

# Drama Club Meeting Minutes

## February 9, 2012

### St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School

Attendees: Carol Meyer, Riane Bellefeuille, Carna Linn, Shallen Semmler, Jana Stroot, Lori Cherne, Lisa Pehrson, Annette Matich, Cheryl Jensen, Lucy Hanninen, Rachel Hoelz, Andrea Carlson, Jennifer Abfalter, Jessie Weber, Maria Prozinski, Toni Schmidt

1. **The Play.** Which play to produce this year was discussed at length. The Sound of Music approval was received on February 9<sup>th</sup> for royalties, etc. but the cost is \$375 plus an additional deposit of \$400. After much discussion regarding such a large production for our first year in addition to the high cost, it was decided to produce a smaller play for this year and aim to do the Sound of Music in the upcoming years. Toni had received some referrals for a source for plays put on by other Catholic schools in our diocese. One presented at the meeting tonight was well received; ***Pirates of the Curry Bean***. It was decided that we should present this play to Fr. Tony and Mrs. E. for approval and begin try-outs shortly thereafter. Toni will put the information together and present it for approval.
2. **Teams.** We will break the play up into teams so as to involve as many students as possible in the play and to spread the work out between our parent volunteers. The teams will be as follows: Cast, Scenes & Props, Music, Costumes and Production. Each team will have core committee members with other volunteers to help facilitate progress. Toni will put together a breakdown of the time commitment and responsibilities of each team to present to parents and volunteers for additional sign-up.
3. **Funding.** Maria has been working with our local churches to raise money for the production of the play. She has received a commitment of \$500 from All Saints and is working with Deb at St. Thomas of the Pines. She is also applying for two grants as well. We will also have the opportunity to use some of the money raised from the Family Fun Dance for the play. The parents will not be doing any fundraising for this production.
4. **Schedule.** The play will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with two shows that day. One after school at or around 3:30pm and another at 5:30 or 6:00pm. Both shows will be held at the school in the gymnasium. It was decided that two shows would be needed for accommodating the number of families. There will be no sale of tickets, only a free-will offering at each of the plays.
5. **Try-outs.** Once the play has been finalized, Toni will put together information about each of the parts available for our students to review. Try-outs will be held in the gymnasium and every student can try out for the play. The Cast committee will be in charge of choosing the students for the play. There will be plenty of extras and other ways for students to be involved in the production of the play.
6. **Practice.** Practices for the play will be done two times per week starting in April. They will be broken into groups among the performers with the entire cast practicing more frequently as we get closer to the performance. The schedule will be one practice directly after school and one in the evening so as to include as many parent volunteers as possible. All practices will be in the gymnasium on the stage.

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7. **Set production.** Maria is trying to find a location for us to work on the production of the set. There is a house that is currently vacant near the school that may be a good option but there needs to be some additional research done.
8. **Costumes.** We will need volunteers with sewing abilities to help prepare the costumes for the play. Lisa thought that a sewing group from All Saints would probably be willing to help with this. Toni also received calls from a few parents interested in assisting in this area as well.
9. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be scheduled once the play has been finalized and the team breakdowns completed. Check the school website and posting boards for further information. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Toni Schmidt at either [teamschmidt@charter.net](mailto:teamschmidt@charter.net) or 218-831-1118.

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