

GCCC Parent Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2011

In attendance:

Kecia Peters
Melanie Popejoy
Jeanne Thibert
Beth Davis
Melissa DeMars
John Davis
Perry Borth
Janet Schreier
Karen Molmen

Financial Director:

Greg reported in absentia that \$730 was raised as part of the Holiday Raffle at the concert.

Fall Concert:

Everything ran the same as always, and everything seemed to go smoothly. We had more people in attendance than normal, so we had adults sitting in the balcony, and we had to bring chairs up from downstairs. It may be helpful to move Canto to the middle section of the balcony and leave the section closest to the door open for audience members. We may also want to consider only allowing parents who want to video record the concert to sit in the organ section. John Davis reported that he had heard from Lynn Liepold that the stability of the organ pipes is questionable, and it may be an issue of safety as well. We received a lot of positive feedback regarding the song that was performed with the Primo parents.

The Holiday Raffle was a new addition to the concert, and it seemed to have a positive response from the attendees. It may be helpful to even sell tickets at the dress rehearsal so that parents have more time and don't feel like they have to leave their seats in the auditorium to purchase tickets.

The picture-taking process was very smooth this year at the concert. Brad Sherwood had a very quick turn around on printing the pictures, and we were able to hand out many of them at the following rehearsal. Given how quickly the process was, we probably do not need to have as early a call time in the future.

Old Business:

On November 16, Primo performed at the Mayor's Choice Reception downtown at city hall. Many of the people in the audience were our families. The artist being honored at the event sent a letter to Melanie, thanking us for performing at the event and enhancing the experience of viewing her artwork.

Social night was held on December 8th. Everything went well at RRHS. Accordo Voce was invited to opening night of Mr. Mercer's musical, Into the Woods, and nearly all of the children were able to attend. Many dressed up as fairy tale characters, and all had a blast.

New Business:

Call time for the Holiday Pops concert on December 18 is still 1:30 p.m. After warm-ups and our rehearsal, we will have one hour of down-time with the kids. The intent is to have quiet activities for kids rather than energy checks, as many of the kids were tired and over-heated at Mark Solberg's concert in October. John Davis volunteered to video tape the concert. Melissa DeMars offered to coordinate a snack for the choirs. Ticket sales for this concert were very good. We have sold around 300 tickets for the event. We will be receiving a \$500 stipend for participating in the concert.

Primo tour plans are coming well. Families will be asked to contribute \$225 after all of our fundraising efforts. We will be performing at two services at Central Lutheran Church in St. Paul on Sunday morning. Jane Lien is our contact at the church, and she is a former musician from United Lutheran Church. The church offered to feed the kids between the services. Melanie has a clinician for a workshop in mind for Saturday and is just waiting to hear back from him. Lion King is Saturday evening. Sunday performances will be followed by Mall of America and pizza/pool party Sunday evening. We depart Monday morning and should return by 5:00 pm on Monday.

Melanie has been brainstorming a booklet to commemorate our 10 year anniversary celebration. Suggestions of things to include: group photos over time, statistics, how many members pursued music careers or musical activities, "where are they now", individual pictures of the kids this year and how many years they have been in the program, list of performances and awards, testimonials from families (possibly Borgen, Solberg, Freestone families, e.g.), lists of board members and staff, vision statement, and artistic themes from each year. Our piece from Rollo Dilworth is nearly done, expected by January 1st.

We may consider doing another fundraiser in the spring such as Hugo's gift cards (scripts), Schwann's, having the younger choirs sell Butterbraids again, or another raffle/auction at the spring concert.

Managing Director:

Geoff Mercer and Kecia had discussed ideas regarding the beginning of a t-shirt campaign. Alison Peterson may be a good resource regarding creating new artwork for a t-shirt design, as this is something she frequently does with the SPA program. Kecia or Melanie will follow up with this.

Thank you to Melissa DeMars and her family for building a sandwich board to have outside of RRHS on evenings when our rehearsals are elsewhere. It was used at the December 1 rehearsal. Next step will be to light it for better visibility.

Greg approved the funding for Kecia to purchase an art program she needed that is compatible with the new teacher laptops for the district. This is a program she has used for maintaining the website and artwork for publicity, programs, nametags, etc. The cost of the license through the district was \$111.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kecia Peters.