

**Geneseo Performing Arts Council (GPAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 5, 2018**  
**Geneseo Choir Room**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.  
December agenda approved as presented.  
November minutes were approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tonya Miller - (presented by Machala Ullerick) Please refer to the reports handed out – any questions, please direct them to Machala Ullerick or Tonya Miller. Profit and loss – Fall Fruit sale Net \$20,503.51 (still need to pay for the fruit) we are approximately \$4,000 less than last year at this point of fruit sale. Madrigal – Net of \$4,546.55, still have about \$3,000 of expense to come. Calendar fundraiser – Net \$525. Speech and Theatre, we have a donation showing (\$400). Concession will be updated after deposits. HarvestFest showing \$20,212.24, more expenses coming in. District emergency fund shows \$425.00 but that will be bus money for symphony day. Equipment donated to the Geneseo School District - \$9104.70, this will be less the district money of \$3,029.50 and Mr. Gronski stated they check will be cut after their board meeting. Our Net Income to date is \$33,038.22. Budget vs Actual – we will have a final next month. Balance Sheet – changes will be made after we hear from Harvestfest Treasurer.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Megan Warren – Been busy since June – Harvestfest went very well. There was a change to the schedule since I had been approved for a GEF Grant. Instead of competing in IGMSA as choirs this year, the choirs are heading up to U of I on March 9<sup>th</sup> and spend the whole day in clinic and watching groups sing. This trip is in the works and will be asking for possible funding from GPAC. Tonight, is Christmas concert for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Saturday is Christmas walk and Tuesday is 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Saturday the swing choir will be caroling at several nursing homes. Getting ready for contests.

Tony Hernandez – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade band concert – will be about a 30 minute concert. High School Band will be Sunday at 2:00 and Vespers will be at 7:00 in the concert hall. Getting ready for solo and ensembles.

Steve Scherer – We will be trying a different format for the Christmas Band with the logistics of the bands. Three bands performing. The bands will watch other bands performs from the theater or band rooms. Pekin HS declined the dragon. Went online to find 30 schools that have dragons as their mascots. Preparing a pitch and sending to the schools. Goal is to the move the Dragon before our fiscal year. Concert Band Festival – I've put the invitation out to first to the personal acquaintances and people who have participated in the marching band competition. I am starting to suspect that the date may be questionable (middle of March vs. Middle of April). I have not had a great response so far. Sent out invite to all District 2 band directors and still have had a slight response. Still in the works. My concern right now is that the panel of 6 judges I have are top-quality people and I must bring a match there because they are all top shelf college directors. Progress has begun but response has been slow. Spring Break may or may not be an issue. Need to have a follow up meeting with HarvestFest because I have some feedback that can help for next year's event. We have a new Pre-Game Flags for the color guard – a memorial donation from Jane's Mom's memorial – Bill (past instructor and booster) spent 50 years in drum corps and believes she would have been happy spending the money for new flags. The donation deposit and reimbursement should be through GPAC. Lastly, I shared this to our administrators today that we have 24 All Staters and has become a consistent exciting story to tell. This is a testament to the hard work of our students: 24 students going to All State. Of all the High Schools in Illinois, regardless of the size of the school, we have the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of students going from any school. The highest number of students going to All State is 25 coming from NaperValley and they have a student body of 3,660. The credit of this consistent performance comes from the hard work of our students and the collective performance of the music educators of the whole district and that we credit a lot of that from the continued support we get from our administration and school board providing us with the resources we have.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Basketball Concessions – Kirsten Jorgensen – Up and running. The first game was hard to get ready for because the pod was frozen. Last minute buying and grabbing and all worked out. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are assets to help – can 8<sup>th</sup> grade earn money for freshman. Get names to Derrick Seys for volunteer hours. As long as we can keep up the records, they can earn money. Still need volunteers. When it gets warmer, we can lock the pod. Nicole Manasco asked: Are we offering to pre-order pizza for the visiting team?

Madrigal Update – Adam Maas – Great year – Thank you for everyone who helped. We are wrapping up thank you notes. Unloading the trailer – Madrigal items are on the left side and right side with GPAC and HarvesFest items are in the middle. Mr. LaCroix requested that we leave some of the lumber on the trailer wheels to be disposed of or kept for next year. Andy Radue helped each night (GHS Choir Alumni). Steve Scherer: Now that we are finished with Madrigal,

could someone contact Brett Decker at Central Bank and find out if we can put trailer inside their shed for the winter. We can store lumber inside trailer until marching band time, then we can move. TJ asked if brakes and bearings have been ever looked at - - question needs to be addressed to Randy Gordman. It may have been 10 years since we have done anything. The maintenance should be done on the trailer – a fair request. \$275.00 to repack bearings. Canopy needs to be looked at again. There is a person that we like to use (Schmoana Creek?).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Podium Proposal – Steve Scherer – Podiums in both band rooms – proposals given out – discussion: currently using below par at this time. District will not pay ½ of this furniture request. We will have to make a gift request since it is over \$500. *Derrick Seys makes a motion that GPAC spends \$5,000 to buy a double podium, conductors stand, and basket conductor stand pair from Wenger, Tonya Miller/Nicole Manasco 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.* Voted upon and past. Once this is confirmed and order is made Steve would like to be made aware so that he can help with the delivery, etc.

Fruit Sale – Derrick Seys – Fruit pick up 12/14 at 2:00pm (inventory) and pick up starts at 4:00pm Friday night delivery. Check out will have two people. Bring hand trucks. Send email to remind about Fruit pick up.

Grants – Jennifer Schmedding – We have a grant in for a piccolo from Rotary and going to do a grant to the Geneseo Foundation for more Tuba Money. Still looking for other options for Tuba money. Travis Mackey sent an email stating a Tuba Grant was requested from GIF money for 2 Tubas. This may have been for Drums.

a. Kiwanis Grant - \$500 Tuba received. Photo is requested.

b. Frank and Mafalda LaGuidice Trust (Through Central Bank) - \$400 Received for Theatre/Drama Department

Honors Band Fittings – Jennifer Schmedding – Fitting kids starting tomorrow. If you are free contact Anne Seys.

Basketball Tournament – Jennifer Schmedding received an email for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball concession at the facility. They cannot find anyone to do a concession. Nicole Manasco thought the speech club wishes to run it. Discussion was made. Keep it simple.

Cookie Reception – Jennifer Schmedding – (for Band and choir high school level) Setting up is fine – donation of cookie and juice – Sending out email for cookies and water. Hold some back for Vespers.

The next scheduled GPAC Meeting will be in **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 (one time change from established regular Thursday meetings) at 6:30 pm in the High School Choir Room** (if locked, relocated to Honors/MB Room). Steve Scherer motioned to adjourn meeting and Derrick Seys 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Seys  
GPAC Secretary

**ATTENDEES** Jen Schmedding – Todd & Emily Nyquist – Nicole Manasco – Margie Caldron-Williams – Machala Ullrick – Amy Deiricks – Steve Scherer – Tonya Miller – Amanda Bowling – Pam & RC Lowe – Kirsten Jorgensen - Derrick Seys – Tony Hernandez – Megan Warren – Adam Maas