

Minutes for PO Meeting held on May 3rd

Taken by Joe Firine

Call to Order by Andrea Ryan, VP at 1:27pm

In Attendance: Joe Firine, Deren Manasevit, Bob Hirata (Adult Student Liaison), Andrea Ryan (Vice-President), Carmela Cuomo (Grants Liaison), Bernie Buck (Volunteer Coordinator), Rhoda Pahl, Karen Golebiewski, Lisa Freed (Fundraising Liaison), Susan Gobel (Wardrobe Mistress), Carla Blount, Robin Tousey Ayers, Kathy Saperstein and Noble Barker.

Absent: No Officers Absent

Excused: Joan Nye (Corresponding Secretary), Theresa Katz (Recording Secretary), Regina Cintron (Treasurer) and Jackie Faraclas (Guilford Parent Liaison).

Andrea opened the meeting by Nominating Joe Firine for the vacant President position. Bob Hirata seconded the motion and Bernie Buck and Rhoda Pahl thirded the motion. A vote was taken of all in attendance and Joe was unanimously voted in as the President of the PO. Joe thanked everyone and said maybe now he will no longer be known as just Fiona's husband.

Fiona gave an update on the warehouse cleanup and said it was very successful and much fun was had by all even though David Pahl needed several band-aids for some minor scrapes. Noble added he was very happy with the outcome and he has space to move around now. Another cleanup will be planned in the future for a different level, organizing costumes, etc.

Fiona reported the time change for the Spring Performance.....It will now be held on June 7th at 1:30 and 6:30 due to logistics with the Shubert Theatre.

Fiona reported there are flyers in the NHB office for the Summer program and Discover Dance. It is requested all parents pick up several flyers and distribute them to our local libraries, schools, grocers, etc.

Fiona reported Rebecca Platoff, a senior NHB student, has asked for PO support and help with the Amity Relay for Life on May 31st through June 1st. Fiona gave a brief description of what Relay for Life actually is and stated anyone who is interested should contact Rebecca or Noble. NHB has two teams already and is looking for more. Fiona, Andrea Ryan and Noble will be participating. There is a link on the NHB website to the NHB Relay For Life info and also there is a NHB Relay for Life Facebook group. We are looking for support and donations.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=15957791425>

Bob Hirata had nothing new to report but was asked how many adult students NHB had. Bob reported he had 65 adult students on his contact list currently, which was a surprise to all. Many of us had no idea there were that many adult students.

Lisa Freed will have a table set up at the performances to sell merchandise. Harriett and Noble also asked the PO to take over the flower sale as well. A flyer will be going out shortly and you can preorder your flowers for the performances. They will be available for pick up at the theatre. The table will be manned by Joe Firine and Lisa.

Regina Cintron was excused from attending but reported to Fiona nothing has changed and she will be putting together an end of year report for us which will be sent out to all. We also voted in favor of the PO covering the \$160 cost of the reception at ECA and the \$48 for the pizza and soda for the warehouse cleanup.

Noble reported Discover Dance will be on June 6th and letters have been sent to area schools to see the feasibility of a school matinee at 10am. Volunteers may be needed but Noble and Bernie Buck will discuss the best way to handle this. June 19th at noon NHB will be performing at the International Arts and Ideas Festival on the mainstage.

Susan Gobel (wardrobe mistress) expressed her concern for help with costumes. She will be at NHB every Saturday starting on May 10th if anyone can help for a bit. Sue has requested the possibility of parents taking costumes home after the performances to clean them and then return them for her. Her daughter is a senior this year so she will have limited capability to handle this after the performances. The costumes will be brought to the theatre it is just after when she needs the help.

The next PO meeting will be held on September 13th.

Calendar was set for next years meetings. They are as follows: September 13 in New Haven (time and place TBD), November 8th in Guilford (time and place TBD), January 10th in New Haven (time and place TBD), March 14th in Guilford (time and place TBD), May 9th in New Haven (time and place TBD).

Bernie Buck made a motion to dismiss and this was seconded by Bob Hirata.

Meeting was dismissed at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted: Joe Firine