

Patrons of the Arts Minutes
Dec. 8, 2011

In attendance: Kate Costello, Tom Seaman, Bill Faltinoski, Nancy and Joe Farwell, Meg Whalen, Susan Carsello, Sheryl Tully, Erin McMahon, Annmarie Kelly, JoAnne Francis, Joan Cooney, Ronda Michels and Eileen Daday

Meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. with a prayer

Committee Reports:

1. **President Annmarie Kelly** welcomed everyone and commented that the holiday season had been filled with the fine arts at Saint Viator. Between the Under the Streetlamp performance and the upcoming Winter Arts Festival, the hallways *sing* with carols, music and dance.
2. **Treasurer Nancy Farwell** said that the Patrons' account contains just over \$7,000, after paying \$11,500 for the last wish list items for the theater department, including the sound control console, and intercom system with its headset, transmitter and receivers.
3. **Secretary Eileen Daday** reviewed minutes from the November meeting and circulated correspondence from Fr. Egan, thanking the volunteers for their work in hosting the Under the Streetlamp fundraiser.
4. **Concessions Chairman Joe Farwell** reported that he had plenty of volunteers for the Winter Arts Festival and that he will mount a concessions stand for the mixer on Jan. 31, which is a first time effort.
5. **Fine Arts Department Chairman Bill Faltinoski** reported that members of the National Art Honors Society were bringing back the Fair Trade Craft Show as part of the Winter Arts Festival, as well as displaying ornaments and retrospectives made by students in the photo shop class.
6. **JoAnne Francis** represented the administration and reported that both open houses in November went well and recruited nearly as many families as last year.

Old Business:

1. **Joan Cooney and Eileen Daday, co-chairs of the Under the Streetlamp** fundraiser with **Sue Abrahamson**, reported that with 716 seats sold and another 35 seats donated to students and jazz band members working the event, the auditorium was filled. Between the ticket sales, 14 sponsors, raffles (which netted \$1,700) and bars (netted \$1,600), that the event raised more than \$35,000 for fine arts programming and financial assistance. Discussion continued with Patrons members brainstorming over what they might spend their portion on, and they generally agreed that the renovation of the auditorium, including the installation of acoustic sound panels, painting and updating of the lighting, would benefit the entire student body. **Kate Costello**, who sits on the building and grounds committee, agreed to talk to Steve Burks about their proposals.

New Business:

1. Musical: **Kate Costello** indicated she would email all of the parents of students involved in the musical who did not attend the parent meeting and take on a volunteer job. At the meeting, **Erin McMahon** and **Susan Carsello** volunteered to serve as chaperone coordinators. Kate added that many people had helped with costumes, and that she had obtained some from St. James. She also obtained three new backdrops and had worked to develop a stained glass window theme for marketing purposes. **Bill Faltinoski** encouraged Kate to alert students, their parents and fine arts enthusiasts of musical updates on Twitter.
2. State of the Art: **Sheryl Tully, the band liason volunteer**, reported that the band competition for Catholic high schools, set to take place Feb. 18 at Saint Viator, now had three judges on board, including ones from the University of Notre Dame, Elmhurst College and VanderCook College of Music. As of the December meeting, 18 high schools had responded they would be participating, of the 33 that had been invited. **Tom Seaman** is working on scheduling the bands. T-shirts have been ordered for band members, as well as their parents, who will be volunteering at the event. Committee members are narrowing down menu options for the concessions stand, as well as possible vendors, such as Quest, the food service provider for Saint Viator.

Before adjourning, Patrons members recognized **Kate Costello, Tony Calzaretta** and **Mary Woods** for winning the “Educator Heart of Gold” award by the Special Events Commissions of the Village of Arlington Heights. They will be honored at the dinner slated for Feb. 11.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is Jan. 12 in the Resource Center.

Submitted by Eileen Daday