

## SPARC General Meeting

May 7, 2018

### Minutes of Meeting

**Attendees:** Stacie Collins, Lisa Coohill, Annette Dwyer, Nancy Halper, Gloria Ron-Fornes, Cynthia Landis, Kristin Lumelleau, Nicolette Noss, Joanne Paris, Anne Poyner, Ashley Raven, Jesse Reyes, Nellie Stewart, Ron Wells, Patricia Wilson

#### Welcome

Gloria announced Mr. Wells' retirement. Mr. Wells is celebrating 58 shows over 25 years of service. Mr. Wells gave tribute to SPARC and affirmed that his joyful focus has been on the kids.

#### Approval of Minutes

- Gloria asked for a motion to approve. Nellie made the motion; Jesse gave the second; all were in favor; none were opposed; there were no abstentions
- Gloria gave thank yous to Nellie and Annette for the Murder Mystery Event as well as to Stacie and Katie for the Pancake Breakfast
- Gloria affirmed and all agreed that SHS is the best venue for the Pancake Breakfast.
- Gloria suggested asking performers to pay half price and not have free breakfast
- Stacie had a hard time rallying 8-year olds so long after their show, but managed to do so

#### President Updates

Ashley Raven spoke about the Montclair Theatre Awards. LCJSMS was nominated for **Government Inspector**; Ron Wells was nominated for his direction.

Drama Club is headed to see Once on This Island. All are anticipating the end of year awards.

Anne Poyner spoke about the Montclair awards. Seniors get to attend; Rising Star Awards this year include nomination of JJ Stewart and Lobby Crew.

Seven kids are going to Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale; 8<sup>th</sup> graders are coming to SHS to learn about Forensics. Students will interact with kids and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to prep them for SHS Forensics.

Certificates will be given out to all kids who participated in performing arts productions; 662 certificates signed by Gloria so far.

Senior certificates will be given out at Senior Salute

June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Board transition meeting.

Gloria discussed the Board and Liaison roles rolling off and who has been identified to replace the outgoing volunteer.

Reminder: June 12<sup>th</sup> is the "Meet the Performing Arts Coaches" at The Summit Library

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Detailed budget was made available to all.
- SPARC brought in 15k more than last year. Includes external grants (restricted); unrestricted is even with last year or a little less. The MME brought in funds that made up for slight shortfalls in Pancake Breakfast and SEoS
- Elementary School fundraising – SAPF grant - has been for spotlights.
- Jefferson requested a trip to Broadway for entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to attend a show where one of the classmates is performing; SPARC underwrote a portion of that. PTO and parents also provided funds.
- SPARC will consider head sets for elementary schools for next year
- SPARC has \$42k in the bank now; got donations and matching grants; additional \$1,500 expected to come in
- SPARC expects to have \$27k balance at end of year after grants are closed
- Jesse posed the question, "What will we do for fall fundraiser?" We need about \$20k
- Membership envelopes have been great: SPARC received \$15k
- All present discussed the possibility of putting names in the Playbill. The names can be put in the welcome back letter alternatively.
- SPARC is in good shape going into the 2018-2019 year

## **Communications Report**

- New website is doing ok

## **Murder Mystery Report**

- Lots of fun; we will want to pursue it again and grow it
- Annette discussed positive feedback for the event. The limits of funds raised pertained mostly to small size of the venue. For the first year, we did not know what to expect. Food was tasty, but scarce. Though it was authentic as "Roaring 20's food", people were looking for more substantial food.
- Still need other members to step up to shadow current co-chairs as they will be "graduating" out of SHS. They will consider supporting year 2 as long as there are new co-chairs shadowing

## **Pancake Breakfast Report**

- Great time had by all at the annual pancake breakfast – great performances
- Need to figure out a way for people to stay and watch other performances beyond their own child - conflicts with other activities always impact attendance – request to move it back to March
- New set up for entry worked well; Tricky-tray worked well
- Some concerns with the coffee provider which will need to be addressed next year; otherwise food was great – quiches a success again

## **Liaison Reports**

- Lincoln Hubbard announced its production for next year: Lion King, Jr. (December 2018 show) Open to grades 3,4,5; same director/producer

- Jefferson: Hydrangea Albright was a great success
- SHS completed its theater productions with the spring musical Legally Blond and the Director's Showcase in April
- SPARC needs a report from each school on the uses and results from the SPARC's grants; Jefferson and LCJSMS are the most consistent in delivering this – need liaisons to ensure delivery
- LCJSMS: TedEx first week of June; STEP TEAM is performing at Great Adventure.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm