a free family portrait (\$100 value) for the raffle.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Carnegie Hall trip will be held on May 14, 2010 at Northern Middle School from 5 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$8/adults, \$6 (6-10 years old) and \$4 (under age 5). Volunteers to provide desserts, bottled water and time involvement are needed. Susan also asked for assistance with the cooking at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

Campus Life, Toni Webb, Chair

A Masquerade Ball will be held Friday, April 23, at the Bridge of Life building from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10/single and \$15/couple.

National Honor Society inductions are Thursday night.

Toni also thanked and praised the parents of students involved with "Millie". She hosted the children at her home Saturday evening and said, "they are all good kids".

Volunteers will be needed for ironing the tuxedos when they arrive; more information to come.

Fundraising, David Sheredy, Chair

David reiterated Rob's invitation to contribute to the Hearts for the Arts campaign. He indicated an email reminder will be sent out to all parents.

David introduced Mark & Angie Youngblood to discuss additional fundraising opportunities. Mark and students took over 4,000 photographs before and during all 3 Millie performances including the Gala. Some of these photos are currently available for viewing at www.youngbloodseniors.com Samples of photo keepsake books that the Youngblood's can prepare from Millie photos, were shared. Angie will develop an order form and pricing information. Individual photo prices are 4x 6 = \$2.50; 5 x 7 = \$5.00 and 8 x 10 = \$10.00 and the Youngblood's will donate proceeds to the school. Marci will work with the Youngblood's to link a button for photos from our site to their site. One parent suggested offering for sale a CD of the photos as well as the book.

The Youngblood's are also offering no sitting fees (\$125 value) for current students that desire Senior portraits and free head shot photos for theatre students that need them for portfolios, etc.

Angie Youngblood distributed ad information for the yearbook. Parents can purchase an ad to recognize a child and/or patrons and other advertisers can purchase ads. She stated the deadline for advertising is May 5.

Communications, Michele Fuller, Chair

Michele mentioned the calendar of events for the remainder of the year – there are numerous activities and she asked the parents to keep an eye out for emails with additional information.

She stated that the Executive Committee will be utilizing meetings in May, June and over the summer to plan. We will develop and adopt Bylaws, clarify roles of the officers and chairpersons and mission statement. In addition to these items, the Committee will be developing a calendar for the 2010-11 school year so we can be aptly prepared for fundraising and other activities. The Committee will also be looking to parents to volunteer for various committees and functions. Michele invited parents to participate in these upcoming planning meetings – involvement is welcome and needed!

Marci indicated that a forms tab has been added to the website where parents can download various forms and information. Please check the site often.

Parent Liaison Reports

Rebecca Diehl-Sheredy, Visual Arts Department Liaison reported that Dr. Roberts is in need of shelving and she has researched types/prices. Mrs. Sheredy asked if the Guild had funds to assist in this area. Mr. Thorsen asked that Dr. Roberts talk to him regarding this matter.

Sheri Stewart, Instrumental Music Liaison expressed appreciation to Mr. Fuller for his assistance in the music room. Ms. Stewart indicated that there are various events for April and May and will get that information to Michele and Toni. She added that Mr. Hollin inquired about assistance with a program for the Taste of the Arts event on May 13 and that he would like to sell ads. Angie Youngblood offered to help design the program.

Principal's Report

Principal Thorsen stated that 100+ students participated in some fashion with the "Millie" production. Based on his experiences, he felt this production was well organized and an amazing collaboration between the Foundation, parents and children. He said the students were "exceptional" and every aspect of the event

went beyond what he expected. Mr. Thorsen praised Ms. Ridenour's choice of "Millie" and stated that it was a "perfect vehicle" to start and definitely showcased the talent. He promised a bottom line figure when final reconciliations are completed. A parent suggested for future performances having the orchestra take a bow, which was duly noted.

Mr. Thorsen mentioned the Art In Bloom Exhibit at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. He praised the exhibit and urged attending if at all possible.

Taste of the Arts was announced for May 13. This event, sponsored by the City of Hagerstown and Downtown Alliance, will benefit both the Maryland Theatre and Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. Patrons can purchase a passport ticket for \$20 which includes samplings from 13 downtown restaurants, an instrumental music concert and "The Big Shoot Photo". Mr. Frederickson discussed the big shoot photo concept and invited everyone to come out and participate as it will require involvement of approximately 200-300 people. He hopes the event will become an annual tradition. A sponsor is being sought for photo prints of the big shot photo.

Mr. Thorsen stated that before school ends this year Phantom gear will be offered for sale. He also introduced a new item - cloth tote bags that can be printed with the Phantom logo. If purchased in bulk, we can obtain the bags at a cost of \$2.00/each.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert social. Please note the earlier start time!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cade
Secretary