

IOWA THESPIAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adult Board: Sam Burns, Aaron Dean, Helen Duranleau-Brennan, Liz Hansen, Katie Howard, Mike Hunter, Nate Jorgensen, Stacie Kintigh, Leslie LaCorte, Nicole Miller, Elizabeth Powers

Student Board: Brady Booth, Melanie Comer, Ali Girsch, Isobel LaCorte, Nikolas LaMaack, Madelyn Mann, Kate Struble, Maddie Topliff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maaz Ahmed, Oswaldo Ambrosio, Bill Myatt, Brittany Smith, Tom Stephens, Sally Walker

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION

- Introductions of all board members
- Contact information distributed
- Festival Reports
 - Students reported on the strengths and areas of improvement
 - Reviewed the Festival Post-Mortem Google Doc
 - Leslie and Aaron shared the results of the UNI Conference Call

BREAKOUT TIME

- Identified board priorities for 2017
 - Clear up the board structure and determine voting members
 - Create smooth transitions between board members and board positions
 - Determine the best path forward for Junior Thespians in Iowa
- Leadership Day
 - Date is set for Saturday, August 5
 - Potential site schools were identified and will be contacted
 - A site will need to be finalized by the March board meeting
- Chapter Board and committee assignments were finalized (see attached document)
- Junior Thespians
 - Nate shared guidelines from Waukee on potential hosting requirements
 - Nate will explore spring of 2018 dates for possible Junior Festival
- Board Meetings
 - Saturday, March 4 - Mount Vernon High School (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
 - Saturday, May 20 – Davenport Assumption High School (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM)
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- Student Board Report
 - Identified STO priorities for 2017
 1. Developing Thespian unity
 2. Advocacy
 3. Accountability

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- Discussed possible Festival Theme:
 1. Thespian Games (aka Hunger Games)
 2. Camp (Come as strangers, leave as friends)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:55 PM

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