

## **D'EVERLYN PERFORMING ARTS**

### **Minutes of Meeting of September 9, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

In attendance: Alice Youse, Valerie Bass, Margaret Sewell, Kimberly Kopp, Tony Edwards, Ann Zachrich, Brenda Frauenhoff, Teresa Davidson, Janet Shibly, Monte Murphy, Matt Taylor, Lynne Murphy, Leslie Berlinberg, Virginia Pitzer, Yolanda Crady, Deborah Romero, Susan Boyle, Christine Southcott, Sue Carrera, Shari Zuk and Dee Leh. Each attendee made introductions. New Parent Liaisons for Fall Play, Valerie Bass and Junior High Choir, Alice Youse, were introduced.

Dee Leh gave the President's report, which included the following:

:At the Dash, DPA volunteers ran the booth, donated breakfast items, and sold Entertainment books. As a result, DPA received a great deal of publicity, and the event overall was well attended.

: She then presented the goals for DPA for the coming year, including the goal to increase parent and community awareness as well as support of DPA and the role it plays in the lives of 250-300 students each year. She then requested additional support in the area of Liaison volunteers for open DPA areas, indicating that these liaisons would be the people who connect the teachers, students and parents to DPA.

:It was then reported that the Lynne Murphy Scholarship recipient for 2009 was Jeff Pilkington. Mrs. Murphy summarized the purpose of the scholarship. Mrs. Leh then proceeded to explain that the scholarship is in its fifth year and was formed to honor Mrs. Murphy and her years of theatrical expertise and dedication to the furtherance of Performing Arts at D'Evelyn and further, that the DPA endows the scholarships annually to benefit the future endeavors of a deserving student. A plaque bearing the names of each recipient needs to be updated each year and would be the responsibility of the DPA VP. Vice President Sue Carrera would complete it for the 2009 recipient.

:Fundraising projects by DPA were discussed, which include Entertainment Books, Play Intermission concessions, Pie and Hot Chocolate Socials and the Dash booth.

:The Secretary, Shari Zuk, then presented her report, which included a request that all information and/or articles to be placed in the monthly Jaguar Tracks newsletter be furnished to her in advance of the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month in order to meet the deadline for timely inclusion therein.

:Christine Southcott, Treasurer, then reported that \$87.50 had been raised from the Dash Bake Sale, and that, to date, \$50 had been raised from the DPA recycling program and \$870 raised from the sale of Entertainment Books. She also stated that copies of the current and prospective budgets were available for interested attendees.

:Sue Carrera specifically reviewed the Recycling Program. The program traditionally earns @\$1,000 per year. The dropoff bin for recyclable items is currently located inside the east entrance of the school and efforts are being made to make this site more visible in order to generate additional contributions.

:In response to a question, the Treasurer explained that DPA is housed within the D'Evelyn Education Foundation and that donor(s) to DEF can designate that their contributions, in whole or in part, go to DPA. At this time, the Treasurer and President reviewed the structure of DEF and stated that this is the second year in which DPA has not requested any funds from DEF because DPA has raised its own monies for specific needs.

:Leslie Berlinberg then reported on the largest fundraiser of the year for DPA, the sale of Entertainment Books. Students sell an average of 600 books per year, the largest amount of sales in the area. A representative from the company came to the school and made a sales presentation to each choral and instrumental music class. Sales have started out strong and this year a volunteer student has been designated from each class to promote, encourage and support the sale of these books by students, a practice that so far has been very effective and has generated additional enthusiasm among students. The goal for this year was the sale of over 600 books, and \$15 of every \$30 book sold goes to DPA, generating @\$9,000 in revenue for DPA annually. Entertainment Books are sold during both lunch hours twice a week during the month of September to generate additional interest. A discussion then occurred regarding ideas for selling at other school events in the future such as Parent/Teacher conferences, the Junior High Boosters meeting and the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Improv Competition sponsored by Mr. Murphy. She then announced that Carol Fitzsimmons would be taking over this project next year.

:Mrs. Shibly then presented the Tri-M Music Honor Society (Modern Master Musicians) report, stating that the first meeting of the school year would take place in a few weeks. She explained that this is a National Honor Society that promotes excellence in music, and has been established for high school students who participate in top performing groups and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students must apply for this honor, and induction takes place in the Spring of each year for incoming Juniors and Seniors. It is also a service organization to help raise money for various musical endeavors throughout the community.

