**Notes from the Applause!! meeting, October 10, 2923**

The meeting began with introductions again. Welcome! Your students deserve and appreciate your support of their participation in theatre!

Missy began with discussion of the progress of the production and how she is including the ensemble in rehearsals. She commented on the set design and some of the “magical” aspects.

Carole commented that she has compiled a master list of all the “jobs” parents can help with. She promised to forward to each chairperson an individualized list of parents willing to help with each task.

**Tech Week Meals**—Thanks again to Amanda! Carole weighed in with a summary of the results of a survey Missy sent to the students. The top five meals were the following: Pizza and Salad, Pasta and Salad, Tacos, Hotdogs/Mac and Cheese, and Breakfast. There was some discussion of the order for serving. Breakfast will probably be first, so they can have leftover cereal for the rest of the week, and Pizza will probably be on Thursday due to the time crunch of the performance that evening. Do watch for the Sign-up Genius to volunteer to bring the food and to help set up, clean up, and chaperone.

**Rose Sale**—Thank you, Kristi! Selling these lovely wooden roses is a fundraiser for Applause!! We are also trying to expand the sale to the whole school to celebrate opening night, but Missy has to obtain permission to have a fundraiser. We would need a few parent volunteers during the day to empty the boxes filled with orders and, maybe, “hang out” in the cafeteria while the kids sell orders at lunch time. We will meet on November 16 at 5:00 to bundle and wrap the roses for distribution and/or sale during the productions.

**After/Wrap Party**—Kristi volunteered to chair again. Thank you! Thank you! We assured her that lots of parents signed up to help. Bowling topped Missy’s survey as the activity the kids would like to do. Kristi will contact Leisure Lanes to see what is possible. Again, watch for a Sign-up Genius to volunteer for individual tasks.

**Props**—Missy will ask for things as needed. She was pleased with the response from the students who seem eager to make and collect the props. Some current needs are black graduation gowns and “old school” straw brooms for the sports scene. Send donations to school with your cast or crew members!

**“Sneak Peek”—**The cast and crew will present a marketing event on November 4 from 2:00-4:00. Admission will be $5.00. Missy and her Marketing Committee are working on the details, but parents will be needed that day to help and chaperone. Because there will be rehearsal in the morning, the cast and crews will be told to bring a lunch.

To “wrap up” the meeting, Missy commented on some future events. \*She is working on getting the tickets on sale online. She hopes to be able to include the Sneak Peek in the transaction. \*She repeated information about conference for those who weren’t at the last meeting because she will be asking for a commitment soon. Numbers will be limited. The cost would be around $200 for the event that will happen at North Penn High School, November 30-December 3. Students would miss two days of school. \*Some “magical items” will be added to the Thespian sale tables as another fundraiser. The marketing committee is also talking about some kind of “competition” like penny wars, involving the houses in the play, to bring in more donations. \*We are keeping in mind an apple dumpling sale in the spring. \*Carole added that it is not too early to start thinking about “Breakfast with the Stars,” our recognition banquet that takes place after the musical.

If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to the master list of volunteers, please feel free to contact Carole Shellenberger at kishell@aol.com. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do for our students!

Our next meeting will be held at 6:30 on November 7. (Vote early or arrive late or leave early!)

Thank you, Carole