

GCCC Parent Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011

In attendance:

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

Welcome to new members and returning members.

Artistic Director:

Vision:

We are in the process of creating/restructuring the vision of our organization. These governing boards will be:

- Board of Directors
- Executive Board
- Parent Advisory Board
- Parent Association

Our new vision statement:

GCCC will be the premier performing children's choir in the upper Midwest.

Our mission statement remains the same:

to offer young people of the Greater Grand Forks area the experience of musical artistry and excellence through choral singing in a youth-centered atmosphere

Other members that will be joining us: Melissa DeMars, a local music teacher, Sharilyn Richtsmeier (uniform), Marge Myrold, Jeanne Thibert, Kellie Burgess (in absentia).

Board meetings this year will be held at Valley Middle School on the second Monday of the month. MSEC conference rooms are not available on these dates due to school board meetings. The dates of these meetings will be, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, and 4/2. The December meeting will be held at the Popejoy home.

Executive Reports:

Finance Director:

Greg did an outstanding job at grant writing last year, and was successful at procuring a good deal of grant monies. We are starting this year in a good position. We are “in the black”. We are instituting a new policy this year that all tuition payments must be received by registration evening, unless pre-arranged with Greg. Children who are on a free and reduced lunch plan at school will be eligible for tuition assistance.

Managing Director:

Our numbers for the year:

	2010-11	2011-12
Poco	43	31
Canto	40	57
Accordo	40	37
Primo	61	63
Total	184	188

Kecia is looking for volunteers to help with registration night. She will be contacting parents about signing up for slots.

The board was in agreement that it would be acceptable to start posting the minutes from our board meetings on the website. The suggestion was made to expand upon our Facebook group to being more of “a page” and trying to find more ways to communicate through this medium.

Kecia will send an email to the board to get email addresses and phone numbers at the board members’ discretion to include on the website and in the handbook.

GG program:

Our GG program will be run this year by Janet Schreier, Jeanne Thibert, Beth Davis, and Kelly Wavra. We have many graduated GGs that are also serving as GG coordinators this year: Megan Ault, Caitlin Staples, Jacy Thibert, and Nathaniel Lockett.

Our retreat was at Park River Bible Camp on August 27 & 28. The facility was perfect, and the consensus was to return there in future years. We have a very enthusiastic group of GGs this year, with very many seniors and sophomores, and few but superior quality juniors. The theme of the retreat was “Who Are You?” The GGs receiving training on identifying their own strengths, who they are within the community, who they are within the program, etc., in addition to our standard training in leadership, rehearsal expectations, and working with youth.

New Business:

We will be hiring a new accompanist, Sharon Pugh, for Primo. Lynn Liepold will continue accompanying Canto. Mary Ann Devig will be taking a year of rest.

It is our 10th anniversary season! Hurray! The theme for this year is “Legacy”. The artwork for this year is being created by a local artist, Eric A. Johnson.

Calendar seems to be a little more full than usual. We have had requests from parents of younger choirs that the children have more opportunities to perform, so we have made an effort to seek out more events and venues for them. Primo will be having a retreat, but not overnight away from home. At the end of the retreat, Primo will perform for the ND Women’s Network. We will be performing at the Mark Solberg Endowment Concert on October 9. Canto and Poco will be performing at a UND choral dinner on December 1 & 2. They will be singing pieces from A Charlie Brown Christmas. Primo will be traveling to Minneapolis over the weekend of Jan. 14th for a “Bright Lights & Broadway” adventure, including performances, a workshop, and attending the Lion King.

To fund this travel, we are proposing having Trivia Night on November 5. John Davis wants us to be aware that this is opening hunting weekend. Our theme should logically be “Hunting Down Trivia”. Perry suggested doing a Silent Auction during our winter concert as opposed to holding it during Trivia Night. The auction could be all Holiday Baskets, e.g.

Rollo Dillworth is composing a piece for GCCC for our anniversary season. This is in process. The piece was commissioned by funds donated by Greg and Deb Nelson, JoAnn and Darrel Corey, and Karen and Dave Molmen. We thank them.

We are considered putting together an anniversary booklet including pictures and memories over the last 10 years.

We are planning a reunion celebration in early June. We would invite all alumni back for a weekend, possibly performing at Art Fest. Greg has been putting this event in motion.

Old Business:

None specifically.

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:30 pm. Our next meeting is October 10 at Valley MS.

Minutes for this meeting submitted by Kecia Peters, PsyS, NCSP.