

**ASSET-BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY
ABC BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/5/08**

Members Present: Claudia Brown, Dee Cassidy, Dianne Clone, Barb Crockett, Mike McGhan, Jan McRee, Roger Nelson, and Gary Vittoz,

Call To Order and Opening Prayer: Roger Nelson

The meeting centered on the Strut Your Stuff talent show, which was held on the previous Saturday evening, February 2. Jan opened the discussion with a thank you to all board members for their wonderful help, and to Roger Nelson and Mike McGhan, who served as Introducer and Master of Ceremonies. A letter from Mary Frazier was read, with some excellent suggestions.

Discussion centered on what we can do next year (2009) to make improvements.

I. We definitely need more help in the choral room. Ann Dickinson and Mary Frazier did a great job, but we need more help and organization, such as:

- 1. No young person is allowed behind the risers in the choral room. There was an incident that evening which we must be very aware of in any future Asset projects. We will establish a rule, that if any child or young person demonstrates unacceptable behavior, they will not be allowed to perform their act that evening. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PARENTS IN THEIR INFORMATION LETTER.**
- 2. We need a person to escort kids to the Rest Room and bring them back. Also the same with kids going to the water fountain.**
- 3. It was suggested that perhaps we could have t.v. monitor in the choral room so the kids could watch the show. We will ask the school about providing this.**
- 4. We could also use more ushers or student volunteers to help in the choral room, or wherever needed.**

II. It was suggested and approved that we send information letters to the parents, which would include our rules in the choral room, and notifying us if their young person will not be performing. The board felt that we should include in the information letters to parents, a request that that everyone stay for the entire performance, as it is important to the Act II students to have a good audience.

III. We still need to work on the sound track problem, where the singer on the CD is so loud we cannot hear the performer on stage. Gary will be able to help with this problem, and information can be put in the Letter to the parents.

IV. It was suggested by the Reviewers that their table be placed down in front of the stage so that they could see the performers. The problem with that, is the table needs to be placed further back, and there may not be enough room. We will need to check on this next year. The reviewers want the “Outstanding Qualities” section removed from the sheet, as time is short. We also need a permanent third Reviewer. A suggestion came from one of the High School students that the older kids are looking for knowledgeable suggestions for improving their presentations.

V. We need to contact all businesses before Christmas, and have gift bags ready at least a week prior to performance.

VI. We need to have the age level at Grade 4 through H.S.

VII. It was suggested that we have H.S. “stage hands” to help, as well as student volunteers to help with the photography, etc. Gary would supervise this.

VIII. It was suggested that we bring all performers together on the stage after Act II, to present them with their gift bags.

It has also been suggested we limit the time for each act. And also that the master of ceremonies ask the audience not to “call out” during a performance, as kids deserve respect and this teaches them bad manners.

Next Board Meeting: February 26, 2008.