



BOFFO Summer Party Celebrates First Season at MHS

We closed out our first season at the Mass Hospital School (MHS) with a boffo party at the home of Erin Stulb. Over 30 party goers attended to include all directors and producers for our 82nd season! There was lots to eat with Frank at the grill, plenty of liquid refreshments, and a surprise visit by Snow White (aka Ashley).

In case you missed the theatre gossip at the party and the fun things to do as we open Season 82 at MHS, here are some important dates/announcements to remember:

- Production Roles and Responsibilities subcommittees meeting July 16, 7:00 PM.
- July and August summer projects: dates are coming for props/costume room cleanout, cataloguing furniture, and lighting workshop! Be ready to help!
- Auditions for *Inherit The Wind* (see web site for detailed character descriptions) at Mass Hospital School, Brayton Auditorium, August 18 and 19 at 7:00 PM. Callbacks if necessary August 20.

Executive Board Proceedings, Monday, June 16, 2014 at Milton Yacht Club (Minutes recorded by Glenn Ryan)

1) Treasurer Dawn Labrie, Business Manager Frank Moffett, Member at Large Laura Dunkum, President Erin Stulb, Playreading Chair Vickie Kirichok, Publicity Chair Pat Brawley, Corresponding Secretary Maureen Truax and Vice President Glenn Ryan were in attendance. Recording Secretary Jen Fenlon and Technical Director Kevin Lowney were unable to attend.

2) Minutes for May 5, 2014 were approved. Jen Fenlon has work conflicts that may preclude her attending several board meetings. Board decided to rotate minutes taking until Jen can return to full duties.

3) Corresponding Secretary report: A call for new memberships via email will be sent out mid July, and then a formal letter follow-up in August. Frank will coordinate update of the online membership application.

4) Treasurer report: Dawn presented a summary of season 81 totals that showed we made a profit on all three shows due to decreased rental expenditures and an increase in attendance. We are starting season 82 on good financial footing. Dawn received thank you for \$200 check sent to the Milton High School student selected last may. Submission to Milton Arts Lottery Council for \$225 for purchase of new tables to be done this week.

5) Laura received email from EACT asking if we will continue to provide \$50 for DASH directing award. Board approved.

6) Frank reported that the plays are online at TicketStage but not activated yet on web. Season subscription form is available online with a September 1 deadline for preferred seating (to include return subscribers). Dawn reported that she sent out over 100 postcard season subscription forms to previous holders and that some are coming in already.

7) Vickie reported that her committee has started reading and that she has received several recommendations from group. Their first meeting will be this month.

8) Board approved Dawn to follow up with our insurance company on accident insurance during set construction. Discussion ensued about training of set building help on set construction days. Vickie volunteered to ask her husband Dan for guidelines since his job expertise was in this field. Recommendations to follow.

9) Summer Projects. During July and August Frank, Dawn, Harriet, and Pat Brawley will organize teams to build additional shelving in the props room for better access to costumes and props. A picture catalogue of all furniture pieces at MHS, Fontbonne, and people's homes will be initiated. This week Frank and Dan Sheehan will replace all dead 90w work bulbs with 150w bulbs as well as fix strip lighting that would be needed for a musical. Frank also mentioned that he would initiate a lighting workshop where those interested in running the board would be welcome. Additional work has to be done with sound by Kevin to get us ready with stage mics (necessary for musical), backstage headsets, and hearing-impaired listening devices.

10) Production Roles and Responsibilities. Prior to our move into MHS a committee to revise the policies and procedures concerning production role was put on hold in its final stages as we evolved into our new space. Dawn will send those procedures out to the following 8 groups for revisions to be included apropos of our new home. Prework will be done so that July 16 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30) the eight groups can review together to resolve any spillover issues (i.e., any redundancies at each position and who should be responsible). The seven teams are: a) Producers Guidelines - Dawn and Laura; b) Stage Manger - Bruce Houston and Frank; c) House Manager - Vickie and Glenn; d) Props vs Set Dressing - Maureen, Craig, and Harriet ; e) Lighting and Sound Design Vs Tech - Kevin and Frank; Business Manager - Frank and Laura; Publicity - Pat and Erin; Directors - to be done later; and Costuming for A Show - Pat Brawley.

11) *Inherit The Wind* Production Managers (Vickie and Dawn) announced production meeting will be July 14 (alternate date July 21). Dawn displayed a new audition form based on the Footlight Club (Jamaica Plain); it would be accompanied with production/rehearsal calendar - the board approved. Erin to meet with Pat to show her how to send out audition notice via Constant Contact - meanwhile posting has been made to our web site and on 411.

12) Frank Scroth of Milton Library contacted Pat in regards to Players helping out on Milton Reads program. The book is a Sherlock Holmes short story, *The Speckled Band*. Program would be in September; Pat to gather more details to present to board in July.

13) New Business. a) A perceived portion of the proceeds from Woman's Club sale has now turned into us requesting from them a grant. We would like to ask for monies to obtain stage mics, hearing-impaired listening devices, and the computer to enable

hookup of such - estimated \$8-10K. Frank will give Glenn the exact wording so that he can request to them at PO Box 41. b) Much discussion ensued about the borrowing of props and costumes for use in other groups. We decided to monitor more closely the signout book in the props room and to include instructions in book to contact president for clearance of any conflict with shows that we might be doing that would need the borrowed pieces. c) The Footlighters in Jamaica Plain asked for a contribution to upgrade their sprinkler systems that need fixing to prevent the closing of their theatre. Board agreed to put a link on our facebook page for those who would like to contribute.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM. Next meeting at Milton Yacht Club, July 28 at 7:00 PM
(End of board minutes)

The Milton Players wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Audrey Abrams, a long-time member, who recently passed away. Click [here](#) for her obituary.