

USITT@PSU

General Meeting Minutes: January 21st, 2008

7:00 PM, TAPS

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Meeting Began at 7:13

- No Minutes
- **Reports**
- *Historian*: Absent
- *Web Master*:
 - Member announcements have recently been updated
- *Public Relations*: Absent
- *Ad/Marketing*:
 - Stuff for Push design boards due Tuesday, January 29, 2008
 - Stuff for Die Fledermaus due Tuesday February 5, 2008
 - Please send in items for the booth at conference, the deadline will be given shortly
- *Programming*:
 - Eric presented a proposal for Tussey Mountain
 - Meet at 6:30pm at TAPS on Friday February 1
 - Members and friends allowed to attend
 - Proposed cost is \$10 (that's the cost for snow tubing) but could increase depending what activity you would like to do
 - Members will be driving in personal cars
 - Seven members raised their hands to attend
 - Proposal was passed by acclamation
 - Eric also presented a proposal for Climbing at the YMCA
 - Sunday February 10, Meet at 3:15 pm
 - Open to SOT Faculty and USITT@PSU Members
 - Cost: \$5, which member will be responsible for
 - Will last from 3:30-5:30
 - Personal Cars will be taken
 - Proposal was passed by acclamation
 - Please E-mail Eric C. if you can drive to either event
- *Concessions*:
 - Push Sign Ups will be going around next weekend, and an E-mail will be sent out
 - Amy will be going shopping this weekend or earlier next week
 - A reward system will be discussed by the Exec. Board
- *Fundraising*:

- Friday, February 29, 2008-will be Poker night, with a proposal to come
- *Philanthropy:*
 - Send an E-mail to Michelle if you would like to help with any of the aspects of the Coldstone fundraiser: Decorations, posters, workers
- *Conference:*
 - UPAC gave us \$5000 for conference
 - The last payment of \$148 will be due on February 10-and no later!!
 - If your last payment is late, then you will not receive UPAC funding
 - Room sign ups need to be given to Adam no later than Wednesday night
 - If you don't have a plane ticket yet, you better hurry!
- *Treasurer:* Absent
 - From Steph: If there are any outstanding receipts they must be given to Katie ASAP
- *Secretary:* Absent
- *Vice President:*
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Rock climbing, super bowl party, and Tussey Mountain
 - Feb. 17-Portfolio night
 - Feb. 24-Conference night
 - March 2-Die Fledermaus Strike
 - April 13 and 20- No meeting
 - April 27-Last meeting and elections
- *President:*
 - Nothing
- **Old Business:**
 - High School Outreach:
 - Greg: The panel should be longer, because we were running late
 - Eric H: The Panel members should tell more about themselves and start the discussion instead of leaving it to questions
 - Steph: Panel should maybe placed at the end of the day
 - Eric C: Maybe we should have advanced and beginner sections in the different areas
 - Eric H: There was a lot of feedback on splitting into advanced and beginner groups

- Sam: Form should be filled out by students prior to coming about their experience, their should be better communication before hand (ex. Paint clothes)
- Steph: Communication was trial, and should happen sooner than it did
- Poll was taken and most all members thought we should do this program again
- Kevin: Thought the teachers were very interested (Especially in the Stage Management sections)
- Kate: Was told that some kids were kind of bored in the morning and felt like they were being talked at too much
- Justin: Suggested giving HS teachers sessions done by our professors
- Sam L: We should show more free things and programs the schools can get (ex:Q-Lab for sound design)
- Kevin: Thinks there should be another section rather than the tour
- Steph: There was positive tour feedback, and people were impressed
- Josh: A lot of the students were actors, can we get some of the BFAs and Bas involved
- Steph: If that happened it would become a much bigger program very fast!
- Michelle: Felt rushed near the end of the sections; maybe they could be lengthened to 2 hours?
- John: Tour groups were almost too big, as were the sessions, we either need more help or less kids
- Eric C: Teachers seemed to be more enthusiastic than kids
- Emily: Teachers asked a lot of Questions
- Eric H- Suggested having sessions in the fall for beginners and advanced in the spring
- Josh: Break into groups and cycle through sessions all day
- Steph: Safety talk should have more hands on learning things
- Justin: Have it be two days, first=beginner and second=advanced and the schools could choose which to come to, or somehow come to both
- Sam: Could we have actors involved to show skits, like for safety examples
- Kate: Can it be on a day where they could see a show?

- Hannah: Where would we put the sessions if there is a show going on?
 - Eric H: It's hard to schedule the rooms until later on, after everything else has been put on the schedule
 - Steph: We could try and become part of the schedule instead of being fitted in
 - Eric H: Saturdays are fine, it's just easier for High schools during the week
 - Emily: Travis sent a picture to Sightlines which will hopefully show up in Feb. and will send a longer article for March
 - Steph: Professors were very supportive
 - Hannah: We had feedback on making the sessions longer
 - Eric H: SM kids seemed to be getting bored, there needs to be enough information
 - Josh: Boredom depends on how talkative the kids are
 - Sam: Maybe a workshop should be given to those kids going into theatre
 - Eric C: This could be for kids in their early senior year or end of Junior years
 - Steph: Advice: be careful not too push to hard or too far, keep restraints in mind
 - Emily: More design stuff should be shown
 - Justin: Disagreed and thinks the mechanics are more important
 - Eric H: We need to be careful what we name things
 - John: Playhouse renovation in February, we need to remember that
 - Eric H: We should push to figure out a date at the end of this year to get all the information out sooner
 - Emily: Please give more input if you have it
- New Business
- Steph: SOT night out
 - Semi-Formal at the Atherton Hotel
 - Sodas, Appetizers, and desserts will be served
 - April 4th or 5th
 - Cost will be about \$20 a person
 - May purchase up to tickets
 - Not a USITT event, just supported
 - Officers, will be in a committee with three BAs, and two BFAs
 - There will be a DJ

- This is not for profit, but if some is made it will be donated to an organization
- Announcements
 - Can/Super bowl party on Sunday at 714-Please bring something if possible
 - \$1100 was made while canning this weekend
 - No meeting next weekend