

# GBN Choir & Theatre Patrons Organization

CTPO General Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

Attendance:

Nancy Frese, Heather MacDonald, Cheri Kates, Carol Currie, Missy Levine, Jeannie Chang, Beth Bezark, Elyssa Siegel, Lorna Cohen, Tracy Meyer, Meghan Rosenfeld, Patricia Dolins, Alison Whitlock, Kris Izenstark, Lauri Shults, Debbie Rude, Eric Skalinder, James Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M.

## I. Welcome and Introductions

- Nancy reminded us that we have 6 months of the school year left to keep working and making progress.
- We met new member, James Williams, who is a new member and 2010 GBN graduate. He is a patron of theatre and choir events. He added that he has autism and wants to be an advocate to demonstrate how former special needs students can continue to be connected to GBN.

## II. Directors' Reports

- Eric Skalinder reported - Chad Davidson and Julie Ann Robinson are at Hamilton with 60 GBN students. He said that he is looking forward to chaperoning the second Hamilton trip that will occur in September 2017.
- The All State Musical (Sweeny Todd) was last weekend. It was great.
- A guest director for the Techny concert has been selected. It will be Andrew Dahan (<https://www.iwu.edu/music/faculty/dahan.html>). He is the Head of Music Education at Illinois Wesleyan University. Click on the link to learn more about Drew Dahan. (In an aside, Eric commented that he had helped Mr. Dahan record at Eric's recording studio 15 years ago.)
- Variety Show rehearsals are underway. The 2017 show title is *Legacy*.
- GBN curricular choir enrollment is up a bit for second semester.
- Andrew Zweibel (GBN) and Aaron Kaplan (GBS) and Eric have proposed an Intro to Music Theory class for 2017-2018. It needs to be approved by the School Board.
- Eric commented that the Winter Concert was great. He was very impressed by the show. The only down side was that the pit broke and then was fixed but is broken again. They will bring in a pit repair crew (vs. an elevator service company) to see about getting it fixed again.
- Eric said that he received some chaperone suggestions from Shana Glazer (who was not at the meeting) that will be reviewed and may be implemented.
- Express had a busy winter concert season. They went well.
- Comedy Sports was great and packed in big crowds.

- An itinerary was requested for the spring trip to Europe – Nancy provided some of the information. More details will come as the date approaches.

### III. Monthly Updates

- Minutes from past meetings can be found at [www.gbnctpo.org](http://www.gbnctpo.org).
- Budget Report – Tracy Meyer
  - \$26,887.32 is in the checking account
  - \$8,101.90 is in the (restricted use) savings account
- Fundraising Report – Patricia Dolins
  - Dine out on 2/28/17 at Portillo's. 20% of sale will go to the CTPO. Find information on [www.gbnctpo.org](http://www.gbnctpo.org) under the "Fundraising" tab. Must mention the fundraiser **BEFORE YOU ORDER**.
  - 5/12/17 will be Open Mic Night. There will be a meeting for anyone who wants to help with the event on 1/24/17 at Patricia's house (2212 Woodlawn).
- Volunteer Services – Elyssa Siegel
  - Concessions – Lauri Shults and Susan Schueler reported that profits from Comedy Sportz were around \$700 (net of expenses)
  - Volunteers will be needed for Variety Show concessions. The CTPO will send a Sign Up Genius link.
    - As an aside, it seems that V Show tickets are already available online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)
    - Also V Show related, people were asking about when they can sign up to help with the V Show pizza party that is usually on the Tuesday of the week that V Show will run (Feb 23, 24, and 25)
  - Fund-A-Frame
    - Bonnie Schoenberg has sponsored the Comedy Sportz frame
    - There is a question about funding the frame for last year's Group Interpretation poster, which is already framed. Elyssa will check with Julie Ann
  - Elyssa introduced Beth Bezark, here to represent parents of kids on crew. Beth asked if kids in the V Show could be recruited to help with the set. There was discussion about quality of work from kids who had never worked on crew before. The V Show set may have multiple levels and needs to be sturdy and safe.
- Governance – Carol Currie
  - Carol asked for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee and the following people volunteered: Tracy Meyer, Meghan Rosenfeld, Missy Levine, Patricia Dolins. Carol will follow up to arrange a meeting for the committee.
  - Heather MacDonald said that she had sent a message via the website. Carol did not receive it. (We subsequently ran some test messages and they all worked).

- Someone asked if the Tax Exempt form for our 501(c)(3) organization had arrived yet and Nancy responded that it has not. We will not post the tax exempt form on the website because we do not want it to be accessed by non-authorized individuals.
- Marketing and Communication Director - Christine Hultman (absent)
  - A question was posed about the availability of posters for the Portillo's fundraiser. It will be investigated. Portillo's may not allow it. Information is currently posted on the website regarding the event.
  - Be sure to email Christine with any information you want included in the blasts. Do not wait until the last minute. **Plan ahead!**
  - The next event for poster hanging will be V Show.
- Membership - Debbie Rude and Tanya Slater (absent)
  - No letter has gone out yet to recruit new members. Still scrubbing contact lists.
  - 501(c)(3) status has been granted and awarded.
  - We are waiting for IL Sales Tax Exempt Status. The cost to maintain will be \$75.00 per year and we hope to hear in about three weeks regarding the status of our application.
  - We should discuss a compliance calendar and schedule for the next (Feb) board meeting.

Nancy read thank-you notes from several students who were in the All State Musical and received scholarships from CTPO.

The next meeting will be on 2/7/17.

The meeting ended at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Currie for Bonnie Schoenberg  
Secretary