

GBN Choir and Theatre Parents Organization Meeting

February 2, 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, Carol Currie, Patricia Dolins, Maria Fox, Sue Frieden, Christine Hultman, Esther Kelly, Missy Levine, Heather MacDonald, Mary McCarthy, Tracy Meyer, Linda Redstone, Meghan Rosenfeld, Debbie Rude, Bonnie Schoenberg, Susan Schueler, Laurie Shults, Elyssa Siegel, Tanya Slater, Julie Snyder, and Alison Whitlock

I. Welcome and Introductions

No introductions were necessary.

II. January Meeting Minutes Approval

No corrections were offered for the January 2016 meeting minutes. Esther Kelly moved that the minutes be approved and Sue Frieden seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. GBN Faculty Reports

Mr. Davidson reported that four GBN students attended the IMEA festival in Peoria last weekend. They were Yesha Shah, Brooks Whitlock, Jessica Sorkin, and Quinn McCarthy. We are proud to have 4 kids attend from GBN!

Chorale and Cecilian will have their Valentine Fundraiser on Friday, February 12, 2016, during blocks 6-7. They expect to raise \$500 to \$600 for their charity of choice, the Children's Heart Foundation. This foundation helps kids with congenital heart defects. For more information, follow this link: <http://childrensheartfoundation.org/about-CHF>

Andy Wallace reported that Variety Show practice has been underway for a while. There is a tech rehearsal this Thursday. The performances will be on Thursday, February 11th; Friday, February 12th; and Saturday, February 13, 2016. In addition, there will be a 40 minute V Show performance for the entire school on Friday the 13th. Not all acts will perform at that time.

Chad Davidson spoke again. He said that the Musical, "Aida," is coming up and there will be an optional workshop on February 29th. There is no penalty for those who choose not to attend the workshop. It will last for about 45 minutes and will be held in the choir room at

GBN. Auditions will be held on 3/1/16 at GBN and on 3/2/16 at GBS. Kids should go to whichever audition works for them but not both. Callbacks will be on 3/3/16 and 3/4/16. Julie Ann Robinson said that she anticipates a large cast with big ensemble pieces in the show.

Heather Headley will be coming to do a master class at GBN on 3/21/16. Heather won a 2000 Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical for her role in "Aida." It will be a real honor to have her at our school.

Steven Demorest will be the Guest Director at our upcoming Techny Concert.

The 2016-2017 choir tour has not yet been approved by the District 225 School Board but Dr. Riggle did give Chad and Andy permission to tell the junior highs that there will be a trip to Eastern Europe during Spring Break 2017. Anyone who wishes to show support for the trip by communicating with administration or school board members might want to comment on the value of the trip for their children. We feel that the travel, besides being an opportunity to perform, gives the kids an opportunity to grow and experience new things that they cannot learn in the classrooms at GBN. In addition to enhancing interpersonal relationships with each other as they travel, students will have the opportunity to see historical sites and experience new cultures.

Julie Ann Robinson reported that 7 adults and 30 students want to Theatre Fest. Rachael Cell was fantastic in the production of "Rent" and Hannah Godnik was exceptional during the opening ceremony. Here is a link to the program:

http://www.illinoistheatrefest.org/Portals/17/IHSTF2016/Program_1_5_web.pdf

Julie Ann Robinson (with Andy Wallace) ran a workshop at TheatreFest. Here is her listing in the program:

1:30 pm - 2:40 pm S12 PREVIEW OF THE 2017 ALL-STATE PRODUCTION: SWEENEY TODD Cook - 212 Julie Ann Robinson, Glenbrook North H.S. Andrew M. Wallace, Suzanne Aldridge "You sir? How about a shave? Come visit your good friend Sweeney!" and learn about the 2017 All-State production Sweeney Todd. Participants will become familiar with the show, learn about the audition and rehearsal processes, and have a chance to ask questions. It's sure to be a bloody good time!

Several people recently went to see "Gypsy" at Northwestern University. It was produced by former GBN student, Brandon Nadig. Other GBN alumni were involved in the show, including Megan Orticelli, who was in the cast. Here is a link to the site if you are interested in more information about the show: <http://www.nudolphinshow.org/>.

Julie Ann noted that Unified Auditions are coming up soon. Here is a site for more information <http://www.unifiedauditions.com/index.html>. These auditions are for students who want to audition to study theatre in college. It is a way to be able to audition for many schools at one location.

Emily Chang is currently performing at the Steppenwolf Theatre (Chicago) in the show, "Domesticated." Several people from GBN are going to see her performance this Sunday. Here is a link for more information: <http://www.steppenwolf.org/Plays-Events/productions/index.aspx?id=640>

Julie Ann said that Group Interpretation auditions went well. She will be meeting with Miguel Sanchez to decide on the cast. She hopes to have it finalized and posted by Friday. They will be doing the piece, "A Monster Calls," which is about cancer. Kayla Fox will be the student director.

Ms. Robinson commented that the freshmen, in particular, need to have more going on. She realizes that, because the play was early this year, they need more opportunities to be involved. Drama Club will likely start to have more frequent meetings (perhaps every two weeks). Patricia Dolins commented that perhaps Open Mic Night will give some of them a chance to work on their performance skills. There was a question regarding the option of having a Freshman play this year and Julie Ann said that she had approached Dr. Tarjan with the idea but he said no. Parents who want to voice support for a Freshman play should feel free to approach Dr. Tarjan about the issue directly (in person or via email).

David Whitlock gave presentations today in Julie Ann's classes. David is a private drama coach and former GBN student.

