

GBN Choir & Theatre Patrons Organization

Minutes of October 4, 2016

General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Present: Nancy Frese, Elyssa Siegel, Carol Currie, Bonnie Schoenberg, Christine Hultman, Patricia Dolins, Tracy Meyer, Lorna Cohen, Tanya Slater, Jeannie Chang, Jeanette Ward, Alison Whitlock, Susan Schueler, Heather McDonald, Missy Levine, Meghan Rosenfeld, Barb Harris, Eric Skalinder, Julie Ann Robinson-Hill, Laurie Shults, Debbie Wilensky, Laura Horwitch, Robyn Glaubinger, Cheri Shuman

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Robin Glaubinger, Cheri Shuman, Jeanette Ward introduced themselves

II. Directors' reports

Eric Skalinder:

- A capella groups performed 3 times so far
- Taking 14 choir students to IMEA
- V Show meeting on October 5th
- Annie Jo Ermel is directing

Julie Ann Robinson:

- Showcase was well attended.
- Little Shop was a smashing success. Made a lot of money. Online ticketing worked well. Sold over 1,000 seats online.
- Auditions for One Acts and Comedy Sportz should be last week of October; trying to do them both together.
- Planning a benefit with GBS on December 7, 2016. Our students will perform Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Charlotte's Web is spring show. Will be on May 4, 5 and 6 - Freshman and sophomores only.
- Dave Seivert is taking great pictures of all shows.

- Checking into getting videos of Little Shop.

III. Monthly Update

- Nancy discussed work plans - will be posted on the website
- We need members' ideas for fundraising and ways to improve CTPO. A form will be going out for these ideas.
- Approved minutes are on the website.

A. Budget approved:

- Tracy discussed budget with members -We have added a hardship scholarship for students on free and reduced lunch; \$1,000 has been allocated to this.
- Bank fees will not be on the budget next year.
- Petty cash is a new expense this year for last minute costs.
- This year CTPO money is being used to cover the fine arts wish list. We are contributing to numerous expenses. Our expenses are much greater than expected income. This can't happen every year.
- We have budgeted \$11,000 as a safety net (reserves).

B. Fundraising:

- Patricia gave report.
- Booster shot fundraiser almost over.
- Saturday is mattress sale. Volunteers needed.
- After mattress sale, we are starting Butter Braids fundraiser from October 10 through November 10, 2016. Butter Braids are \$13.00 each; Students get 5.2 FPPs per item sold.
- Online gift fundraiser will be starting soon too.

C. Volunteer Services:

- Concessions, water and flowers were a success at Little Shop.
- Total sales were \$914.00
- Expenses were \$635.81

- \$130 of candy is left for Comedy Sportz.
- Flowers were not profitable but were appreciated. Signs were needed advertising that flowers were on sale.
- For Little Shop, requests for volunteers to sell concessions and provide show meals only went to people who signed up to volunteer. In the future, this request will go to all CTPO members.
- Comedy Sportz seats will be assigned seats. There was some confusion with ticket sales at the door for Little Shop. Susan Schueler offered to help make this smoother in the future.
- Beth Bezark sent a nice thank you email.
- Laurie Shults gave treats to crew for tear down.

D. Scholarship Committee:

- Carol Currie gave report.
- FPP balances are on website.

E. Marketing and Communication Director Report:

- Christine Hultman working to streamline and get info up asap. -We are going to post a recap and update once a month for all members. Calendar will be on website. Goal is to sync choir, crew and theatre calendars on CTPO website.

F. Membership Director Report:

- Tanya Slater gave report
- Cider and Song is next event on Nov. 1st. Member get together will be from 6-7 P.M. in CPA lobby. All members are invited.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M.