

Geneseo Performing Arts Council (GPAC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Geneseo High School Choir Room

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

March Agenda approved as presented.

February Minutes approved as presented (Marshall Plumley 1st, Nicole Manasco 2nd).

Treasurer's Report

Tara Flies: Basketball is wrapped up. Euchre Tournament brought in (estimate) around \$650.00. Recital we have paid the Judges, still have things to pay for hospitality. We also pay accompanist out of the same line and it will be squared away. At the beginning this school year we received the recital/contest check for 2017 recital, which was after the fiscal year. This was deposited into our recital account. Now, for 2018, we received our recital/contest check last week. \$6,950.00 was received for recital. We have plenty to cover for 2018 recital expenses. The 2018 check was deposited. We need to decide exactly where to list it since the recital line will show a \$6,900 amount and our bottom line will have extra cash to spend on things at the end of the school year. Transversally, we could put the money in our savings account under our growth and development fund and pull out next year for recital/contest. If we do it this way it will not hit our bottom line so it doesn't push us over our limit of earnings. Trying to be fiscally responsible going forward we need to have a further decision on what to do and the appropriate way to manage. Not having Harvest Fest in yet we do not know how our end of year will end up. We do not have our check for Harvest Fest and that is our biggest fundraiser. GPAC covered the expenses for 2017 recital/contest since reimbursement check did not come in time. We were negative on recital for 2017 because of this. We have to go forward and possibly have to rush to spend it in order to not pay taxes. Last time we met we got into a discussion on CD's and other funds. The \$50,000 CD is for new building – CD has rolled and will mature in October – or we can take with a cost, like interest, should not affect the bulk of the gift. Kim Budde stated that the donation of \$50,000 was given during her Presidency and she recalls that the funds were given to GPAC from an estate with no strings attached, however at that time construction was being discussed. \$20,000 is just in our savings account which was another donation. Theater lighting was the only thing that had "strings attached" for the funding to go towards.

Directors Report

Mr. Eckwall: Getting ready for Fine Arts Days. Today was the 4th grade symphony day. Thank you GPAC for funding the buses for this event. This was a wonderful gift for the kids to see a live symphony at that age. There was only a handful that had ever been there. They did songs by American Voyagers and they had a baritone soloist which was impressive. We are getting ready for Music in our Schools, then hitting the ground running with end of year and 3 concerts.

Mr. LaCroix: Musical is off and running. The accompanist invoices are ready but Tara would like them all at once instead when he receives them. Contest on Saturday there are two buses going each time. Pinks do not require chaperones. Concert is March 8th in the Hall. It is a School Admission paid night. Nashville Tour is coming up. I have initiated a talk to the Madrigal Parents to start a meeting to start talking about using the reception in front of the Hall for the dinner on down the road. The initial meeting for January end of first of February was postponed. This meeting will be easiest to coincide with the chaperone meeting. Mr. Gronski is still talking about making the girl's bathroom, at the edge of the hallway, a working kitchen. I want to see if he is serious before meeting with parents for the Madrigal Dinner in the reception area.

Mr. Scherer: Has a Guest Conductor for Concert on March 8th (Danial Moore). Pep Band is over with. The Winter Drumline performed at the basketball game and at the Percussion Palooza and it was a very big success. Same story with the color guard and were the only featured color guard and the percussion Palooza and they thrilled everyone. Both of those groups are now done with the performances that they have done until after spring break. Then the drumline will start up as a conditioning program for the Fall Marching Band and then Color Guard and Drum Major auditions will come up after Spring Break. Jazz is up and running. Jazz Band is performing at the Northside Fine Arts Day next week this coming Tuesday – Set up in the Gym. This will be a good informal time for the kids to get a feel for the music. Green Steel will play at Percussion Palooza and at the Concert next week. Pit started today for the Musical – The Little Mermaid. That group is going to be really good. It is a modern show and I have not done very many modern shows and everything about it a little different and we look forward to that. This year we will be trying to put the pit backstage (which will be open for sight) in the center. There will be room for set pieces to go on and off but there will be a screen curtain that will allow the pit to be heard and not seen. The pit will be able to see through for the experience of the music and the act. The High School Band will not be doing a Summer Band Concert in the Park any longer. That was my decision. There were many aspects, but mainly with the school year ending much earlier, the kids are apart several weeks without playing together and it is not a fair representation of what the band does. This decision does not affect GPAC as a fundraiser at all. This decision will facilitate some other positive outcomes that I think are going to be more significant than the summer concert. Jazz show will be in the new facility, Concert Hall. We have not worked out the logistics. Expectations will be without food and drink – maybe we will have intermissions instead of 5 or 6 sets. No matter what it will be better than in the Gym. Online ticketing March 19th starting for the Musical is it possible for the Jazz to do the same. There is a great diagram with the chair numbers out there that was made by Larry Lord.

Mr. Versluis: Pre-contest band concert for 7th and 8th grade bands. They will perform at 6:30 pm and the choirs will perform at 7:30 pm. This is something Ms. Warren and I are trying new to see if it works out. This should give us time to get set up for the next performance. The next Friday and Saturday is the IGSM event. We have a lot of concession workers but no concession chair. Jill Darin will set up etc.

we just need someone to take charge to order pizzas etc. as the day goes along. Saturday only 3 schools (Wilson, John Deere and Geneseo) extremely light. We will have 14 choirs and 12 instrumental groups Friday night. Friday night is bigger. Last group performs at 9:00 pm. As the years come along it is hard to get volunteers. Seems everyone is working now to stay above where they need to be. If you don't host then you have the expenditures of traveling etc. but if you host it is a convenience and privilege. Our kids can come and go. Door Monitors are needed. I will send out another email to get more volunteers. Suzie Heaton has agreed to come back and help with the headquarters – experienced individuals. Rooms are reserved for Judge Hospitality.

