



## **PLATT HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER CLUB**

**Booster Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2013**



### **In Attendance:**

**Boosters Members:** Dawn Crane, Christine Flynn, Wendy Keene, Donna Mordarski, Amy Schultz

**Staff Members:** Laura Boates, Mark Faticoni, Ethan Warner

**Welcome** – Christine welcomed everyone in attendance. It was nice that Mr. Faticoni was able to attend this month, but everyone would have enjoyed having him bring his new baby, Alexander.

**Secretary's Report** – Dawn Crane highlighted some areas of her report that still need to be addressed by the Boosters or the faculty.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tammy Noxon was not present, so a report was not filed. Mrs. Boates mentioned that she has been working closely with Tammy to balance the student accounts and there is still a small discrepancy that has to be accounted for. At the conclusion of our meeting, Chris F. plans to bring Tammy any checks or cash that will need to be deposited into our account.

### **Staff Faculty Reports**

**Mr. Ethan Warner** – Asked to provide his report to the group first so he could return to the play rehearsal.

He Reported:

- There has been no de-briefing of the play "Frankenstein Unplugged" yet, but hopes to complete this task soon.
- Funds earned from "Frankenstein Unplugged" support the CT Drama Festival in 2014, taking place at EO Smith High School, just outside the UCONN campus, on the last weekend in March; Friday, 3/28 and 3/29.
- "Blood Wedding"
  - will be performed in 3 Acts with 1 intermission.
  - 30 students are involved in this production.
  - will be a bilingual production; reflecting the Meriden community and providing the actors with a challenge.
- Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, several theater students will attend the ***CT Drama Monologue and Technology Workshop/Competition*** at Eastern CT State University in Willimantic.
  - 12 other schools will also be attending and competing.
  - Students will practice auditioning skills and be taught by professors in the field.
  - The technical workshop will involve sound & lighting, set design, and applying make-up for performances.
- Mr. Warner will provide Mrs. Boates with a list of students attending this workshop, as it will impact the bottle and can drive earlier in the day and who will attend the afternoon football playoff game on that afternoon, *if Platt wins the Tues. 12/3 game.*
- PHS play/drama Committee pays for school registrations to these workshops, but students are expected to pay a small fee or \$10.00 to ensure their commitment.
- On January 12, 2014 another workshop, this one an interactive improvisation skill builder, will take place on the campus of Central CT State University. Again a small fee will be provided.

**Mrs., Laura Boates** – Reported:

- The band is expected to show their spirit and support **by attending all of the play-off football games and playing their stands music on the bleachers** amongst all the PHS fans. There was discussion on how the dates of these football play-off games would impact the Band events already scheduled.
  - If the PHS Panthers win their first game on Tues, 12/3, they will continue on to play the winner of the Farmington vs. New Cannon game on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. The date of this game will impact the performing arts as:
    - band students may not be able to help during the Performing Arts' Bottle and Can Drive, as the band's report time will interfere with them signing up later in the morning.
    - the performance at "Christmas in the Village" in So. Meriden, by the Pentangles includes students also in the band.
    - the band is already missing a few key players as they are taking advantage of an opportunity for skill development in the field of theater by attending the drama workshop at Eastern, with Mr. Warner that day.
  - If the PHS Panthers go on to win the 12/7 game, then they will play on Friday, 12/13, the same day as PHS's Holiday Concert. (*This will be addressed if needed, after the results of the 12/7 game, if PHS continues to win.*)
- The **deadline for paying the 2nd installment toward the Virginia Beach trip** has been moved up 2 days, **It is now Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**, not Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, as originally published. (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline that the money must be paid to our travel agency.)
- **Poinsettias are expected to be delivered** to the school by Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to plan on taking these plants home with them on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, so they can be distributed to those who ordered them.

- 19 students participated in this fundraiser. Expect more to participate next year.
- Mrs. Boates left 2 plants in the office so the faculty and staff could see for themselves what they are like.
  - Next year, there may be more interest among staff and faculty in supporting this fundraiser, because they will hopefully remember how nice these plants were.
- **CMEA Regional Auditions:**
  - There were two Platt students from the band chosen to perform in the CMEA Regional Music Festival at Maloney on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Congratulations to **Joe Ludemann**, also chosen in 2011 and **Jon Noxon**.
  - Mrs. Boates expressed that she just wants to see the students grow in their musicality. The goal of these auditions is for students to *learn where their strengths and weakness are* and how they can *get better and improve their scores* from year to year, even if they are not selected to perform at the festival.
- **Tri-M Society**
  - An induction ceremony needs to be planned for new members who will be inducted on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Membership fees for new members: \$20 with prior year members paying \$10. (*Membership in Jr. Tri-M during the prior year will also pay \$10*).
  - Tri-M members held their first meeting last week. They are planning to **perform 3 service projects**:
    - Organize an activity with the Little Panther Nursery School program before the holiday break.
    - Organize Christmas caroling at a local convalescent home.
    - Another project: A suggestion: Help with “Spirit of Giving” by wrapping gifts for Hunters Ambulance/Salvation Army.
  - Some students have expressed an interest in developing Bi-Laws for the group, making the Tri-M an official club at Platt.

