

## CTPO General Meeting September 6, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Present: Bonnie Schoenberg, Christine Hultman, Jeannie Chang, Mary McCarthy, Matt Ward, Jeannette Ward, David Sievert, Alison Whitlock, Julie Stocking, Susan Schueler, Tanya Slater, Carol Currie, Debbie Rude, Heather MacDonald, Beth Bezark, Missy Levine, Tracy Meyer, Patricia Dolins, Sue Frieden, Ellen Westel, Meghan Rosenfeld, Barb Harris, Eric Skalinder, Chad Davidson, Julie Ann Robinson-Hill, Elyssa Siegel, Nancy Frese, Laurie Shults, Esther Kelly, Cheri Kates, Debbie Wilensky, Linda Redstone (there is also one more person whose name I cannot read)

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Nancy introduced new Board members  
Board members introduced themselves  
Committee heads introduced themselves  
Staff members introduced themselves  
New members introduced themselves

### II. Highlights from last year and summer

Applied to be a 501(c)(3)  
Fundraisers

- Open mic night – will do again this year
- Two FPP fundraisers
- Debbie Rude announced new mission statement
- Three goals established at summer meeting
  - Grow membership
  - Increase communication and marketing
  - Be compliant with non-profit status

### III. Carol explained new structure of CTPO

- General Meetings will be more informational and less decision making
- Some areas need help (e.g., Technology)
- Website GBNCTPO.org
- We need a website designer to work on and maintain website
- Other committees need volunteers
- Program directors will be putting work plans on the website

### IV. General budget outline – Tracy Meyer

- Last year we made \$600 more than we planned
- We were down \$4900 because we gave more gifts
- Made more money on Aida concessions than planned
- Spent more on banquets than planned
- \$8,101.60 in restricted funds

\$24,402.54 operating income  
\$1800 was rolled over from FPP accounts to general account  
Question asked about why banquets went over budget – that will be looked at this year. 50% of expenditures went into banquet. We have better controls now so that should not happen again.  
All committees will now have budgets.  
Discussion about how majority of banquets should be self-funded

- V. Elyssa gave Vice President's highlights for this year  
Elyssa explained that even though she will not be an active member next year she will still be a patron  
We are unlike any other club because we have staff come and give updates  
Meetings will now be more informational to keep meetings to 1 hour  
We will be much more structured and organized  
New this year:  
    Looking to have theater and choir banquets at same venue  
    Additional fundraisers  
    Family adopt a frame program instead of spending CTPO money on framing every poster  
    To increase membership we will try to bring in crew and crew parents

Crew parent, Beth Bezark, explained what crew does and how there can be more support between crew and theater.

- VI. Fundraising Events for this year – Patricia Dolins fundraising director  
5 fundraisers planned for this year so far  
Booster shot sales are ongoing  
Mattress sale October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Butter braids  
Online fundraiser – holiday gifts  
Open mic night

Mark from the mattress company explained mattress sale

- VII. No report from Christine Hultman Marketing and Communication

- VIII. Theater Director Report - Julie Ann Robinson-Hill  
BBQ went well  
Fall Showcase - Untitled (But Funny) will be September 15, 16, 17  
Little Shop of Horrors in CPA 9-28, 9-29, 9-30, 10-1  
Theater festival info coming out this week –  
Sweeny Todd will be shown at GBN on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>  
One Acts December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Comedy sports December 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>  
This year there will be a Spring Children's show at GBN

This year's musical is at GBS – Fiddler on the Roof  
Frames will be put up soon

IX. Choir Director Report - Chad Davidson

Thanked CTPO for our dedication and support  
Eric Skalinder working with acapella groups and Ladies First  
Honor Choir auditions will be in October  
Men of GBN sang at loyalty assembly

X. Membership Report – Tanya Slater

Need volunteers  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Cider and Song – there will be a pre-concert reception – new  
members should try to come  
Parent's night in classroom Thursday Sept. 8  
Need volunteers at Parent's Night to talk to choir classes about CTPO  
We have two \$40.00 gift cards, all CTPO members will be entered in raffle to  
win a card, Mr. Davidson will pick winning names in December.

XI. Committee Chairs – Show meals committee and concessions will send out  
sign-up sheets for volunteers

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Schoenberg  
CTPO Secretary