

GBN Choir and Theatre Parents Organization Meeting

December 1, 2015

The meeting was held in the Green and Gold Conference Room at Glenbrook North High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M.

Present at the meeting:

Chad Davidson, Andrew Wallace, Julie Ann Robinson, Nancy Frese, Carol Currie, Jeannie Chang, Patricia Dolins, Maria Fox, Sue Frieden, Christine Hultman, Esther Kelly, Heather MacDonald, Tracy Meyer, Meghan Rosenfeld, Susan Schueler, Laurie Shults, and Alison Whitlock

I. Welcome and Introductions

No introductions were necessary.

II. November Meeting Minutes Approval

No corrections were offered for the November 2015 meeting minutes. Heather MacDonald moved that the minutes be approved and Patricia Dolins seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. GBN Faculty Reports

The choral group, Express, will have 17 performances this year. The first will be on Thursday at Skokie Country Club. The next will be the Friends and Family concert at school on Sunday.

Students from NBJH, Maple, and Wood Oaks were at GBN for a concert with some of the GBN choirs. It was a good concert and was heavily attended.

The GBN Winter Concert will be on 12/15/15. We will need chaperones who are willing to be in the balcony with the kids during the concert. Remember that parking and seating will be crowded. Call time is 6:00 P.M.

On 12/16, GBN will have their Winter Assembly for the students.

The concert at Techny is confirmed. Steve Demorest, the choir director at Northwestern University, will be our guest conductor. For more information about Mr. Demorest, click on this link: <http://www.music.northwestern.edu/faculty/profiles/steven-m.-demorest.html>

Final exams will be after winter break.

Mr. Wallace started Julie Ann Robinson's report for her:

Noises Off will need to be advertised heavily because it will be in the CPA, there are only 9 kids in the cast, and there are a lot of seats to fill. Performances will be Thursday through Saturday, December 10, 11, and 12.

After break, about 30 kids and 7 staff will be going to TheatreFest. Rachel Cell is in the ensemble of the All State production of *Rent* (see <http://www.illinoistheatrefest.org/All-StateProduction-%22RENT%22/tabid/980/Default.aspx>) and Hannah Godnik will be in the opening ceremony.

Variety Show Vocal Ensemble auditions will be on Friday.

Julie Ann Robinson joined the meeting and took over reporting.

Julie Ann will be the director of the All State Theatre production next year (2017). It will be *Sweeney Todd*. Michael Clack from Deerfield High School will be the Choral Director.

Four kids from GBN made the IMEA All State Choir. They are Yesha Shah, Brooks Whitlock, Jessica Sorkin, and Quinn McCarthy. Congrats to the four of them!

GBN Checkbooks were given as gifts from CTPO to Chad Davidson, Andy Wallace, and Julie Ann Robinson.

Andy Wallace departed.

IV. President's Report

Nancy started off by opening a discussion of the revised Bylaws. We discussed the 501(c)(3) status and how we will remain under the umbrella of GBN rather than getting our own 501(c)(3) designation. We did add language stating that any proposed changes to the Bylaws must be reviewed by the principal and superintendent before being voted on.

Esther Kelly moved that we accept the Bylaws as presented. Patricia Dolins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor, none were opposed.

Nancy then distributed a new proposed budget with areas that had been updated noted in blue ink. Carol Currie moved that the proposed budget be accepted. Patricia Dolins seconded the motion, we voted and all were in favor, none were opposed.

V. Vice President's Report - Communication and Publicity

Christine Hultman asked for information needing to be included in the newsletter be given to her as soon as possible. The deadline is Thursday.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Meyer reported the following account balances:

Choir	\$9,381.39
Theatre	\$8,155.50
EFA Account	\$34,648.28

VII. Fundraising/ EFA Report

Patricia Dolins reported that we are done with three fundraisers already. We sold over 850 Boostershot checkbooks this year compared to only 700 last year. We sold 199 Butterbraids (about 20 more than last year) and the Pepper on-line fundraiser sold 75 items and made over \$500 in profits for 20 kids.

There is no update on the mattress sale except that she learned you can go to other mattress sales and tell them that you want the sale to go to your student at GBN. The name of the company is Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) and you have to give both GBN and your child's name so that credit can be applied. They do sell mattress pads but will not allow the selling of sheets at the mattress sale. The logic is that people will come in, see the lower priced item (sheets) and buy that instead of a new mattress.

Open Mic Night planning is coming along well. There will be flyers in school. We are looking for donations of Blackhawks and Bulls tickets to raffle off. There will be 55 "Mystery Boxes," each containing some sort of prize. Marcello's has said that they will donate a \$5.00 gift certificate to go in each box. The vendors that we would like to approach for donations will be on a Google Doc. If you have a connection to the business owner or manager, please sign up to ask for a donation.

VIII. Membership Report

The O'Keefe family was the winner of the \$50 Lettuce Entertain You gift certificate.

IX. Refreshments Report

The winter play, *Noises Off*, is next week. Food will be sold on Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the two intermissions during the show. The intermissions should come at 1 hour in and again 40 minutes later. There are two breaks because the set has to be rearranged.

X. Wardrobe Report

Nothing to report but some kids still need to check the hems of their dresses or skirts. Esther will try to connect with the moms.

XI. Chaperone Report

Two chaperones will be needed for each choir for the Winter Concert on 12/15.

XII. Show Meals Report

The show meals are all set for *Noises Off*.

XIII. Banquet Report

The theatre banquet is going to be held at Mission Hills this year.

XIV. Historian Report

New photos are up on Flickr.

XV. Scholarship Report

The scholarship committee will meet to review last year's procedures before turning the process over to the 2016 scholarship committee (which will include no parents of seniors).

Chad Davidson added at the end of the meeting that they are still working on a proposal for the 2017 tour that the School Board will approve. Brightspark has two trip proposals. One is around \$3,000 and the other is around \$3,465. General consensus is that the higher cost trip would be significantly better.

Carol Currie moved to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Dolins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. None were opposed. The meeting ended at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Green and Gold Conference Room at GBN.