

GBN Choir and Theatre Parents Organization Meeting

February 3, 2015

The meeting was held in the Green and Gold Conference Room at Glenbrook North High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Present at the meeting:

Chad Davidson, Maria Doughty, Patricia Dolins, Sally Norlie, Alison Whitlock, David Whitlock, Lisa Raufeisen, Elyssa Siegel, Nancy Frese, Julie Snyder, Christine Hultman, Kristine Schwandner, Pam Tokowitz, Tracy Meyer, Jeannie Chang, and Carol Currie

I. Welcome and Introductions

CTPO President, Maria Doughty welcomed everyone. Introductions were not necessary.

II. January Meeting Minutes Approval

No corrections were offered for the January 2015 meeting minutes. Christine Schwandner moved that the minutes be approved and Patricia Dolins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. GBN Faculty Reports

Chad Davidson reported that final exams went well and second semester is off to a good start.

The Choir / Theatre trip to Orlando, Florida, was great. The group left after finals on Thursday, 1/22/15, and returned on Monday evening, 1/26/15. The choir performed on the Waterside Stage in Downtown Disney. The group saw La Nouba / Cirque du Soleil and had a backstage tour for that show as well. Chad thanked the CTPO, the chaperones who accompanied the trip, and Ellen Westel and Carol Currie for preparing the treat bags for the trip. The group was pleased that they had good weather in Florida.

Six GBN choir students attended the 75th IMEA All State Conference last week. GBN students were represented in both of the choirs as follows:

All State Chorus - Isabella Andrews, Soprano I
Elaine Currie, Alto I
Maddie Fournier, Soprano II

Honors Chorus - Keira McCarthy, Alto I
Christian Mergl, Bass II
Meg Ruocco, Alto I

The students traveled as a group and with GBS to Peoria, IL, on Thursday, practiced Thursday and Friday, and the concerts were held on Saturday, January 31, 2015.

Chad Davidson, Andy Wallace, and Julie Ann Robinson prepared a video to be shown at Curriculum Night for the incoming freshman because they were in Florida for the choir tour. Several CTPO members commented that they were in attendance at Curriculum Night and the video was very informative. On February 19, 2015, there will be an Activity Night for incoming freshman and choir and theatre will be represented "live" by Chad, Andy, and Julie Ann. Extracurricular choirs OW! and Fermata Nowhere will be present and performing on that night.

This Thursday, 2/5/15, is Parent Night in the Classroom for current GBN students.

Andy Wallace is currently on stage with the Variety Show, which will be next week. Andy, Chad, and Julie Ann are all involved and the show preparation is going very well. This is Andy's first time directing the show. There are over 250 student performers and the show, "Expedition," is going to be great.

Variety Show dates are February 12, 13, and 14 with the following start times:

February 12, 2015	7:30 P.M.
February 13, 2015	7:30 P.M.
February 14, 2015	8:00 P.M.

Tickets can be purchased on-line and they are going fast.

Audition materials for the upcoming Glenbrook spring musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, are available now. They have been posted on-line at <http://gbsdrama.blogspot.com/2015/02/auditions-for-glenbrook-musical-2015.html> There are also hard copies of the audition packet available from Chad, Andy, and Julie Ann. Retrieving the materials on line might be better because then the student can print only what he or she needs. Information on the show and calendar dates are included in the packet. There will be a new director from GBS this year, John Knight. He previously assisted with the production of *West Side Story* at GBS in 2013. Auditions will be held the first week of March. There will be two days of open auditions. Students who want to audition should attend one day (Tuesday at GBS or Wednesday at GBN). Either day or location is fine for all students. Call-backs will be on Thursday and Friday of the same week. Julie Ann and Andy will participate in the first two days of auditions only.

The Glenbrook Festival (to be held at Techny Towers on alternating years) will be held at Glenbrook South this year. The Guest Conductor will be Dr. Robert Sinclair from the VanderCook College of Music (<http://www.vandercook.edu/directory/dr-robert-sinclair/>). The concert will be on March 15, 2015. There will be only one performance because GBS can hold a much larger audience than Techny. The concert will probably begin at 3:00 P.M. but this time is not firm yet.

One Acts practices are underway. Amy Ticho is the staff sponsor of One Acts. Casey Clack completed her student teaching in English last year and is currently filling a maternity leave position in the English department. She is helping serve as an advisor for the student led One Acts.

The Group Interp schedule from Julie Ann can be found at the end of these minutes.

Group Interp will be the same two week period as One Acts.

Julie Ann Robinson is the Assistant Director of a professional theater production, *First Date*. Tickets can be purchased at www.goldstar.com. You can get more information about the show at <http://www.firstdatechi.com/>. The show would be fun for parents and GBN students. We can discuss having a group outing to see the show at the March meeting.

A question was raised about the upcoming Kairos retreat offered through St. Norbert church. The Kairos retreat is from March 13th through the 16th. This conflicts with the Glenbrook Festival (a.k.a. Techny) and also with Group Interp so Chad (and Julie Ann) indicated that students should not plan to participate in Kairos.

Christine Hultman notified the group that Dr. Tarjan will be looking for help with serving the Variety Show meals on Tuesday, 2/10/15. The time will likely be from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M.

