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Parent's Council Agenda

Monday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

- Greetings & Introductions (*Megan & Christina & Traci*) - Name Plates
 - Sign in sheet?
- "Speed dating" or quick mingle to meet new people

PARENTS COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

- Goals/Purpose of the Parent's Council (*Megan & Christina*)
 - Review for everyone
- Council Structure & Meeting Structure (*Megan*)
 - Executive Committee Overview
 - Chairwomen: Megan Schnitzler & Christina Race
 - Treasurer: Kris Engebretsen & Jeremy Rasband
 - Secretary: Melissa Harkins-Rose & Sarah Daugherty
 - Looking for: Chairperson/duo interested for next year
 - Group Me Communication
 - Meeting Location & future dates
 - 501(c)3 status—Parents' Council website is being updated to note tax-exempt status so we can start accepting donations
 - Requirement reminders for Apprentice & Ensemble Parents
 - *Come to meetings & volunteer/lead one thing
- Parents Council Supported Events (*Christina*)
 - Alumni Care Packages – Bring 3 items to the next meeting
 - Put boxes together next meeting & ship out to alumni
 - Items to bring (3 dancers - Emma, Noelle, Izzy): everyone should bring three of something to next meeting—candy, socks, hair ties, etc.
 - Need to get addresses from dancers' parents
 - 1 restaurant fundraiser (*Carrie Duff- Hotbox*); Carrie is also looking into Penn and Beech in Carmel (candle shop) as potential fundraiser
 - Crew Carwash fundraiser (50% of each car wash sale)
 - Enchanted Ball - late January—hoping to have this event at ZMC again—Jenny will help contact (her husband works there); Feb 1, 2025 is 'soft' date; also need a chair for this event (students do most of this event—ideas, decor, etc.)
 - Nutcracker & Recital Support info to come!
 - Pointe Shoe Fund & Dance Scholarship (*Traci*)
 - costume/Halloween sale to contribute towards this? We could clear out VDS garage if we use studio costumes, but it would be good to have costume donations for younger kids.
 - Grants for dance scholarships? This would make dance affordable for many families who would like to join our studio.
 - Meals for large rehearsals—most meals are for older students since they are at rehearsals all day. Ensemble/apprentice food fund was used last year and this worked well so we will do this again for this year (this avoids SignUp Genius, emails, etc.).
- Committee Overview & Signups (*Megan & Traci*)
 - Performance Sales (Leads: Jenina Cody & Sarah Gormong)
 - Coordinates fundraiser activities at Nutcracker, Showcase, Recital
 - Flowers, stuffed animals, etc.
 - Annual Fundraiser: Enchanted Ball (Lead: _____ OPEN for Ensemble parent)
 - Helps students plan annual fundraiser event
 - Annual PC/Ensemble Fundraiser

VDS Parents Council



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- o *Mandatory for all Ensemble & Apprentice dancers & 1 parent*
- o Front of House (Leads: Carrie Duff & Sarah Daugherty)
 - Signage, program distribution, volunteer coordinator
- o Decorations (Leads: Amy Heincker & Courtney Lin)
 - Photo booths, balloon arches, cafe & lobby decorations before performances
- o Sponsorships (Lead: Jodi Miller)
 - assist Traci with contacting & following up with sponsors for Nutcracker & Recital
- o Costume Crew (Leads: Lainie Stumpf, Sy Bagley, & Melanie Rentsch)
 - create, clean, & fix costumes
 - help with measurements for recital and organization of costumes/accessories for shows
- o Props Crew (Leads: Gail Miller, Lindsay Christian, Heather Hansen, Jenny Ellegood)
 - Gail Miller is the lead for contact purposes
 - create and/or purchase props for upcoming shows
 - working closely with Traci & Chloe for Nutcracker & Recital
- o Volunteers & Chaperones (Leads: Karen Alessandrini & Amanda Symanski)
- o Nutcracker Sweets (Leads: Hannah Gist & Karen Alessandrini?)
- Other parent support teams:
 - o Set Up & Tear Down Team (Jeremy Rasband, Andrea Ranjbar, Amanda Szymanski, Hannah Gist)
 - o Ensemble:
 - Spirit Bags (Courtney Lin, Nichole Medvescek, Aimee Martin); Traci would like to add something for mice & soldiers too (maybe a handwritten note from "Mother Ginger" or big kid)
 - Fall & Holiday Social (Lori Alt)
 - Winter & Spring Social _____ OPEN; Cirque de Soleil on ice is coming in January
 - o Apprentice
 - Spirit Bags (Megan Fisher, Kyleen Welling)
 - Fall & Holiday Social (Gail Miller & Michelle Birrer)
 - Winter & Spring Social (Angela Lehman & Erin Hervey)

