

GBN Choir and Theatre Parents Organization Meeting

April 5, 2016

The meeting was held in the Green and Gold Conference Room at Glenbrook North High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M.

Present at the meeting:

Chad Davidson, Andrew Wallace, Julie Ann Robinson, Nancy Frese, Jeannie Chang, Lorna Cohen, Carol Currie, Patricia Dolins, Sue Frieden, Laura Horwitch, Christine Hultman, Cheri Kates, Esther Kelly, Lori Kwolek, Marla Lampert, Missy Levine, Heather MacDonald, Tracy Meyer, Cynthia Nadig, Linda Redstone, Meghan Rosenfeld, Debbie Rude, Bonnie Schoenberg, Susan Schueler, Laurie Shults, Elyssa Siegel, David Sievert, Tanya Slater, Julie Snyder, and Alison Whitlock

I. Welcome and Introductions

David Sievert was introduced. He is new to the CTPO meetings. He has a daughter named Katia who is a junior at GBN.

II. March Meeting Minutes Approval

No corrections were offered for the March 2016 meeting minutes. Alison Whitlock moved that the minutes be approved and Elyssa Siegel seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. GBN Faculty Reports

Julie Ann Robinson reported that Group Interpretation won third place in state for their presentation of "A Monster Calls." The group had seven first place ranks as they moved up into the final round. Four members of the GI team were selected for the All State Cast. Those four are Brooks Whitlock, Katie Snyder, AJ Semour and Julia Shelley. Congratulations to the entire GI cast on a job well done! Special thanks to Miguel Sanchez, Andrea Prizant, and Casey Clack for their hard work and direction.

The musical this year will be *Aida*. The crew is working hard but could use some more people to help work on the set. If a student is interested, they should get in touch with Joel. Today (4/5/16) was the first day that the pit met to begin their practice together.

Meal Order forms for musical are due tomorrow (4/6/16). We will check into the option of using EFA money for show meals in the future. For the musical this year, it is too late as meal forms are due tomorrow.

For the upcoming banquets, there was discussion about whether or not walk-ins will be allowed. In the past, since theatre banquet was at GBN on the CPA stage, walk-ins would be allowed as long as

they paid. This year, the theatre banquet will be at Mission Hills so there needs to be an accurate head count.

Thespian induction will be on May 4th at 7:30 P.M. National Honors Society is on the same day at a different time. To become an inducted Thespian, a student must have 10 thespian points.

To be eligible to go on the choir and theatre tour in 2017, a theatre (non-choir) student must be an inducted thespian.

Chad Davidson reported that Heather Headley was “magical” when she came to visit and work with the Glenbrook musical, *Aida*. Heather played the main character, Aida, on Broadway and won the 2000 Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for the role. She stayed with the GBN and GBS students for over four hours and she was very gracious and lovely. We cannot thank her enough for sharing her time and talents with us!

Andy Wallace reported that the Tri-M Induction Ceremony will be tomorrow (4/6) at 6:30 P.M.

GBN and GBS students who were selected for IMEA will be honored by the School Board on Monday at 7:00 P.M.

Try-outs for the extracurricular choirs are coming up. Fermata Nowhere auditions will be on May 9th, Ow! auditions will be on May 10th, and Express auditions will be on May 11th. These are busy days that have other events such as a performance at Covenant Village, a Band Concert, and the Theatre Banquet. The directors will make sure that everything is accomplished.

May 20th (Friday) is Springfest at GBN. The group, Xtension Chords (<http://www.xtensionchords.com>), from the University of Illinois will be at GBN that day. There will be a collage concert in the CPA.

Choir Banquet will be on May 24th at Allgauer’s Restaurant in Northbrook.

There will be a 2017 Tour meeting tonight at 7:30 P.M. in the choir room.

The theme for the Spring Concert is “Openers and Closers.” The concert will include songs from Broadway shows. The date of the Spring Choral Concert will be 5/19 at 7:30 P.M.

IV. President’s Report

Nancy Frese reported that the Scholarship Committee will have the application for graduating seniors posted in the next day or so. The application is due on 5/4/16. Here is a link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z2FmKugyGOI7lsDT-7XifDq0fYz2Fs8Xq-b9pNalyXg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

The application for a summer program scholarship can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z-uRbsYrDjINv1fcKq2tfl_wFluXybkhemG-jRYfMD8/edit

Nancy continues to work on getting us a 501(c)(3) designation. She is working with an accountant (Andy Lotts at CJBS in Northbrook - <http://www.cjbs.com/andrew-lotts>). Debbie Rude volunteered to assist with the process if her help is needed.