Maria brought up the topic of offering a quiet room for studying and doing homework during rehearsals for V Show, the spring musical, etc. The group discussed the logistics of monitoring the room and decided that we would start off by having the rooms self-monitored by the kids. We did not feel that an adult (staff or parent volunteer) is necessary. For space, the CPA lobby was suggested but then, after discussion, it seemed that would not be the best place. Chad suggested the Theory Room / Electronic Music Lab (E108) and it seemed that would be the best possible place. Chad will make an announcement this week and the first day that the room will be in use as a Quiet Room will be Friday, 2/6/15. Dave Whitlock volunteered to help let the kids who are using the Quiet Room know when they are needed on stage, if that service proves to be necessary. There will be a CTPO blast to parents to let them know that the Quiet Room is available to their kids during V Show practice.

A question was asked about the photo sharing capabilities that we discussed at the January meeting. Alison Whitlock explained that a parent or student would have to opt out if they did not want their photos to be included on whatever photo sharing site we ultimately decide to use. The photo site will be for archival purposes and to allow parents and kids to order photos from the site.

Chad Davidson had to excuse himself from the meeting at this time.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sally Norlie reported the following account balances:

Choir	\$10,472.89
Theatre	\$12,906.02
Money Market	\$21,763.67

We voted (at the end of the meeting) on and agreed that the CTPO would make a donation of \$50 from Choir and \$50 from Theater. The donations will go to the Parents' Association to assist with the purchase of a retirement gift for Dr. Pryma, who is retiring at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Sally cut the checks and Carol Currie delivered them to the GBN PA at their meeting on 2/4/15.

Fundraising / EFA Reports

Patricia Dolins reported that there are about 25 checkbooks available for sale. They are not being discounted yet.

V. Refreshments Report

Lisa Raufeisen reported that she is preparing for the Variety Show next week.

- The cost of flowers has gone up. We may have to charge more for the people buying flowers to give to performers.
- Sunset is donating 25 cases of water. They have requested that we hang the Sunset banner, which we will be happy to do. Lisa needs help getting the water from Sunset to the CPA. Sally Norlie will help transport the water and, upon arrival at GBN, they will get kids to help unload their cars and bring the water into the CPA. This will be on Thursday 2/12. We will also ask the custodians if we can use a dolly cart to help get the water into the building.
- Volunteers are still needed to help with concessions on Saturday. (The spots have since been filled.)

VI. Chaperone Report

No report.

VII. Newsletter / Communications Report

Nancy Frese will be working on the quarterly newsletter. This will go to all District 225 feeder schools. Nancy would like to have reports from committees including:

- Spotlight on kids pursuing music and theatre in college
- Venue change information for the Glenbrook Festival (a.k.a. Techny), which will be at GBS this year.

The newsletter will go out on the Sunday before the next meeting (newsletter will be sent on 3/1/15 before the 3/3/15 meeting). **Contributions are due to Nancy on 2/28/15.**

VIII. Publicity Report

No report.

IX. Banquet Report

Julie Snyder reported that the buffet will include Caesar salad with dressing on the side, Italian beef, French fries, fruit, cupcakes (vanilla and chocolate). Julie has requested help with checking kids in to make sure that they have either paid or used their EFA funds to cover the cost of the banquet.

X. Scholarship Report

Carol summarized the minutes from the scholarship committee meeting on 1/6/15. The minutes are available upon request. The modifications that were made included:

- CTPO membership will be required for both the summer program scholarships and graduating senior scholarships.
- College letter of acceptance into music or theatre program will be required for college scholarships.

Patricia Dolins will collect the applications for college scholarships. Pam Tokowitz will collect the applications for summer program scholarships.

XI. President's Report

Maria introduced Kristine Schwandner to talk about the Glenbrook Foundation. Kristine said that the Glenbrook Foundation will be hosting the North/South musical dinner again this year. The dinner will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 5:00 P.M. Tickets will be \$75.00 and will include dinner at GBS before the musical. The dinner seating will be for tables of 10. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday, 2/18/15 for the Foundation dinner package only. The Glenbrook Foundation exists to help GBN and GBS by helping purchase Chromebooks for kids who cannot afford them and providing grants for teachers, among other things. Kristine

commented that there will be a great raffle at the dinner. The CTPO will send an email blast to members regarding the Glenbrook Foundation dinner.

As a last matter of business, Maria asked if we wanted to give a \$100 donation towards a gift for Paul Pryma's retirement. Alison Whitlock moved and Lisa Raufeisen seconded the motion that a donation be made (\$50 from the Choir budget and \$50 from the Theatre budget) to the Parents' Association for this gift. The vote was unanimous in favor of making the monetary contributions.

XI. Q and A Session

There were no questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie
Secretary

Tentative Rehearsal Schedule for GI

We may have to add rehearsals during musical (March 9 – March 21) but will do so as soon as casting decisions are made.

Friday, February 13	3:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday, February 17	3:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 18	3:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 19	3:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Friday, February 20	3:00 – 10:00 P.M. (with dinner break)
Sunday, February 22	12:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Monday, February 23	3:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, February 24	3:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 25	3:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 26	3:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Friday, February 27	3:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Saturday, February 28	Times TBD (leave 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. open)
Monday, March 2	2:00 – 6:00 P.M. (Institute Day)
Tuesday, March 3	4:00 – 6:00 P.M. (Musical Clinic 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.)
Saturday, March 7	Times TBD (depending on musical auditions)
Thursday, March 12	3:00 – 6:00 P.M. (depending on musical casting)
Saturday, March 14	Times TBD (depending on Techny rehearsal)
Tuesday, March 17	Times TBD (depending on musical casting)
Wednesday, March 18	6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 19	6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Friday, March 20	Call at 6:00 P.M./Show at 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 21	Sectionals at Fremd High School - call time tbd

IF we qualify for state, we will likely add rehearsals leading up to our departure on 3/26