Ms. Warren: Please keep Ms. Warren's father in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from heart attack/car accident.

OLD BUSINESS

Basketball Concessions (K Jorgensen). Basketball concession is done and inventory has been sent to Jill Darin. The only thing I would do a little differently next year would be price differences – prices going up. We kept track of the money we made at each concession and I would like to look back at that to see who we played. The bigger competition nights (more people) would mean we could be ready with more pizza orders, etc. Geneseo Donut will donate anything he has left on any day after 6pm. He stated that he loved to help and love to know our donuts are being eaten. They donated at least 8 dozen at concessions- a great sale item. Adding donuts for 2018-2019 season. Thank you for the Manasco Family for donating a new popcorn machine. The old and the new machine is at the Jorgensen's. *Nicole Manasco* - There is a sign handmade to cover the wrestling beverage frig. Would GPAC entertain ordering a banner to use for each concession to cover that cooler to lessen confusion. There was a coach that wanted to feed their team and we were able to accommodate that, but was wondering if GPAC would want to offer that service. Our coaches can send to their coaches "if you wish for use to order pizza for your team, please let us know your order a week in advance of the event". Go through the Athletic Director. You would not even have wrap the pizza, just hand them the whole pizza box.

IGSMA (J. Schmedding) (Anne Seys will get donated donuts from Geneseo Donuts) We struggled getting volunteers. Directors send out many emails with details and still has a hard time filling spaces. Having a group as large as this is hard to discuss and mandate volunteer guidelines, etc. Jen suggested committee to meet and talk about ways to get people to volunteer. Our Junior and Senior parents are rolling off and we do not have anyone to replace their positions. Becky Daniels volunteered to be the contact lead for the committee – small group. Emails to be sent to Becky – this could be an ongoing discussion. Jill Darin will initiate the email and we will go from there.

Euchre Tournament (Anne Seys) Tara has hit on the amount of money raised and I am pleased with the amount of people that came out. We could house 80, we set up for 38 (because of RSVPs), and we had 32. It was fun and if we decide to do this small fund raiser again I would change up the food. We had too much left over. Maybe do a potluck. Ad brought 4 people, and a couple saw it from the PrimeTime FUNction sign. It was a successful event. Thank you Jill for your meeting room!

Concert Hall Purchase Possibilities (Steve LaCroix) Steve L. handed out proposed items to buy for the new facility. Steve collaborated with other directors. Items needed: (1) Choir Risers by Wenger – 4 stepped (\$20,537.00). Idea for \$20,000: would be to purchase grand piano, if we sell old piano. The C6X7' Yamaha Grand cost for Geneseo through June, 2018 (\$45,295). (2) Chairs: \$170 each or \$60 for an allotted amount. (3) Podium \$526-1097 –Wenger. (4) Music Stands (\$60 each). The largest priority for Elementary would be the risers. What does the Theater want? – They need better storage – Larry Lord is looking into a few things. Larry stated the need to invest in some lights. Basic bright white and light and some color. Theater will not ask to buy anything until we know what we need. Larry may have a list before next meeting (he is collaborating with Joe DePauw). We need storage for uniforms, robes, tux, dresses and costumes. As per conversation Steve S. had with Mr. Gronski, the loft area upstairs by Theater may be an area for storage – blank wall space – cabinetry. Becky Daniels mentioned that having upstairs storage may be hard on the volunteers when "schlepping" it up and down at time of fittings. Nothing should go behind the concert hall stage per Steve S. – it should be kept open for traffic for safer passage. A committee was suggested – Jill Darin offered to be co-chair to that committee. There are many people that have items they are storing at their home. GWK storage racks would be an exceptional idea for hanging all formals, robes, etc. There are many boxes of music that needs to be considered as well. Committee should talk about the storage and being more mobile. Mobile racks. Marching Bands need mobile racks to roll on and off trailer. Old band lockers located on Choir area – Mr. LaCroix said they need to be discarded. Filing system and hanging system should be paid for by District. Steve L. has had two companies come out and measure for storage and it just doesn't go anywhere. Right now it is a stand still. Everything is with Carrie Griffith.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Musical (Nicole Manasco) Before April 1st, the dressing rooms need to be cleared out temporarily for month of April for musical. Do we want GPAC to sell concessions at the musical? We could talk a little bit more about this in April because of the rule of no food in Hall or Theater area. For the fundraiser we are still selling flowers and possible concession. Do we need to do a fundraiser form filled out? No, per Jill Darin. Becky D. asked if the old mirrors that were taken out of the original dressing rooms with all the kids' names on it be rehung. All mirrors were stored in her barn at the time of tear down. This will be a tradition that will not continue. We should ask Joe DePauw if he knows any Alumni that may want them. The theater also needs its own z-racks for costumes.

Spring Fundraiser (Tara Flies) Letters will be sent end of March. \$10 per family

Open Positions (VP Instrumental Music, Co-President) Need Replacement for Jan Larson (June).

Jazz Show (Julia / Jill) previously discussed. We should know more by the April Meeting.

The next scheduled GPAC Meeting is **Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. Steve Scherer motioned to adjourn meeting and Anne Seys 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Seys
GPAC Secretary

Attendees Anne Seys – Jill Darin – Tara Flies – Machala Ullrick – Emily Nyquist – Bob & Nicole Manasco – Kim Budde – Larry Lord – Stephanie Bauer – Anne Coughlin – Tonya Miller – Julia Buzard – Amy Lovig – Mandy Lievens – Marshall Plumley – Jennifer Schmedding – S. LaCroix – S. Scherer – M. Eckwall – J. Versluis – M. Warren