



GBN Choir & Theatre Patrons Organization

September 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present at Meeting: Chad Davidson, Julie Ann (Robinson) Hill, Kelsey Nichols, Carol Currie, Tanya Slater, Dana Salzer, Liz Vasiljevic, Meghan Rosenfeld, Lorna Cohen, Missy Levine, Debbie Wilensky, Marnie Baer, Suzanne Luerssen, James Williams, Heather MacDonald, Jeannie Chang, Esther Kelly, Nancy Frese,

Welcome - Carol Currie welcomed old and new members and attendance was passed.

Reports:

Julie Ann Robinson Hill:

- Julie Ann Robinson Hill announced that she will be using her new last name, Hill, so if you need to email her, the address is jhill@glenbrook225.org.
- Julie Ann will be directing only the spring children's play this year.
- The Theatre Barbeque at the start of the year was good. About 60 kids attended and there was plenty of food.
- Fall Play and One Acts have been cast. There are about 35-40 kids between the two casts
- Fall Play, *Almost, Maine*, will be directed by Jerry Nevin. This show has several separate stories. The author of *Almost, Maine* is John Cariani. Here is what Wikipedia says about the show:
 - *Almost, Maine* is a play by John Cariani, comprising nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. It premiered at the Portland Stage Company in Portland, Maine in 2004 where it broke box office records and garnered critical acclaim.
- One Acts, "Revolutions," will be directed by Amy Ticho. There are 6 student written and student directed stories. Alison Wilensky is the producer.
- One GBN student, junior Carly Meyer, made the cast of the All State production, *In the Heights*. Come see her perform at TheatreFest.
 - TheatreFest forms (if you want to attend with the GBN group) are due on 9/15/18.
 - Cost is \$150 per student
 - Offer is open to inducted Thespians

- 27 spots are available
- There will be a field trip to see *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* on 10/18/18. There are 35 tickets available (contact Julie Ann if interested). GBN graduate (1994) Noah Weisburg has the role of Willy Wonka in the show.
- This year, there will be weekly theatre meetings (every Friday).
- There is a CREW requirement of 30 hours of work done by each student throughout the year.
- Tickets for the fall play will be sold on www.showtix4u.com. The show will be on the stage and in the round.
- All start times this year will be 7:00 P.M. with the exception of the spring children's play.

Chad Davidson:

- Chad reported that he received a nice note thanking the CTPO for the 2018 senior scholarship award that she received.
- Carol noted that we also received a thank you note from Jaden Levine for the summer scholarship he received.
- Choir is off to a good start. The Ladies First audition results have been posted and the first rehearsal will be on Wednesday.
- T-shirts for curricular choir have been ordered. CTPO will pay for these again this year.
- The voice instructors were not able to be in front of the classes to introduce themselves this year but all four are returning to GBN and will be available to teach private voice lessons to GBN students.
- Chad has posted the instructions to sign up for the choir trip to Los Angeles in 2019. The kids need a code to sign up.
 - There will be a parent meeting for the trip on 9/13/18 in the choir room
 - All choir students and inducted thespians are welcome to sign up
 - Fundraisers will be discussed and encouraged so that FPP points can be applied toward the cost of the trip.
- Auditions for IMEA will be held on 10/1/18 at Crystal Lake South High School
 - The Senior Concert Festival will be on 11/10/18 at New Trier in Winnetka
 - Use this link to find more information: <https://lori-evenhouse-ebw2.squarespace.com/7general-information>
- 12 students are currently registered for IMEA auditions and 32 are allowed.
- The first meeting of Tri-M will be on 9/13/18.

Membership:

- Carol reported that there are 72 member families as of 8/22/18

Financial Report:

- Tracy Meyer will be absent from the first four meetings due to a conflict in her work schedule. Heather MacDonald will be giving the financial reports.
- The current combined balance in our two CTPO accounts is \$29,777.98

- The combined 2017-2018 audit and 2018-2019 budget meeting was held at the Northbrook Public Library on 6/12/18. In attendance were Tracy Meyer, Lorna Cohen, Meghan Rosenfeld, Heather MacDonald, Carol Currie and (for a portion of the time) Nancy Frese.
- The 2018-2019 proposed budget will be presented at the October meeting for discussion and will be voted on at the November CTPO meeting.

