

GCCC Parent Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2012

In attendance:

Kecia Peters
Melanie Popejoy
Greg Nelson
Beth Davis
John Davis
Kellie Burgess
Perry Borth
Karen Molmen
Dave Molmen

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m. with delicious soups. Souper February board meeting.

Financial Director:

Greg attended a meeting at the city council tonight before the board meeting. The council has the responsibility of approving the grants for NOVAC. All of their grants were approved, and Greg was there to represent our organization as one of the recipients in the area of arts. We received a grant of \$2,900 from NOVAC for the reunion, as well as a grant of \$650 from the GF Park Board. Greg reported that we are in a very secure financial situation at the present, and that we have money in the travel fund for next year.

Greg has drafted a letter to send to the alumni and present members to introduce the dates of the reunion. The plan is to assemble the mailing at rehearsal on Thursday. The dates of the reunion will be Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10, during Art Fest.

Old Business:

Melanie reported on the trip that Primo Voce took in January to Minneapolis. Everything ran smoothly and according to plan. The workshop at Blake School with Dan Lejeune and Christine Sanders was excellent. It was a great way to start the trip. They are interested in staying in contact with us, and Melanie thinks they would be good candidates to come and work with our entire group or directors in the future. The Lion King was an amazing experience for everyone. The extra cost we put forth to get tickets on the floor was more than worth it. On Sunday morning, we performed at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Dan Pederson was in attendance to hear them perform *Farvel*. The organist at the church was a great host and gave many tours of the bell tower and carol bells. Melanie also had the pleasure of meeting Dale Warland, who is an accomplished choral director living in the twin cities. Sunday afternoon, we made a whirlwind trip to the Mall of America, followed by pizza and pool party at the hotel. The GGs and GG coordinators showed such a high level of responsibility throughout the trip and were a huge part of the trip's success.

New Business:

Primo Voce has an upcoming concert on March 18th with the men's and women's barbershop groups in Grand Forks. There are a few calendar updates that need to be made and communicated to parents. Our next rehearsal will be at United Lutheran. Jeanne has volunteered to be a rehearsal shepherd and direct traffic to United. Melanie recently spoke with Rollo Dilworth, and he said our piece is nearly done.

GG Program:

Beth reported that our GGs have put in 1800 hours (and 3 minutes) so far this year. This is not including the time that our college GG coordinators have also volunteered. One of the GGs requested to know how many hours he had volunteered in previous years. Melanie thinks she has the information from previous years at home and will look for it. If not, she will contact JoAnn Cory to see if she has kept these records. Jacy Thibert organized a gathering with the Accordo GGs two weeks ago to celebrate mentoring month.

Homework:

We had a brainstorming session on how we can achieve our vision statement of becoming the premier performing children's choir organization in the Midwest. Some of the ideas shared: collaboration with UND choirs or Master Chorale, arranging vocal lessons or coaching with UND students, perhaps UND students leading sectionals at our rehearsals, building on our recruiting process, build a partnership with area teachers not just for identification of singers, offer opportunities for local teachers who may be more comfortable teaching instrumentally but not chorally, reach out to music teachers outside the Grand Forks area perhaps at a venue such as Poppler's workshop in August or school tours, maybe bringing back the choir camp in the summer, long-term financial planning, outreach program to stay connected with the community

Kecia's brainstorm: for the website - high quality photos of the kids, group photo of directors, description of audition process, possibly a video of an audition, sound samples of our choir on main page; building a parent association, alumni network, regular alumni meetings, overall need for marketing and publicity, merchandise, slogan.

Our next meeting is on March 12 at 7 p.m. at Valley Middle School.

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kecia Peters.