**Mr. Mark Faticoni** - Reported

- **Charter Oak Festival:**
  - The students performed wonderfully. Appeared from all indications that the students enjoyed themselves. Parents who attended the concert, held at the conclusion of an intense, 2-day rehearsal schedule, expressed their appreciation that this musical opportunity was offered to their child and their pleasure in the concert performance.
- **Holiday Strings Spectacular:**
  - Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Orchestra groups from Meriden’s Middle and Sr. High Schools will perform in concert with Central CT State University’s Orchestra. Central will perform the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the program, after which time a short intermission will take place. Meriden’s school orchestras will each perform during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the concert.
- **Concert Raffle Baskets**
  - A challenge/ competition is in the process with the chorus, band and orchestra, to see which of the section groups will have the “best” basket to raffle off at the holiday concert on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. As soon as they heard about this, the Orchestra students jumped on this challenge.
- **Kiwanis Club performance:** The Pentangles ensemble will perform for the Kiwanis club members during the school day. They have been invited back to perform for the last 3-4 years.
- **CMEA Regional Auditions**
  - 6 students were selected after auditioning and two students missed the benchmark by 1 point.
- **Goodspeed Opera House Invitational Workshop and Performance.**
  - Students were given interactive workshops to experience some hands on techniques used in the theatre business.
  - Lunch was provided at the Gelston House after which the students saw a production that featured some of the same leaders of their workshops.
  - Mr. Faticoni received a lot of positive feedback from the workshop staff. Of all the school groups that have attended this program, PHS students were one of the most courteous and polite groups who showed an openness and eagerness to participate during the hands-on portion of the workshops.
  - Mr. Faticoni would not be surprised if our group was invited back next year.
- **Mattress Sale Fundraiser:** February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - We are holding this as a joint fundraiser with the Platt football team.
  - There will be 4 area schools selling mattresses within a 4 week time span; Maloney, Lyman Hall, Sheehan and Us.
  - The market for mattress sales is going to be inundated, so it will be very important that we communicate to everyone we know who may be interested in purchasing a mattress; family, neighbor, friend, or co-worker, to wait for our fundraiser.

### **Old Business**

- The **Illiano’s Fundraiser** in October raised \$310.00. Mgmt has told us that we may schedule another one after the Christmas and New Year’s holiday season is over. ***We plan to ask for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. (The Wednesday before winter break.)***

- **Scrip Orders** are due on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. This deadline is important so that they can be received in time for Christmas.
- **Bottle and Can Drive:** 4 students and 2 adults are needed at the M&M Redemption Center. We will be provided with 4 machines; 2 for cans, 1 for plastic bottles, and 1 for glass. Students will also be needed at the school to separate bottles from cans, as they are dropped off.
- **Holiday Concert: Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - Students will provide several baskets to raffle during the concert.
  - Boosters will sponsor a lottery ticket basket to raffle off, sell concessions of water and candy before the concert begins, and man the doors, asking for a \$5.00 ticket fee to attend, and hand out the program playbills. Parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated.
- **Playbill Ad Fundraiser:**
  - Chris F. is assembling and printing the pages to the Playbill, in hopes that it will be ready for this first concert.
  - 18 students participated in getting ads to include in the playbill, and raised \$1,985.00 total. 100% of the amount these students raised will be going into their student accounts.
  - There have been a few **Blue and Gold Donation sponsors**, so we will need to arrange for them to receive tickets to each concert and have a sign printed with their names clearly seen, that expresses our appreciation for the support they have given to our Performing Arts programs at PHS.
- **Fruit Sale Orders Fundraiser:** Were successfully unloaded from the truck and brought into the school and put on the stage. Students arranged to have them picked up during the early part of the next week.
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- **Spirit Concession Items:** \$96 was raised from the spirit items sold by students during lunch waves, by the boosters at the Powder Puff game and at Thanksgiving Day's Stoddard Bowl game. The Color Guard helped immensely by bring the items into the stands and directly asking patrons if they would like to purchase the items.

### **New Business**

- **Jr. and Sr. Class Auction:** After our last Booster meeting, we were asked to provide an item for the Class Auction, originally scheduled on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. The executive board voted to provide a basket filled with spirit items to raffle off. We also decided to order a Class of 2014 yearbook and provide an IOU certificate inside the basket.
- **Move Student Accounts from the Boosters into the School's account**
  - Mrs. Boates and Mr. Faticoni asked if they could take control of the student accounts so they could immediately write checks to pay for deposit payments, instead of requesting a check and waiting to have it written and then given to them.
  - They feel that this makes sense in light of the number of payments for the trip to Virginia Beach that will need to be made before the deadlines pass. By moving these accounts, the Booster treasurer's accounting duties will be lighter.
  - After discussing some concerns about this change of procedure, it was decided that it would go into effect right away.
  - Mrs. Boates will now be responsible for the financial portion of the Charms website that oversees student accounts.
  - Chris F. will inform Tammy N. of this important change in her responsibilities when she sees her tonight.
- **Taco Night Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - There are no home sports games being played at Platt that night, so we will have to compete for parking spaces for attendees to use.
  - Kim P. is chairing this event again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. She is looking for a small group to help direct her in making some important changes that could bring this fundraiser to a higher level.
  - Parent and student volunteers will be needed to help cover the various jobs that need to be performed before, during and after the event.
  - **If a parent is available and wishes to help, please contact Kim P. at: [kcpaniani@gmail.com](mailto:kcpaniani@gmail.com)**

### **Other**

- **Casino Bus Trip** – Mrs. Flynn is still interested in finding out information about this fundraiser but has not found the time.
- **Insurance** – Mrs. Flynn is still looking into getting insurance for the group.

**Next Booster Meeting: Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 on PHS's stage**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Crane ; Secretary  
Platt Performing Arts Boosters