

## DRAMA MEETING MINUTES

An informal drama meeting was held at Zoe Dillard's home on July 27, 2011. In attendance were: Lorie E, Ruth, Karen H., Zoë D, Jim and Amy Peterson, Amir R, Sherri B., Mark, and Lorie.

Zoe handed out an outline and timeline for this year's fall musical *Beauty and the Beast*. Performance dates are Dec. 2, 4, and 9 at 7:30 and Dec 4 and 10 at 2pm. Auditions will be held Sept 12-14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the choir room. There is a cast fee of \$50.00. \$25 will be returned to each cast member once they return their script/music. A fee of \$25 will be collected from all tech members.

RCP will be giving us extra tech support. Skip Lawson will be assisting us. We will be borrowing props and costumes from RCP. RCP will advertise *Beauty and the Beast* during their Nov-show... Courtney needs to submit ad to RCP. A reminder that RCP offers two scholarships for actors and tech. Last year no one applied for the tech scholarship. Andy R did receive the actor scholarship.

Zoe will talk with Eileen Riley (administrator) about creating an official partnership with RCP.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning advertising for the show. One idea was to take ½ day and go to HMS and grammar schools. Another suggestion was to create a video that would be done in costume to send to area grammar school to be seen during morning meetings. The students in the show would film 1-2 minutes of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Tee shirts... MI will manufacture tee shirts for the cast. Zoe will look into the cost and if reasonable will buy from them instead of Reston tee shirts.

The cast will be no more than 50 people of which 6 will come from area elementary schools and HMS.

Zoe announced with glee that we are getting a new light board!!

Zoe announced that we really need a new stage curtain.

Andrea and Ken Ness are moving to Herndon. Ken is an architect and will be a great asset during the construction of our sets.

WELCOME

Once the cast is announced then Zoe will have a mandatory parent meeting requesting among other things parent participation in the show.

A spread sheet will be created for the auditions which students will sign in and include their name and email.

Zoe is expecting to sell out. There are a maximum number of 800 tickets per night

Cappie show will be in the spring. Every one at the meeting thought that this was a good idea.

Amy Lytle will be in charge of the cappie luncheon.

A lot of fun discussion on creating money makers for the show. One idea was a raffle where a ticket would give you the chance to have breakfast with Belle and the Beast. Another idea was to sell trinkets (tiaras, mirrors, roses) that the children might enjoy buying. Lorie and Shelli will look into the cost of some products for the next meeting.

Next meeting was scheduled for Sept 1, 2011