

GBN CTPO Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

**Attendance:** Tracey Becker, Daphne Meng, Chad Davidson, Julie Weinberg, Carrie Winkler, Lauren Noll, James Williams, Kelsey Nichols, Julie Shaw, Jodi Oldani, Eileen Brett

### **Co-Presidents' Report**

#### **Tracey Becker**

**Christina Lynch reported** on her research for **an adult night out for the CTPO on February 2** while the students are at v-show tech rehearsal.

- Laughing Academy in Glenview could host us for an evening of entertainment with a standup comedienne followed by karaoke.
- Seating capacity: 60
- Tickets: \$25
- If we bring 60 people, we will have private access. If not, Laughing Academy would sell the remaining tickets.
- We could bring our own food/drink.
- We agreed to move forward with planning this event.

#### **Approval of minutes for September 2023 & October 2023**

- Kim McGarry moved to approve the minutes.
- Kim Luedtke second the motion.
- The motion passed.

#### **Gratitude**

- Tracey Becker passed around a **thank you note from 2023 graduate Matthew Blonder** expressing his gratitude for the scholarship he received from the CTPO and read a note from Jodi Levin thanking the CTPO for the gift card in support of the family during her child's illness.
- Kelsey Nichols passed around a **thank you note from Spartan Sound** expressing appreciation for new dressed.

#### **Fundraising Objectives**

- Tracey Becker invited CTPO members to meet to discuss CTPO fundraising. Julie Weinberg, Jodi Oldani, and Eileen Brett will meet with Tracey at her house on Saturday 11/11 at 1pm for this discussion.

### **Directors' Reports**

#### **Chad Davidson reported:**

- Choirs just finished Fall Concert, Jr High Tours, and Jr. High Choral Festival
- On 11/4, **five GBN Choir members participated in the all-day District 7 ILMEA Choir Festival** where they worked with a collegiate conductor and performed with the top choral students in the northwest suburbs.

- **Daphne Meng, a student from Northwestern University**, is working with curricular/extra-curricular choirs as a student teacher at GBN.
- Rehearsals are underway for the **Express holiday concerts**. The group will perform more than 15 times.
- On 11/5, **alum Matt Rodin ('10)**, who is performing in the national tour of *Company* spoke to the Chorale students about life as a performer, working with an agent, and taking a show on the road. He also performed for the students.
- T-shirts are ordered for all choir students

**Kelsey Nichols reported:**

- Nine of the **new Spartan Sound dresses** have arrived. The rest are on backorder. She expects the students to wear the new dresses for VShow. Because the students are getting new dresses, the current dresses were not properly fitted for the Fall Concert.
- Thank you in advance to the Beckers for hosting **Friendsgiving, the first Spartan Sound social event on 11/20**. Nichols is cutting rehearsal short that day. The kids are encouraged to bring food to the event on 11/20.

**Tim Broeker reported:**

- **Puffs** rehearsals are underway. This fast-paced show runs 11/16-11/18. Dr. Shellard is the director.
- **Theater Club meeting will be held on 11/9** where students will hear details about **One Acts** planned for Presidents' Day Weekend. Broeker hopes to get enough scripts for this year's production and One Acts in the fall of 2024. He is also planning 2 to 3 writing workshops.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Kim McGarry reported:**

- CTPO has a **cash balance** of \$41K+.
- We are **changing banks** and switching from Bank of America to Northbrook Bank and Trust to take advantage of a bank contribution of \$1000 - \$2500. Glenbrook Foundation also uses Northbrook Bank and Trust.
- **If you make a purchase for the CTPO, you will not get reimbursed for sales tax.** Make sure you obtain the CTPO tax exempt form to present during a purchase. Kim is looking into making that form available to all.

**Membership**

**Wendy Johnson**

- We have at least **6 new members** since the last meeting bringing total membership to 86.
- **Volunteer sign-up is open for Puffs** concessions and show meals.
- We just had volunteers for the Fall Concert and Jr. High Choral Festival and that went smoothly.

**Committee Reports**

**(Tracey Becker reported for these first five committees.)**

## **Show Meals**

- Amy Torf is now serving as a co-chair with Tracey Kelley for Show Meals.
- Puffs Show Meals start the weekend of 11/11.

## **Concessions**

- We are seeking a second committee chair for Concessions.

**Merchandise** is an open project.

## **Hospitality**

- Liz Abrams said notes from previous years were helpful with gathering water/food for the Jr. High Choral Festival.

## **Fundraising FPP**

- **Lou Malnati's** honored the 7 pizza vouchers sold during our fundraiser even though we did not meet their minimum.
- **Soft Pretzel sales**
  - **Eileen Brett reported:**
    - Kids must opt in by 11/10.
    - The sale will run 11/14-12/3.
    - Pretzel pick-up: 1/26 & 1/27.
    - We are selling large pretzels and packs of 50 small pretzel bites.
    - There is a \$10 delivery fee to ship pretzels.

## **Fundraising**

### **Julie Shaw reported:**

- Dine Out at Grill House on 11/8. 20% of all sales will go back to the CTPO.
- The next "dine out" fundraiser will be held on 1/10 at Chipotle.
- One more "dine out" fundraiser is the planned for March.

## **New GBN Principal**

### **Tracey Becker reported:**

- The CTPO is invited to a listening session on 11/9 to hear about the search and contribute to search criteria.

## **District funding for fine arts**

### **Tracey Becker reported:**

- She and Rhea Saffar are looking at the school budget after learning about reduced funding for fine arts for the 2023-2024 school year.