Fundraising:

- Carol reported that 2017-2018 Booster Shot checkbooks are still available and the price is down to \$10 as they expire at the end of September.
- Checkbook sales for 2018-2019 have begun. Pinstripes is out of all new books.
- There will be a Chipotle fundraiser on 9/11/18

Minutes:

- The minutes from the June meeting can be found on the www.gbnctpo.com website and they were distributed via email with the agenda for this meeting.
 - Nancy Frese moved that we approve the June minutes
 - Lorna Cohen seconded the motion
 - We voted and the minutes were approved

Marketing and Communication:

- Missy Levine asked whether people would prefer Facebook or Instagram communication. Many people were interested in a CTPO Instagram account so Missy will set one up.
- Jaden Levine will be our Theatre Board Liaison.

Wardrobe:

- Esther Kelly will manage the wardrobe fittings with assistance
 - Fittings will be 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. on Thursday (this week)
 - 11:45 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. on Thursday
 - 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. on Friday
 - Boys will be fitted next week

Concessions:

- \$4,557.51 was brought in by concessions in 2017-2018. Expenses are not considered in this number.
- Tanya Slater and Dana Salzer will be running concessions this year.

Show Meals:

- There will not be show meals for One Acts
- Fall Play will have show meals on Tuesday and Wednesday

Banquets:

- Choir will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2019
- Theatre will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2019

- Allgauer has been contacted to hold dates for both.

Scholarship Committee:

- The scholarship committee met on Friday, August 17, 2018.
- It is the recommendation of the scholarship committee to offer 5 senior scholarships for the 2019 graduates.
- The committee recommends that the total allocated amount for summer scholarships be divided among the applicants with a cap on the per-person scholarship amount and also a cap on the percentage of the total cost of the summer program that will be covered (as was done last year).
- The committee recommends continuing with the needs-based scholarship program without changes to the parameters.

A question was raised about the cost of repairing the choir piano. Chad reported that it may be in the neighborhood of \$25,000 or \$30,000 so, if that is the case, they may look at other options rather than repairing the piano at that cost.

At 7:20 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Currie for Bonnie Schoenberg
Secretary

Here is a photo of Julie Ann's son in the gift that was given to them by CTPO:



Important Dates:

<u>Fundraising</u>	
BoosterShot Checkbook sale ends	When books are sold out
Chipotle Fundraiser	September 11, 2018
ButterBraid and Fruit sale begins	October 15, 2018
ButterBraid and Fruit sale ends	November 9, 2018
ButterBraid and Fruit pick up	December 7, 2018 after school in cafeteria at GBN
Mattress Sale	
Open Mic Night	

<u>Events</u>	
One Acts	September 27 - 29
IMEA Choir Auditions	October 1
Fall Play	October 11 - 13
Fall Concert <i>Cider and Song</i>	Thursday, October 25
Jr High Music Articulation Tour	Friday, November 2
IMEA Festival	Saturday, November 10
Jr High Choral Festival	Thursday, November 1
Winter Play	
Winter Showcase	November 29 - December 1
Winter Concert	Monday, December 17
<u>2019</u>	
TheatreFest	January 10 - 12
Choir Tour to Los Angeles	January 17 - 21
Variety Show	February 21-23
Musical Auditions <i>Mama Mia!</i>	February 26 & 27
Glenbrook Festival of Music (Techny)	Sunday, March 10
Group Interp Sectionals	March 14 - 16
Tri-M Induction	Thursday, April 4
Spring Children's Play	April 24 - 27
Glenbrook Musical	May 1 - 4
Foundation Event	Saturday, May 4
Choir Banquet	Wednesday, May 8
Open Mic Night	Friday, May 10
Spring Choral Concert	Tuesday, May 14
Theatre Banquet	Wednesday, May 15
Concert in the Park	Saturday, June 1
An Evening of A Cappella	Wednesday, June 5
Year-End Party	To be determined

CTPO Meeting Dates for 2018-2019:

- September 4, 2018

- October 2, 2018
- November 6, 2018
- December 4, 2018
- January 8, 2019
- February 5, 2019
- March 5, 2019
- April 2, 2019
- May 7, 2019
- June 4, 2019