:Mrs. Murphy then reported on the Drama program at D'Evelyn. She stated that auditions were held for and cast yesterday for the 2009 Fall Play, *Pygmalion*. There was a time change to the final performance, from 7:00pm to 2:00pm, due to Halloween. She wrote parts for the understudies so that everyone cast in the Play would have speaking parts. Valerie Bass, the Play Liaison, has been very helpful and wrote a letter to parents regarding rehearsal schedules and volunteering. Sue Carrera then reported that she would attend the Saturday parent meeting and make a short presentation regarding DPA to garner interest and participation. Valerie Bass then reported that the Fall Play consisted of 18 cast and 18 crew members and requested volunteers for Snack Coordinator, Concessions at Intermission and the Cast Party. Mr. Murphy agreed to order a sign to advertise the Play and have it posted on Kipling.

:Mr. Murphy then reported that:

- The Spring Musical would be *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, and mentioned that the music and choreography are exciting, although the production will be expensive to put on.
- \$1,800 is needed for a fog machine, and \$800 for a radial arm saw. Funding for these needs was discussed.
- On October 3<sup>rd</sup> an Improv joint workshop would be held with other area schools. It was agreed that Entertainment Books would be sold that night as well. Monies from ticket sales for this event all come back to the Drama program.
- Proceeds from the November Improv events would be donated to a local food program.
- He had an idea for a fundraiser: having people sponsor plaques on the backs of the auditorium seats.
- Ticket sales for *Pygmalion* will begin tentatively on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

:Mrs. Shibly then presented the Choir report:

- The Men's Choir Festival will be held at Ralston Valley High School next Friday, and that this is the second year of this event.
- Today she sent in applications for All-State Choir applicants.
- In October the Jeffco Sing will occur, where all high schools compete and exchange musical experiences.
- The Junior High All-County Choir auditions will take place in October and the clinic will occur in January after Winter Break.
- The Senior High All-County competition/clinic will take place in November over a period of two full days.
- Concerts for all choirs will take place in October.

She then raised the subject of new choir robes and stated that there was currently \$8,000 on hand for this purpose but that it would only cover half of what the students selected. The plan is to use the old ones for other choirs, but funding is an issue. The cost for the robes students selected is \$19,200; the cost for cheaper ones would be \$16,500. The robes are 11 years old. The District used to provide robe replacement every ten years but no longer provide those funds.

The President then reported that she attended the most recent DEF meeting with the goal of requesting funds for choir robes. Mr. Taylor stated that new Marching Band uniforms were needed as well, but the cost would be \$100,000 for 100 uniforms. He offered the \$7,000 in their budget to go towards the purchase of choir robes. DEF requested that DPA write a request for robes that includes the Marching Band money and that which is currently in escrow, and a discussion then occurred regarding a plan to present to DEF for this purpose. The President proposed that Mrs. Shibly draft a proposal for the cost of the robes for her to take back to DEF.

Mrs. Shibly also noted that additional musical library storage is needed, such as a tall large filing system with drawers. She has the room but the unit needed costs \$1,500.

Mr. Taylor then presented the Band report, stating that the Marching Band is the current focus. Their program for this year is called "Tribal Elements", written around Native American themes. They are playing at Halftime at the football games and will be performing at various Band competitions in October, culminating in the State competition in Pueblo on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Taylor also reported that:

- He is starting a Jazz Band this semester, which he will try to use as a tool to promote band participation in area elementary schools. He also plans to use it as a training ground for the Pit Orchestra for the Musical.
- Next Wednesday is the audition deadline for the Western States Orchestra, then All-State, and that five students are auditioning for both of these very competitive ensembles.
- He is working on a proposal for course offerings for Beginning Band, and will present to the Steering Committee a plan to offer a class just for Band instruments with the goal of combining the Intermediate and Concert Band. The purpose is to hopefully pull in more students at the beginning stages of instrumental music. This plan, if approved, would go into effect next school year.

Susan Boyle, the Band Liaison, reported that there was 100% parental support for the Marching Band, but that parents are always needed to assist with uniform alterations, serve meals at competitions, provide snacks at football games, help move equipment onto the field at Halftime, and chaperone on competition trips. She expressed appreciation for all the parent support this Fall.

Additional discussion occurred regarding the following:

- Mr. Taylor said that an Orchestra Liaison was needed, and Susan Boyle volunteered to take this on.
- A parent coordinator for the Pie and Hot Chocolate Socials, to occur after the December vocal and instrumental concerts, was also needed.
- A request was made for a volunteer to handle publicity for the Fall Play, and it was decided that this would be brought up at the Saturday parent meeting.
- It was agreed that information about DPA would be placed in the October concert programs to continue to garner support and participation by D'Evelyn parents.

At this time, Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Taylor stated that they would be unable to attend the next DPA meeting scheduled on October 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Zuk