

## **IOWA THESPIAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, March 4, 2017

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Adult Board:** Sam Burns, Colleen Babcock, Aaron Dean, Liz Hansen, Katie Howard, Mike Hunter, Stacie Kintigh, Leslie LaCorte, Bill Myatt, Elizabeth Powers, and Tom Stephens

**Student Board:** Maaz Ahmed, Oswaldo Ambrosio, Brady Booth, Melanie Comer, Ali Girsch, Isobel LaCorte, and Kate Struble

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Helen Duranleau-Brennan and Nate Jorgensen

Tour of Cedar Rapids facilities: 8:30

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:25

### **GENERAL SESSION**

- Student reports and goals for today
- January minutes approved (Howard moved, Hunter seconded, motion passed by voice vote)
- Attendance at upcoming EdTA events
  - Student Board members attending International Thespian Festival are Maaz Ahmed, Oswaldo Ambrosio, Brady Booth, Melanie Comer, Ali Girsch, Isobel LaCorte, and Kate Struble
  - Adult Board member attending International Thespian Festival are Sam Burns, Aaron Dean, Bill Myatt, and Tom Stephens
  - Helen Duranleau-Brennan is attending the Leadership Summit
  - Leslie LaCorte and Bill Myatt are attending the EdTA National Conference
- Discussion on Send-a-Troupe to Iowa Festival
- Board Communication
  - Student Board is already using GroupMe
  - Adult Board will adopt the app
- Financial Report
  - final bill has been received from UNI (\$34,057.77)
- Leadership Day
  - Waukee High School is willing to host on Saturday, August 5 (Babcock moved to approve location, Kintigh seconded, motion passed by voice vote)
  - Leadership Day committee will contact potential guest artists and keynote speakers
  - Website has been updated to promote Leadership Day
  - Discussion on including Junior Thespians in Leadership Day – deferred to committee
  - Discussion on Leadership Day schedule
- Iowa Thespian Festival
  - Mainstage and Studio applications will be live in early April with a deadline of June 16
  - Theme for Festival 2017 is “Camp”
  - Discussion of Master Schedule – deferred to committee

### **COMMITTEE BREAKOUT TIME**

## **GENERAL SESSION – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Student Board
  - STOs will attend as many shows around the state as possible
  - discussed the integration of Junior Thespians at Leadership Day
  - set 2017 Festival theme – Camp Thespis; “Rest Stop” is now “Thespian Games”
  - fundraising ideas, including at shows they attend around the state
  - encouraging directors to post/tweet/send pictures of the director at professional shows
- Junior Thespians Committee
  - one-day event proposal sent to Waukee to host a fall date prior to Iowa Thespian Festival
    - discussion of fall vs. spring date
  - committee set goals and objectives for event
  - event would include IE’s, workshops, and “mainstage” group performance opportunities
  - next step: committee will meet outside of regular Board schedule to refine plan and solicit help from others outside the existing Board
- Leadership Day Committee
  - consensus of the committee is that Junior Thespians don’t need to be at this event if they have their own Junior Festival
  - brainstormed ideas for guest speakers, including Craig Ihnen
- All-State Show Committee
  - director survey feedback indicates a desire to pursue this initiative
  - Aaron will make some informal college contacts to explore interest in partnerships (funding, resources, housing, etc.)
  - Tom will contact MTI to determine possible partnership (reduced licensing fees, etc.)
  - there is currently no set timeline but the process will move forward
- Website Committee
  - website is up to date
  - send any information to Liz Powers for inclusion on the web page
- Festival Site Committee
  - Tom will be in contact with Ames, Cedar Rapids, and UNI prior to submission to help the process move forward smoothly and equitably
  - bids are due May 1, 2017 and will be disseminated to the Board for review
  - potential hosts all need to know that it’s a 3 year commitment (2018-2020)
  - a formal Board vote is scheduled for the June Board meeting
- Schedule Committee
  - Aaron will send out three potential schedules to solicit feedback
  - the tentative schedule will be selected at the May Board meeting

## **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

- Saturday, May 20 – Davenport Assumption High School (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM)
- June – International Thespian Festival (Date/Time TBD)
- Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, June 30 – Site TBD (10:00 AM)
- Saturday, August 5 – Leadership Day – Waukee High School (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
- Saturday, October 14 – Waukee High School (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM)

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:46 pm