

Hidden Hills
Theater Committee Meeting
June 3, 2019

The Theater Committee meeting was attended by Nathalie Blossom, Marsha Weidman, Kedra Gottlieb, Tamika Watkins, David Stanley, Courtney Newman, Karleen Basch, Farnaz Fardad-Finn and new member Carrie Levis.

Nathalie reported that Lauren Myers would like to join the Committee and help produce the Summer show.

May Meeting Minutes- A motion to approve the May minutes was made by David Stanley and seconded by Marsha Weidman.

Jaxx “Into the Woods”- Karleen said it was such a positive and adorable show, wonderful food with lots of sibling and a sense of community, but she felt that a 12:00 to 5:00 rehearsal on Saturday before the show was a bit much. Karleen also felt that the smaller children were blocked by the kids on the front of the stage. Farnaz said that occasionally when things don’t go smoothly during the first show, they extend rehearsals to work on the parts the children are struggling with. David suggested staggering rehearsal times for the kids. Courtney said no one sent an email reminding the parents that tickets were on sale. Farnaz said she forgot. Jackie said show tickets always go on sale 2 weeks before the show. Courtney added that the Jaxx representatives have been showing up late. Farnaz explained that Jaxx has a stacked schedule this season.

Witches of Oz- Nathalie reported that auditions are on June 14th at 4:00 pm with performance dates on July 20th and 21st. Show times to be determined.

Jaxx Fall Show- Farnaz announced that Jaxx Fall show will be “Matilda” with performance dates on November 15th and 16th. Tamika said she will be co-chairing Jaxx productions with Farnaz.

Telephones in Theater and Rec Room-The Committee requested land line phones in the theater and rec room with an instruction sheet on how to dial out and a list of all 3 gates phone numbers and the community center address since there is no cell phone reception. Jackie said there are 2 phones with instructions posted in the theater; one in the sound booth and the other by the entrance. Jackie said she will add an instruction sheet to the phone in the rec room. Nathalie requested another phone by the dressing rooms.

Sound Booth Equipment- Nathalie said Preston reported to her that Jaxx put everything back as requested. David said that Ky actually found a problem with the speakers and brought it to his attention. David also said that he has simplified stuff and is finalizing the instruction manual and he and Marsha are working on a Theater policy contract. David asked Jackie to remind the cleaning crew to take the trash out of the prop room and to make sure the paint trap is being cleaned.

Spring show with Palmer Davis- Nathalie reported that she will be working with Palmer on show dates for the Fall. The Committee also discussed having parent meetings before each show so that parents and children are aware of the rules and their responsibilities. Nathalie suggested inviting palmer to the BBQ's so the children and parents have an opportunity to meet her.

Kids Summer Party- Nathalie asked if anyone was available to volunteer at the theater sign up table for "Witches of Oz" at the kid's summer party on Saturday June 15th 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Nathalie also suggested having Gloria attend the party and play theater games to get kids excited about the play.

2019/2020 Budget- Nathalie reported that the Board approved the 2019/2020 proposed budget. Jackie will email the Committee a copy.

Fiesta Float- The Committee discussed building a Fiesta float this year. Nathalie will email the team a "how to". Both Jaxx and Gloria's kids will be on the same float.

Triple Talent Spring Show- The Committee agreed that they would like to invite Triple Talent to produce the Spring show. Karleen said she would like the Committee to consider Mr. Schugel for the Summer production.

Trash Cans- The Committee requested larger trash cans for the cast parties and intermission as well as the theater and prop room.

July Meeting Date Change- The July meeting was scheduled for the 8th.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.