

GCCC Parent Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012

In attendance:

Kecia Peters
John Davis
Beth Davis
Melanie Popejoy
Greg Nelson
Perry Borth
Janet Schreier
Dave Molmen
Karen Molmen
Barb Nistler
Melissa DeMars
Jeanne Thibert
Marge Myrold

Financial Director:

We received a grant from the Myra Foundation for nearly \$3,000 which supports the GG program. Our holiday concert payment from last year was received from the symphony, and our payment for this year is expected soon. We have received some independent donations: Altru donation \$1,000; private family donation \$500; Scheels \$1,000. Greg has a grant application in process from NOVAC for the reunion in June. Greg also has Xcel energy and North Dakota Council for the Arts grant applications in process. Greg is planning to complete a 501c3 application this summer for us to become a stand-alone non-profit organization, so we would no longer be considered a part of the school district's status of being a for-profit organization. We will still be supported by SPA and the Grand Forks Public Schools, but we will be considered an official non-profit organization as well.

Artistic Director:

In relation to Melanie's report, Greg reported that at our concert in December he spoke to parents who really enjoyed the performance of Primo Voce, and these parents asked if there ever may be an opportunity to perform in an adult choir. Melanie reported that she has also had multiple parents express an interest in performing in an adult group or to perform with their children in a younger choir. This is not something we have considered in the past, but it is good food for thought at the moment.

This coming semester, Primo Voce is planning pieces for Primo Men and fathers and Primo Women and mothers to perform with the community barbershop groups on March 18th.

On Saturday, Primo Voce will be departing on our Bright Lights and Broadway Tour. 60 out of 65 singers will be coming on the tour. We will be doing a workshop with Dan LeJeune and Christine Saunders on Saturday afternoon at Blake School in Hopkins, MN. We will attend The Lion King Saturday night. We have two church performances at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis on Sunday morning, followed by social activities at the Mall of America and the hotel. We return on Monday, arriving at 5 pm. It's gonna be legendary.

Our piece from Rollo Dilworth is done! But we don't have it quite in hand yet because he is writing a special part for Poco Voce.

Director Reports:

GGs – The GG coordinators are very independent and are pretty much running things on their own. The GG team leaders reported that their primary role at this point is to field questions in the common area during rehearsals, which means everything is running as it should!

Vision:

Dave gave us a refresher on the discussion the executive board had last year about the vision for our organization in the next 10 years, our current mission statement, and our current vision statement. The board discussed the progression of our choir from year one to present.

Homework: Think about what we can do to achieve our vision of becoming the premier performing children's choir organization in the upper Midwest.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kecia Peters.