

GCCC Advisory Board Minutes
October 17, 2016

Members present:

Melanie Popejoy
Kecia Peters
Carrie Weippert
Amy Sanner
Gwen Puckett
Larissa Hood
Susan Fire
Sara Peters
Melanie Craig

1. Finance Report in absentia:
 - Greg is working on a large Myra grant at present
 - Greg deposited all of the tuition payments at the end of last week
2. Calendar
 - Kecia ordered samples of a 15 year Anniversary calendar to sell at our concert
 - Board approved to order 150 full, 50 desktop
 - Kecia will make contacts with artists for permission
 - Sara and Susan will adhere stickers on the back to acknowledge artist contributions
 - Sara will sell at the fall concert
3. Directors' Reports in absentia:
 - Annella is so in love with returning to Poco Voce. ;) Her GG coordinator, Hailey Olson, is a junior at UND and is a fantastic pairing for Poco. She even subbed for Annella in an emergency and did well.
 - Ruth Ann is in Singapore and we anxiously await her return! Katie Morgan and Melanie have been subbing for her.
 - Danielle is going to be auditioning for the state music teacher's conference in Fargo with Accordo Voce. They had their retreat the weekend after registration with a pajama party theme.
 - Primo is doing wonderful. They are learning a really difficult opening piece that a Primo choir hasn't performed since Omaha.
 - Kids were encouraged to send in pictures and stories of veterans in their family that will be shared in the slide show during their patriotic piece during the concert.
4. Registration Hotwash:

Things that worked well:

 - Having shepherd in the lobby and at the entry to the black box
 - Registration pacing was well-timed
 - Having the eldest Primo kids get first priority on uniforms worked well, the newer members came later
 - Having used polos on racks helped, having four uniform stations that could order any choir's polo worked much better

Things that worked not so well:

- Having the waiver forms at the tuition table bogged everything down
- Started to work better when we moved the forms closer to the volunteer table and having Tracy Uhlir and Melanie Craig take the time to explain the purpose of the forms
- Hard for Kecia to find volunteers for the registration night, not sure how to get people to sign up for this opportunity

Things we want to do better next year:

- Having all four stations have credit card capabilities
- Send out waiver forms and explanation in an email the week before registration
- Have separate table for the waivers and collection bins
- Maybe encourage printing or emailing receipts instead of handwriting if that's a possibility
- Primo uniforms – more clearly divided new versus used uniform racks, need more volunteers, maybe do all of the women fitting the first rehearsal so we don't have to worry about receiving them on time
- Need to tell directors to tell parents to be prepared to be patient and being prepared to have to purchase a uniform if there isn't a dress in their child's size
- Number the stations, put footprints on the floor, have the registration people tell them do to tuition last to improve the flow in the black box

5. The entirely female represented advisory board at the meeting unanimously voted that we will start looking for a new dress company. We believe this may have been our first official motion.
6. Voice Lessons
 - A couple of board members have kids that have signed up for the voice lessons and the singers are really enjoying it.
 - The board thinks is a great idea and is working well so far.
 - The college kids have a debriefing with Melanie on the following Mondays to talk about what to work on next and how the lessons went.
7. Theory and Ear Training
 - The first puzzle had a printing snafu and has to wait until next week.
8. Butter Braids
 - Big sales, 2,912 Butterbraids sold, \$35,000 worth of checks handed to Greg today. \$13,500 profit on our end.
 - Worked well to email Primo parents and ask for volunteers to help collect orders
9. Holiday Homecoming Concert
 - Canceled due to lack of location.
10. Fall Concert
 - Working on a pre-concert group to perform
 - Asking board members to help direct traffic
 - Merchandise, we'll have the calendars and a few ornaments, Sara will contact Brian Wavra to see if he will ask Dave Badman to make discs with 16-17 for this year.
 - Let's see if Greg can also sit with Sara with a card reader/iPad and bring her a cash envelope

11. Pizza Ranch

- We will have some singing prepared, will only need a small crew of kids to work that
- November 21st, 5 – 9 pm
- Our families can also do delivery or pick up and have the proceeds go to us if they have the flier with our information on it.

12. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 RRHS, this is a change from the previous Monday date

9:00 PM Adjourned

Submitted by Kecia Peters