

McLean Theatre Boosters Meeting Summary

September 17, 2019

Mr. Reid welcomed everyone to the parent meeting for the fall show, You Can't Take It With You.

- 62 students auditioned. Lots of talent so he is very excited.
- Students and Parents should have completed a production contract online.
- Rehearsals are generally Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays from 3:15-6:00. There will be some Saturdays from 12:00-4:00. The overall rehearsal schedule is on the website. He will send a more detailed weekly and daily call schedule. He instructed parents how to sign up for Remind so they can get texts with rehearsal and other show information.
- Crew heads set their individual crew schedules but they usually meet twice per week. Tech Heads meet on Wednesdays.
- This show is double cast, which allowed him to expand the cast. Each cast will perform in three shows. He will send the specific information as soon as it is available.
- Show dates: November 21-24, 2019. Thursday night, Friday night, two shows on Saturday and two on Sunday. Strike will likely occur during Tech Theater classes on Monday following the show.
- Important Mandatory dates: Tech week is November 15 3:15-10:00, November 16 11:00-10:00 for actors (Tech arrives at 10 am), November 18 and 19 from 3:15 - ?? (tries to be finished by 10:00). He tries not to have a rehearsal on Wednesday, November 20 but if needed there will be a short one.
- New this year: Mandatory Date for Crew: November 9 will be a build day starting at noon and ending around 5:00. Tech Heads will stay for dinner and discussion about what still needs to be completed.
- Also mandatory for each cast to come watch the other cast.

NYC Trip: February 21-23, 2020

- This trip will be open to students in Theatre II, III, and IV and Tech Theatre II, III, and IV.
- Mr. Reid is still working on the details but the general cost will likely be between \$600 and \$650. That covers three shows, two nights hotel, 2 dinners, a workshop, and a trip to MOMA.
- New this year: teaming up with TJ high school.
- There will be space for approximately 50 students.

Mr. Reid talked about how the Boosters are part of this community and Theatre McLean relies on their help. He has two big ticket requests this year: a new Mac for the booth and a new sound system for the auditorium. He is looking and various funding sources to include grants, MHS, and FCPS. Whatever help the Boosters can provide is appreciated.

Mr. Reid then turned the meeting over to the Booster Co-Presidents, Melinda Mullet and Deborah Blacksten.

Melinda and Debbie introduced the Board in attendance: Amanda Antico (Treasurer), John Dalier (VP Fundraising), and Beth Cole (Board Member).

Important Dates can be found on the website.

John Dalier discussed this year's planned Booster fundraising.

- The September 16 Chipotle night made \$408. We will have a Chipotle Restaurant Night every 6 months, which is as frequently as Chipotle will let an organization schedule. We have a Cava Night scheduled for October but are awaiting the final details from Cava so check the website and your email!
- We will be opening an online swag store soon where you can purchase clothing items and other branded Theatre McLean gifts.
- We have an ongoing fundraiser with Honey Baked Ham. Click on the link from our website and purchase gift cards. You can either have plastic cards mailed or buy electronic gift cards. You can then use these cards yourself or gift them. These make great holiday gifts and organizations like SHARE appreciate such gift cards as donations. Theatre McLean gets 20% of each sale.
- We also have an ongoing fundraiser with Amazon Smile. Click on the Amazon link from our website to access the Theatre McLean Amazon Smile. It's an easy way to support Theatre McLean with shopping you are already doing. You can set it up so you don't have to click through from our website each time.

Melinda and Debbie discussed What to expect for Tech Week/Show Week and how the Boosters support the program.

- Show Fees: Many have already paid the \$66 via PayPal – thank you to those who have already paid.
 - If you have not paid, we are accepting checks at the meeting, but all other payments must be through PayPal. New this year: Mr. Reid will NOT be accepting any checks. If you haven't completed the parent form yet, please so do and click on the PayPal link to pay the \$66 show fee.
 - If you have already completed the form but not yet paid, please click on the Donate button from our website and it will take you to PayPal where you can pay the \$66 and note your student's name in the message section.
 - These fees go to feed the students during Tech Week as well as for the show shirts.
 - If your student will not be participating in Tech Week but wants a show shirt, there is a place to note that on the parent form. We will invoice you separately for the show shirt once we have that pricing.
- We need lots of help during Tech Week and Show Weekend. We'll send out a Sign Up Genius when it gets closer. There is something for everyone: purchasing concessions that you can drop off, picking up or serving Tech Week meals, selling tickets or concessions.
- There are lots of other ways to get involved, so please let us know if you are interested!