

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.  
February Agenda approved as presented.  
January Minutes approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Tara Flies: 3 Treasurer's in training: Machala Ullrick, Anne Coughlin & Tonya Miller (assistant Tres.) still on board and Tara will be around to help. Training will start next Thursday (2/8/19). We are in our slow time. Basketball still moving along and we are getting cash every once in a while. Fall Fruit Sale is finalized. We were short \$7.00 making our profit goal. At our last meeting, Jill still had extra trail mix we were selling. The money from the sale of the extra trail mix will increase our profit. All of our 1099's have been sent (provided to people that provide a job for us and we pay) – IRS have been notified, etc. Rehears-A-Thon checks have been given to Mr. Versluis today and got the Begin-A-Thon checks to Mr. Hernandez. Got the Spring Fundraiser letter printed and off to Jill and made the executive decision to spend \$50.00 to get it printed rather than print it myself double sided and folded. Jill's employer is doing this for GPAC. Also had a conversation with Steve LaCroix, Carrie Griffith and Tamara DeBishop in reference to the Recital. Steve LaCroix had already requested the funds for the accompanists for recital and contest. That has already been done and they have it ready in the front office. Tamara assured me that they will run the request to the next board meeting and we should have our Recital funds for this year by the April or May timeframe, which is about the right time. We will not have the issue we had last year this year – all taken care of.

**Directors Report**

Mr. LaCroix: Casting the Musical. Musical is The Little Mermaid. Recital plans are on its way. NIB12 Conference is March 13 in Morris. We are taking 12 seniors and 9 sophomores. Thank you for all of your help in January and Millikin sounded great.

Mr. Scherer: Jazz in in full swing – all is going great. We are excited about having the new Jazz Show in the Concert Hall. We have not started about the logistics, but the departure of lawn chairs and snacks and advent of comfort and perfect acoustics. We all need to get together and think about how we are going to present that. The Honors and Concert Band are performing at the Chicagoland Concert Band on April 7<sup>th</sup> which is the day after the Jazz Show. In speaking for the Honors Band, it is the first opportunity that we have be able to do this ever. It is a very prestigious concert and the stage we are playing on has a very renowned panel of judges. If you are a parent of an Honors Band kid, plan on making the trip to Arlington Heights at Herseys School on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be an exceptional event. We are in the planning stages of the Marching Band Show. We are working again with Daniel Moore for our drill and music. We just had a break through this weekend at all state that resulted in an excited-this could be fun idea. Of course each year we go through "how are we going to follow that show", it is very daunting task to do. So this show will be a complete contrast and nothing to do with opera or dignity. It should be a lot of fun and to everyone's liking. We are participating the Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference Band for the first time in several years. Since we have shifted by one week, I have decided to participate and that will be Tuesday, February 20. We will participate this year and next year – then never again because the conference is dissolving. There is a new conference being created – 7 schools (like Plano which is far away) - the music directors are interested in doing a festival and so that will be a discussion for the future. Only Honors band for this event. Chaperones? Finally, All-State (3 ½ days – when we go to All-State, it is not just the # of students we have attend – we had 23 students – the only two other schools that had as many students attend, their school's student bodies were 2400 and 4000. When we travel with these kids, their level of responsibility and maturity as High School students were excellent, young ladies and gentlemen. We were so proud of them. Geneseo is this small town with such great achievement in music and I am very grateful to be involved in this, but you have great kids and they make us very proud when they go to All-State.

Mr. Eckwall: It is great to see all the Geneseo kids around making music and having a great time. I was able to be at All-State to get some ideas. We are getting ready for Music in our Schools. Fine Arts day is coming up in a month and half. Symphony Day with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade is coming up the afternoon before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. I will report about Symphony Day at the next meeting.

Mr. Versluis: Rehearse-A-Thon is tomorrow night. I think the kids are excited about this event. There is a change on the calendar – March 6 pre contest concert will start at 6:30pm 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade band and 7:30 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir. Friday, March 8-Saturday March 9 will be IGSMMA Contest. FRIDAY: There will be 14 Choirs. Middle School Choirs perform in the Theater 4:00pm-9:00pm. Concert Hall will have 14 band and Jazz bands 4-9:00pm SATURDAY: There will be 9 performing groups in the Concert Hall 8:30am-1:00pm. I am still waiting to hear from some of the Directors and payments before I let the times go out at this time. We will be busy Friday Night.

Ms. Warren: Not much and so much has happened all at the same time. We had 63 vocal soloists from middle school. I have made many practice tracks. Great work ethic all the kids have. I was inspired by a couple of ensembles and ran into an old college while at All-State and got some great response for the kids. We are working together on getting an Advanced Middle School Women's Festival. A chance to bring in some clinicians and hopefully will be sometime in April. We have been prepping for Recital. Swing Choir had a retreat where we did 3 hours of team building. They are well on their way to dancing and singing.