Advanced Acting and Directing classes will have performances this spring – probably very late in the school year. They will perform "Almost, Maine" (see this link for information <http://www.almostmaine.com/aboutPlay.html>) and "Spartan Night Live."

A group from GBN will be going to see "Hamilton" next year. The cost is \$60.00. Tickets are already spoken for but interested students can let Ms. Robinson know if they would like to be placed on a waiting list for a possible second show date. The date of the show is 1/10/17, which is the date of a CTPO meeting. We will likely change the date of that meeting as Chad, Andy, and Julie Ann will all be at the performance of "Hamilton."

http://www.chicago-theater.com/theaters/privatebank-theatre/hamilton.php?gclid=CjwKEAiA58a1BRDw6Jan_PLapw8SJABJz-ZWrtZKBYHD0N6zJq-9zotmd6bv4h-Cyf3cAgwv-ULefhoCzgDw_wcB

IV. President's Report

Nancy passed around a "save the date" flyer for the Glenbrook Foundation dinner. The date of the dinner and musical (the Glenbrooks "Aida") will be 4/30/16. Tickets will be available to purchase for the Foundation event on 2/11/16. Tickets for the other nights of the show will not be available until later.

According to our bylaws, we need to put together a Nominating Committee to prepare the slate of officers for 2016-2017. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please let Nancy know. Please see the information below from our Bylaws:

Section 2: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in February of no less than three and no more than five voting members of the Organization, including at least one member of the current elected Board, other than the President. The Board of Directors will vote to approve the Nominating Committee. This committee will present a slate of candidates at the March or April meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the April or May meeting.

Section 3: The Nominating Committee shall accept, through a date to be designated by the Board, written nominations of voting members of the Organization and shall consider these nominations for slating of the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee shall report its recommendation in writing to the Board of Directors no later than the April regular meeting of the Board.

Section 7: No single Board position, as listed in Section 6 above, may be held more than two (2) consecutive years by the same person unless approved by the Board of Directors. A period of six months or more shall be considered a full term of office.

Nancy also reported that the Scholarship Committee met in January. Next there will be a Scholarship Committee meeting that does not include the parents of students who are in their senior year. They will meet with Chad, Andy, and Julie Ann to format the scholarship program further. The meeting date is not scheduled yet.

Nancy noted that many chaperones will be needed for the Techny Festival. The dates of the festival are 3/12 (practice) and 3/13 (two shows). Nancy will meet with Tracy Meyer after this meeting to identify the parental support that will be needed.

The V Show dinner that Dr. Tarjan hosts will be on Tuesday, February 9th. Volunteers will be contacted by Nancy soon with instructions.

V. Vice President's Report - Communication and Publicity

Christine Hultman thanked the people who had put up V Show posters. Alison Whitlock took the balance of the posters and will look for places to put them up.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Meyer reported the following account balances:

Choir	\$9,115.27
Theatre	\$8,060.91
EFA Account	\$36,392.26

VII. Fundraising / EFA Report

Patricia Dolins started by addressing the matter of using some of the forfeited EFA money to purchase gifts for the choir and theatre departments. This had been discussed in prior meetings. The cost of a dedicated microphone for the piano is just over \$2,800.00. If ordered soon, we can have it in time for the Variety Show. The cost to frame approximately 30 show posters from the past 10 years in 16" x 20" frames will be about \$2,000.00. Julie Ann said that these posters can be hung in her room, the dressing room, or some other location but she thinks it would be best if they are not hung in the white hallway. The cost is \$52.50 per frame if we assemble them ourselves - add \$5.00 for them to screw in the D rings and add \$10.00 per frame for the place in Ann Arbor, MI to fully assemble the posters in their frames. The cost for shipping will be about \$125.00 for a total cost of \$2,000.00. Missy Levine suggested we look into MPIX.com for framing so Patricia looked it up while we were at the meeting and thought that they would cost about twice as much as the place she found in Ann Arbor.

Esther Kelly moved that we spend the money for both of these gifts and Alison Whitlock seconded the motion. No one was opposed, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Patricia mentioned the upcoming mattress sale. Yard signs and banners to promote the sale will be coming soon. There will be some (yet to be determined) incentive for kids to take selfies with the yard signs.

It is about three months until the Open Mic Night. The event will be held on May 13, 2016, and will begin at 7:00 P.M. The committee is working on the details of the event. Patricia is looking for donated prizes to be put into the boxes that will be sold for \$5.00 each at the event. Each box will contain a prize that is worth, at minimum, \$5.00.

VIII. Refreshments Report

Susan Schueler has spoken with Dr. Tarjan and Bruce Gonzales at Sunset regarding the water for the V Show dinner next Tuesday. Sunset has committed to donate 25 cases of water, which is very generous. In addition, Sunset will sell us roses for \$2.00 each so Susan will order 100 single red roses to be sold at V Show. Kathy Wickes and Joel can help coordinate the storage of water and concessions in the ticket booth before and between shows.

IX. Chaperone Report

Tracy Meyer reported that Techny is the next big event and we have already discussed that many chaperones will be needed. Watch for more to come on that issue.

X. Show Meals Report

No report.

XI. Banquet Report

Elyssa Siegel reported that the Theatre Banquet will be on 5/11/16 at Mission Hills. There is no other new news.

Julie Snyder reported that the Choir Banquet will be at Allgauers on 5/24/16. She is continuing to work on the gifts.

XII. Historian Report

New photos have been posted on the Flickr account.

XIII. Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Committee's progress was reported by Nancy earlier in the meeting.

Nancy Frese moved to adjourn the meeting. Esther Kelly seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. None were opposed. The meeting ended at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Green and Gold Conference Room at GBN.