

GBN Choir and Theatre Parents Organization Meeting

November 3, 2015

The meeting was held in the Spartan Conference Room at Glenbrook North High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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, Cheri Kates, Denise Krug, Lori Kwolek, Missy Levine, Heather MacDonald, Tracy Meyer, Cynthia Nadig, Meghan Rosenfeld, Laurie Shults, Elyssa Siegel, Tanya Slater, Julie Snyder, Ellen Westel, Alison Whitlock, and Phaedra Wilkinson

I. Welcome and Introductions

We dove right into the business of the meeting. No introductions were necessary.

II. October Meeting Minutes Approval

No corrections were offered for the October 2015 meeting minutes. Ellen Westel moved that the minutes be approved and Patricia Dolins seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. GBN Faculty Reports

Chad Davidson expressed his thanks for all who helped with Cider and Song.

He reported that he and Express would be presenting tomorrow (11/4/15) at the GBN Parents' Association meeting (in the Orchestra Room at 7:00 P.M.)

Friday, November 6th, is the date for the Junior High Music Articulation tour. It will be during blocks 2-3 and 4-5. The choirs will travel to Northbrook Junior High and perform there and then they will come back to GBN for Maple and Wood Oaks. Participating GBN groups include Chorale, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Express and Fermata Nowhere.

Chad has been working on an updated tour proposal (for 2017) with Dr. Finan (GBN Principal) and Dr. Riggle (District 225 Superintendent). The original proposal was too expensive and they thought that the school board might not approve it so Chad has been working with Kris Orticelli from Brightspark to lower the cost by several hundred dollars. The quoted price is currently under \$3,500 per person.

Chad has reviewed the Bylaws and suggested that we include a note that any changes to the Bylaws require approval by the superintendent and GBN principal. That change will be

made. He also commented that we need to make sure our 501(c)(3) status is in good standing.

Andy Wallace reported that Ladies' First will welcome junior high girls at their practice on Monday, November 9th. The junior high teachers have been notified.

Variety Show "Crush" auditions will take place on November 16th. The electronic sign-up for auditions can be found on the GBN website (<http://www.glenbrook225.org/gbn/Activities/Variety-Show>) and will be open until 3:00 P.M. on Friday, November 13th. The V Show Vocal Ensemble auditions will be held on December 4th. The V Show performances will be February 11 - 13, 2016.

The Techny concert will be held at Techny Towers in 2016.

Julie Ann Robinson reported the One Acts were a huge success. They have been held in the spring in past years but they worked well in the fall this year. More than 35 kids were involved in One Acts and the audience attendance was good at the shows.

Julie Ann is working with the TLS (Teaching for Life Skills) classes on a production of Lion King which will be presented during the school day on a date (to be determined) in January 2016.

Noises Off is the winter play. Nine students were selected for the cast. 42 kids tried out. Julie Ann suggested that some of the kids who did not make the case might enjoy working on crew for the show, which has a massive set. Julie Ann said that participation in crew shows a student's dedication to the theatre program. Ms. Clack is using a Google sign up for tech so that kids can sign up to help with crew on the days and times that they are available. Every Monday there is a Crew meeting in the shop. Joel is still accepting more kids who want to help with *Noises Off*. Their goal is to have the set finished by Thanksgiving.

Julie Ann is making arrangements for a group to go see the show *Treasure Island* at the Looking Glass theatre in Chicago. She does not have a date selected yet.

Theatrefest is right after winter break at GBN but it is not immediately before finals, as it has been in the past.

Julie Ann is working with David Downing (NBJH Drama teacher) to find a date in January when she can do some recruiting for incoming theatre students.

There will be a theatre club meeting on 11/17 which is the same day as the ButterBraid delivery. Snowball will be leaving on 11/18 which is why the theatre meeting was moved up a day.

IV. President's Report

Nancy reported that a "push" of information to the CTPO membership is a priority. Please send any information that should be included to Nancy and also to Christine Hultman.

Nancy requested that members stay after the meeting to discuss the budget. There has not been a budget in place for several years and we need to have one because, as Tracy Meyer discovered, CTPO has been spending more than we are bringing in.

There was a meeting for volunteers who want to help with Open Mic Night. There were many people there and the project has momentum.

Nancy thanked Chad, Andy, and Julie Ann for the great programs at GBN.

V. Vice President's Report - Communication and Publicity

Christine Hultman reiterated what Nancy had said about getting important information to them so that it can be pushed out to the CTPO membership. She also thanked volunteers for hanging posters for One Acts.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Tracy Meyer reported the following account balances:

Choir	\$9,646.39
Theatre	\$8,235.50
EFA Account	\$34,677.58

Tracy commented that the incoming money in the budget is all from membership and concessions.

VII. Fundraising/ EFA Report

Patricia Dolins reported that the \$34,000 reported by Tracy for the EFA Account balance should be higher. There is more money coming in and the cost of checkbooks will be going out. There is approximately \$10,000 in EFA account money from past students who are no longer at GBN and do not have a sibling to assign the money to.

The Booster Shot Checkbook fundraiser was a success. We sold almost 850 books this year. Butter Braids have had poor sales this year.

The Pepper on-line fundraising has had only 14 people buy but they bought 60 items.

We are considering doing a Chipotle fundraiser. They will give back 10% of sales. The band raised \$800 doing this with Chipotle. We need to pick a date well in advance of the fundraiser date (like 6 weeks to 3 months ahead). We are looking at a likely date of 2/19/16.

Open Mic Night – date to be determined – will be held in the cafeteria starting at 7:00 P.M.

The mattress fundraiser will be on March 19, 2016. The company we are using will do a lot of publicity and will help us. The mattresses are the same that you can find in a store.

VIII. Membership Report

Sue Frieden reported the following enrollment totals:

Choir	48 families
Theatre	11 families
Both	61 families
Total	120 families

The winner of the \$50 gift certificate will be drawn at the December meeting. This was part of a promotion used to get more members at the Cider and Song concert. Only 3 families signed up that night.

This note added by CTPO Secretary, Carol Currie, while typing the minutes: Last year, the membership that was reported at the November meeting was 119 members. It was not broken down by choir and theatre.

IX. Refreshments Report

Laurie Shults commented that concessions at One Acts brought in only \$36.00. She wonders if it is worth the effort to sell concessions at the smaller shows. There is a lot of hauling of products back and forth to and from school and if the earnings are only \$36.00 – does it make sense when you weigh the amount of effort that has to be made to set up the concession table?

The next event for the refreshments committee will be cookies and punch at the Junior High Festival. Chorale, Ladies First, and Ow! will perform, in addition to the Junior High choirs.

X. Wardrobe Report

No report but comments were made that we should all get in touch with Dr. Finan and Dr. Riggle to let them know that we would like the GBN budget to include money for new curricular choir uniforms for school year 2016-2017.

XI. Chaperone Report

No report.

XII. Show Meals Report

Heather MacDonald reported that show meals for *Arabian Nights* went well. There is a small cast for *Noises Off* but crew might be big. A request has been made for food from Panera. They are looking into it. The Show Meals co-chairs can get the list of crew members from Casey Clack and / or Joel. Julie Ann said that they might be able to have a pot luck dinner on Sunday with show meals on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

XIII. Banquet Report

Julie Snyder said that choir needs \$250 for the deposit and the cost to attend the banquet may need to go up to \$26.00 per person.

The Theatre Banquet will be on May 11, 2016, and they are still looking for a venue to hold it.

XIV. Historian Report

No report.

XV. Scholarship Report

No report was given.

Alison Whitlock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Christine Hultman seconded the motion. We voted and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Currie
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Green and Gold Conference Room at GBN.