## OLD BUSINESS

Basketball Concessions (K Jorgensen) We have games Friday and Saturday, then next Friday Saturday and the next Friday and Saturday are our last. Since we are doing Recital concession we will just run on into basketball concession since it is the same day. Take Recital money out and keep your startup money and keep it separate. 6 games are left. Still need volunteers and would like 4 volunteers. Requested the Student be taken off or sign up as a student on signup.com.

Recital (Chairs – K & J Jorgensen/Stephanie Bauer) Stephanie needs a schedule. Bob will get the schedule out. No volunteers until they see where their kids are performing.

a. Hospitality Chair – Anne Seys volunteered (received notes from Amy Lovig from last year)

b. Schedule – Bob Manasco is working on it.

QC Arts Grant Update (Jennifer Schmedding) Jill mentioned it to Jen and we discussed it a little bit last meeting. In speaking with a friend that was in the know for this Grant opportunity, QCA wanted a project that was already in process. We would have to provide a resume of the artist we were going to pay, plus promotional material developed on the project we were going to do. Since we do not have this information we will not be applying for 2018. We can work on this for 2019. Sample is paying conductors to come in to do a concert. Project has to happen before December of that year. Artist has to be from QC area. No Chairs, no stands, etc. Be aware of Grant Probation if information submitted does not follow requirements. We need to get ready to write the grant.

*Separate discussion:* Steve LaCroix asked about the recent \$20,000 Donation is for new facility items. CD \$50,000 - has been in GPAC for a while. This money is to be for new facility as well per Mr. Versluis. The CD has to have been around more than 3 years. It will become available in August or September – Tara will have to check. We have a little over \$70,000 to use. Steve LaCroix mentioned podium chairs, elementary risers and there is another donation out there \$20,000 and they want it to be designated before it is paid out. With this we have \$90,000+ and we do not need to sit on it. Directors will get together a plan on how to spend this money. Tara suggests research exact cost including tax and shipping, present it and we will vote on it. Directors will need to get together to present what will benefit them and we will proceed. Nicole Manasco asked that Theater be kept in mind since there is not a facility member that heads this department. Are there stipulations on how to spend the money? We believe it was for the fine arts department.

Euchre Tournament Update (Anne Seys) poster available – please give out. February 24<sup>th</sup> at the PrimeTime Functions. Jurers donated cards. Looking for card tables. Food Donations. Central Theater popcorn. Paying out half registration fees, half bump money and doing 50/50 raffle. Use Signup.com for register to play and food donation.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spring Musical (Nicole Manasco) Monday we meet for Cast for Mermaid. We will not get scripts for 3 or 4 weeks. Rehearsal will be established after we get scripts. We will figure out how to do the tickets. We need to sell ads for the program. Steve LaCroix is working on an online purchasing (Roodhouse). Could Jazz Show be done this way?

Spring Fundraiser (Tara Flies) Letter is being printed. As soon as they come in and Jill is back we will be mailing them out for March.

Spring Music Awards (Jan Larson) About a year ago we had a discussion of having a reception after the Music Awards and we had to reiterate volunteering. We only had 2 people volunteer last year for the reception. In February, we stated that if we did not have enough volunteers, we were not going to have reception. We will have Award night in Concern Hall. Steve LaCroix mentioned that the bathroom in the hallway close to theater will be made into a small working kitchen which can be used. Reality just down the hall is food facts room. We can use. Reception should be different and better received. Chair is need by April.

Possible Concert BlackHawk Bagpipes and Drum Corps (Jennifer Schmedding) Jill was approached by BlackHawk Bagpipes and Drum Corps and engaging GPAC. Our county treasurer is a part of this group and is a GPAC Alumni and involved in music. He is in Scottish band for years. They performed for St. Malacy. What are the fees for outside groups to use the facility? This is being worked out. This organization wants GPAC split advertising cost and split the proceeds of a free will donation at the concert. Any group contacts Larry Lord. If school initiated, \$40/hour, non-school event \$100/hour. We are encouraging groups to use the facility. What is this group's pattern? 900 seat concert hall – how are you going fill the hall? We need to know more about their audience, etc.

Last note: Looking for Co-President with Jen Schmedding.

The next scheduled GPAC Meeting is **Thursday, March 1, 2018 6:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. Steve Scherer motioned to adjourn meeting and Jaime Jorgenson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Seys  
GPAC Secretary

**Attendees** Anne Seys – Stephanie Bauer – Jen Schmedding – Jan Larson – Randi Winfree – Marshall Plumley – Machala Ullrick – Todd and Emily Nyquist – Steve Scherer – Bob and Nicole Manasco – Amy Dericks – Mike Eckwall – Tonya Miller – Mandy Lievens – Kirsten and Jaimie Jorgensen