****Need to add make-up kit lead since this is a recital year.**

STUDIO AGENDA ITEMS

- Nutcracker Short & Suite Support (Traci & Chloe)
 - o PERFORMANCE: Zionsville High School: Sunday, Dec. 8th @ 2pm & 5pm
 - o Mice, Soldier, & Polichinelle Auditions coming up: Saturday, Sept. 14th
 - o Costume, Set, & Prop Needs (Chloe?)
 - Party Scene:
 - riser decor: need something to make these look better–need someone to plan & coordinate getting something on the risers–Rachel Hatcher will help here
 - crafty people for seating & grandfather clock: Jodi Miller will help here; Chloe will talk to Mackenzie Munz about making a grandfather clock
 - snow & Dross transformation fabric (TBD)
 - decorate the chair
 - o Nutcracker Sweets
 - 2 group times? 3:15-4pm & 4-4:45pm
 - o Nutcracker...not doing the calendar this year since sales were low & it was a lot of work—we will do photos of the juniors and seniors and create Christmas cards for the Humane Society–target to sell throughout November
 - christmas cards sales towards HSBC
 - o Community Performance Opportunities
 - Looking for new outreach options
 - ArtsGarden & Holiday Mart Notes (Holiday Mart is no longer doing a breakfast on Sunday) ArtsGarden not going to do this year—we're trying to stay in Boone County & benefit local community in some way so ideas are appreciated
- Additional Performances Coming Up (Traci & Chloe)

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- o Ghost Walk–VDS will be at the small gazebo on Fri/Sat nights (Oct 4 & 5)
- o Glory Days at Main Street- parent lead to support Chloe
 - Glory Days on same Saturday as Ghost Walk–waiting to hear about stage size to determine dances for this event (Oct 5)
- Recital (*Traci*)
 - o Saturday, May 31st & Sunday, June 1st at ZPAC; no dance classes on Memorial Day
 - o New format for shorter show—we will have two 'little kid' shows, Ruby & Sapphire shows (ballet III and under will participate in these two shows)--both will be on Saturday; the other recital will be the 'Diamond' recital–IV and up (still 40 dances, but will move faster as it will be comprised of older students)
 - o Charging tickets instead of participation fee (\$5-\$8 for kids, \$10 for adults)--want to find a way to have a family out-of-pocket max for tickets–Traci would like ideas here–maybe use some kind of coupon code to reduce price of later tickets; maybe consider assigned seats with ticket sales to keep groups together? Dance recital ticketing was a suggested site to look in to.
 - o Committee planning begins in November... stay tuned!
- General Studio Notes (*Traci*)
 - o Spirit Wear for sale at the studio - more inventory coming soon.
 - leotards, skirts for Ballet IV & up, tshirts
 - o Ensemble & Apprentice Jacket info coming soon
 - o Parents Observation Weeks (Nov 11-16, Feb 10-15, & April 21-26)
 - o Quick VDS Calendar overview & *handout* ¼ page
 - o VDS is closed for Z-ville fall break–2nd full week in October (open both Saturdays)
- Parents Council Meetings (Location at Whitestown Public Library)
 - o October 7th (Monday) 6:30-7:30P
 - o November 20th (Wednesday) 6:45-8P **Nutcracker Planning/Prepping & Recital Committees begin
 - o December 2nd (Monday) 6:30-7:30P **Final meeting before Nutcracker
- OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
 - o Ensemble Lock-in Friday January 3rd 2025 at VDS (more details to come)
 - o Princess Ball - *hopefully* Saturday February 1st, 2025 (Location TBD)
 - o Ensemble/Apprentice Trip February 22nd-23rd 2025 (Details to come)

Questions?

Thanks for coming!