

GBN Choir and Theatre Parents Organization Meeting

January 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 6:03 P.M.

Present at the meeting:

Chad Davidson, Andrew Wallace, Nancy Frese, Carol Currie, Jeannie Chang, Lorna Cohen, Patricia Dolins, Christine Hultman, Cheri Kates, Esther Kelly, Lori Kwolek, Missy Levine, Heather MacDonald, Tracy Meyer, Cynthia Nadig, Meghan Rosenfeld, Susan Schueler, Laurie Shults, Elyssa Siegel, Tanya Slater, Julie Snyder, Ellen Westel, and Alison Whitlock

I. Welcome and Introductions

No introductions were necessary.

II. December Meeting Minutes Approval

No corrections were offered for the December 2015 meeting minutes, aside from a few changes that Chad Davidson sent earlier in the day. Laurie Shults moved that the minutes be approved and Heather MacDonald seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. GBN Faculty Reports

Mr. Davidson started off with some comments regarding the upcoming final exams. He said that the finals help the directors make decisions on choir placement for 2016-2017. The kids have been reviewing in class and the finals will be in video format, as they have been in the past.

Variety Show is the next big upcoming event. Andy Wallace just received the posters, which he shared with Christine Hultman, but they are not ready to be put up yet so she will wait for him to give her the go-ahead to start putting them up. Tickets will go on sale for cast, crew, and pit next week and then they will be on sale to the public the week of final exams. There will probably NOT be a password to buy tickets early. A notice will go by email to the kids when the tickets can be purchased online.

Finals do overlap with V Show production but there will be a homework room available for anyone who wants to study or do work during practice.

Dinner will be brought in by Dr. Tarjan on Tuesday, February 9th. They will be looking for help with serving pizza and salad. A sheet was passed so that people could put their name down if they were interested in helping.

TheatreFest is coming up and will feature Hannah Godnick at the opening ceremony and Rachael Cell in the ensemble. TheatreFest will be in Bloomington this year. Julie Ann, Andy, and Aaron Kaplan will do a presentation regarding the 2017 TheatreFest show.

Four kids will be going to IMEA soon – Yesha Shah, Brooks Whitlock, Jessica Sorkin, and Quinn McCarthy.

The Techny Festival will be on 3/13/16 but there will be a Saturday practice from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 12th. Parents will be needed to help on Saturday and Sunday as chaperones and ushers. On Sunday, 3/13/16, there will be two performances. One at 2:30 P.M. and the other at 5:00 P.M. The kids break in between and will have a snack at Techny between the two concerts.

The 2017 Choir and Theatre Tour to Europe will be presented to the School Board on 1/25/16. Mr. Davidson, Mr. Wallace, and Ms. Robinson have been working hard with BrightSpark to get the cost of the tour as low as possible. The cost was originally about \$3,700 and now it is around \$3,400 but there is still talk of removing a stop or shortening the trip to make the cost lower. Many people at our meeting expressed a desire to keep the higher cost so that the itinerary will not have to be altered. We felt that the pricing was good for the things that are planned. Although the tour will not be until 2017, the payments would start soon and would be wrapped up around Christmas 2016. There were several CTPO members who volunteered to go to the 1/25/16 School Board meeting to show support for keeping the trip as-is despite the slightly higher than usual tour cost.

Andy Wallace departed the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

IV. President's Report

Nancy reminded us of the upcoming fundraisers and indicated that plans are coming along well for the Mattress Sale and Open Mic Night.

She has been speaking with Noodles and Company at Dundee and Skokie to see if they will have a shop and share fundraiser for the CTPO. They require a guaranteed attendance of 100 people and then they would donate 20% or 25% of the profits to the CTPO. We discussed that it would be hard to guarantee 100 meals would be purchased. Nancy will consider this further and will report back.

Our Treasurer, Tracy Meyer, has also been filling the role of Volunteer Coordinator. She will need to have someone else step in for Techny, at the very least, as that is a large job.

Christine Hultman, Ellen Westel, Missy Levine, Nancy Frese and Carol Currie all said that they will help organize the volunteers needed for Techny.

V. Vice President's Report - Communication and Publicity

Christine Hultman indicated that she had nothing to report.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Meyer reported the following account balances:

Choir	\$9,128.10
Theatre	\$7,526.77
EFA Account	\$35,868.68

VII. Fundraising / EFA Report

Patricia Dolins indicated that she had no new news on the upcoming fundraisers that Nancy had already spoken about. She did report that she has been looking in to using some of the forfeited EFA money (from students no longer at GBN) to buy gifts. Julie Ann has indicated that she would like to have about 30-35 posters from past GBN productions (over the past 10 years or so) framed. Patricia and Julie Ann found that they could have the same size frame with different sizes of mats for the various sizes of posters. (Some posters are 11" x 17," some are 12" x 18" and some are 10" x 17.") We asked where these posters would be hung in the school and Patricia did not know so she will check with Julie Ann. CTPO members agreed that we need to know where these will be on display before authorizing this purchase.

Chad Davidson indicated that Joel would like to have a dedicated microphone for the grand piano in the CPA. Currently, Joel just sets up a hand held mic near the piano. We will need to know the cost of this dedicated microphone also before we authorize its purchase.

VIII. Membership Report

No report.

IX. Refreshments Report

Susan Schueler reported that *Noises Off* brought in \$233.00 from concession sales and had only \$26.00 in expenses. Susan will be out of town the weekend of the Variety Show performances so she would like help covering that.

We talked about the snacks for Techny. We will provide but we want to make contact with Renee Traverse at GBS to see if they have money in the budget to cover the snacks. In the past, that has been the case.

X. Wardrobe Report

No report.

XI. Chaperone Report

Tracy Meyer indicated that the Winter Concert went smoothly and thanked the chaperones who helped with that event.

XII. Show Meals Report

Noises Off is done. It went well. There is nothing on the agenda for upcoming show meals. There aren't any for V Show (except for the meal that Dr. Tarjan provides).

XIII. Banquet Report

Elyssa Siegel reported that the Theatre Banquet will be on 5/11/16 at Mission Hills. There will be a \$5.00 increase in the cost over last year so the cost will be \$25.00. (The Choir Banquet will be \$26.00 this year.) There will be two pasta dishes, chicken, salad, bread, etc. She does not plan to have DQ blizzards because of the location at Mission Hills. The invitation will be posted on the website. She expects all theatre kids and parents of seniors to be the ones in attendance but everyone is welcome.

The Choir Banquet (as reported by Julie Snyder) will be at Allgauers on 5/24/16. There will be a gift of blankets again this year, as they seem to be a well-liked and appreciated gift. Please let Julie Snyder know, at the point of registration, if you have any dietary restrictions.

XIV. Historian Report

No report.

XV. Scholarship Report

There will be a Scholarship Committee meeting immediately following this meeting.

Carol Currie moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Frese seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. None were opposed. The meeting ended at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Green and Gold Conference Room at GBN.