At or before the May meeting we will discuss the date and place for the June meeting, which has historically been a party. The date is likely to be 6/16/16 at 6:30 P.M. at Nancy's house. It will be a pot-luck (\$10 to cover expenses and bring a dish).

V. Vice President's Report - Communication and Publicity

Aida posters can be distributed tonight so please sign up to take a few and hang them around town.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Meyer reported the following account balances:

Choir	\$9,031.09
Theatre	\$8,085.18
EFA Account	\$33,582.03

VII. Fundraising / EFA Report

Patricia read a thank you note from Chad, Andy, and Julie Ann for the piano microphone that had been purchased by the CTPO just prior to the Variety Show.

Patricia passed the list of EFA account balances which do not yet include the earnings from the mattress sale. Here are the results from the mattress sale:

Total amount raised	\$4,944.00
Total directed to EFA accounts	\$3,725.00
Total directed to CTPO general funds	\$1,219.00

Chad commented that the kids who worked the mattress sale had a lot of fun doing it, particularly those who were out on the street in the mattress costume.

Patricia spoke about the upcoming Open Mic Night fundraiser. There are 30 performance "slots" available and the committee plans to offer 4 of those to the feeder junior high schools (one each). The

junior high choir or theatre director at each Jr. high can select one 8th grade act to perform at Open Mic Night.

A suggestion was made that the CTPO membership chairs set up a table at Open Mic Night to sign up new families.

The Open Mic Night committee will meet on 4/11/16 at 7:45 P.M. at Patricia's house (2212 Woodlawn, Northbrook).

There was discussion about limiting kids to sign up with only one act for a few weeks and, if we still have slots open, they will be allowed to have two acts per kid, particularly if one act is a group act. Carol suggested (later) that the sign up force the student to prioritize their acts so that the one they care most about will be the one that is scheduled first by the committee.

The event will be held on May 13, 2016, and will begin at 7:00. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

VIII. Refreshments Report (and Concessions)

The committee reported that there are lots of left-overs from V show that can be sold at the musical. Kathy Wicks in Student Activities is the person to contact for tables (to sell concessions at musical).

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Kathy	Wicks	Glenbrook North	Student Activities	(847)509-2671	kwicks@glenbrook225.org

As an aside, Chad noted that Techny (the venue) liked having us and sent a very nice note after we had been there for the Glenbrook Festival of Music concert. This is a dramatic change from our past experiences and is encouraging for the future, when we hope to have more concerts there. Debbie Rude commented on how impressive the Techny concert was.

IX. Chaperone Report

No report.

X. Show Meals Report

Goode and Fresh Pizza Bakery (Glenview) will be used for show meals partly because they will deliver. The cost is up just a bit from past meal pricing but Goode and Fresh will also include cookies with the meals. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up. Watch for the Sign Up Genius

invite in your email inboxes soon. Dates for the meals are April 15 - 17 and April 21, April 23 - April 26. (April 23rd is a lunch meal.)

Here is a link to the Sing Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4ca>

The order form is on www.gbntheatre.com and is due tomorrow.

XI. Banquet Report

Elyssa Siegel reported that the date for the Theatre Banquet is Wednesday, May 11, 2016. It will be held at Mission Hills. The committee will set up before and the dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Kids can use their EFA money to pay for the banquet by submitting a form **in advance** to Patricia Dolins.

A senior photo and baby photo should be submitted to Larry Snyder (Lawrencesnyder@sbcglobal.net) no later than May 18th so that it can be included in the slide show.

XII. Summer Scholarship Report

Nancy mentioned the scholarship process is being set up earlier in this meeting and information will be available on the CTPO website very soon.

XIII. GBN Grad Night

We discussed making a contribution of \$100 to Grad Night. Elyssa Siegel made a motion that we donate \$100 to Grad Night, Bonnie Schoenberg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. This contribution amount should be included in the 2016-2017 budget so that we do not have a separate vote on the donation next year.

XIV. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee reported on the slate of officers for 2016-2017. Nancy Frese and Elyssa Siegel would like to be co-presidents next year. The membership seemed very agreeable to this arrangement. Anyone wishing to see the proposed slate can contact Carol Currie at carolcurrie@bjorkgroup.com. Offices will be voted on at the May meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Green and Gold Conference Room at GBN.