

## GP NATS Board Meeting

Sunday Sept. 20, 2015 at 3-5pm in Presser Hall at Temple University.

Attending: Marcus DeLoach, Larry Indik, Patricia Vigil, Stephen Ng, Angie Feliciano, Kim Robson, and Nancy Jantsch

### Agenda:

- I. June 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes approved. The Minutes were distributed after the last meeting, and are posted on the web site.
- II. Reports:
  - A. President- Marcus:
    - a. Student Auditions-
      - i. Temple facilities have been secured for \$40, insurance.
      - ii. Schedule: Sunday November 1, 2015 - Presser Hall, Tyler School of Art- (2001 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Phil., PA 19122)
        1. 12:00-12:45 – Registration and Judges meeting (PH Classroom)
        2. 1-4:30 – Student Auditions (PH Classrooms)
        3. 4:30-5 – Break (relocate to Rock Hall during this time)
        4. 5-5:30 – Fall Chapter Meeting and Awards Presentation (Rock Hall Auditorium)
        5. 6-7:00 – Honors Concert (The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners) Rock Hall Aud.
      - iii. Events during the Auditions:
        1. 12:00 – Artist’s Palate – Set up tables, Mini-Mosaic stage, and recruiting tables.
        2. 1:00 – PH Classroom – Temple Music Ed. Presentation with Elizabeth Parker: “The developing voice and how undergraduates teach younger singers, p-12<sup>th</sup> grade.”
        3. 2:00 – Artist’s Palate – A Mini-Mosaic: Voice Concert
          - a. Voice and Opera – singers with piano
          - b. Music Theater – singers with piano
          - c. Choirs – Mitos Andaya Hart with ensemble
          - d. Jazz – Joanna Pascale with small ensemble
        4. 3:00 – PH Classroom – “An Opera Scene Master Class” with V. Ryvkin, B McShaffery, and two voice students rehearsing a duet from *The Merry Widow*.
      - iv. Catering – Larry in charge of investigating food choices for members. The option chosen was Jimmy Johns- Box lunches \$8 plus tax totaling under \$10
      - v. Pianist – 5 reserved- Larry will send names to Stephen
    - b. Marcus has been in contact with Lori McCann, Eastern Regional Governor, regarding local chapter auditions vs. regional auditions. Will winners qualify for status in Region to compete? Not yet, but will be considered next year.
    - c. Media updates for GP NATS – Website, Facebook, YouTube, National site, Regional site, Audition-ware are all up to date and functioning.
    - d. Various other matters:
      - a. Certificates preprinted for winners. Marcus’ example was approved.
      - b. Room monitors- 8? Committee members to greet and direct assignments. Larry will find students and other Temple faculty participants to help with this.

- c. We still haven't had many applicants register. Do we need more advertising? Only contact qualified members at this time. The event can be reported about afterward.
  - d. National NATS prefab press releases are available. It's too late for this now, but Temple can prepare a press release. We will wait and use the NATS prefab release for future events.
  - e. 2016 Auditions – Reserve Temple for next year?
    - i. Feedback poll post auditions will measure participants' satisfaction.
    - ii. Send request to chapter members with specs for alternative hosting options, and see if any other options are open to us.
    - iii. If no good options emerge from the poll, Temple will be a good fallback for us, provided we notify them by early December.
  - f. Registration –
    - i. Encourage colleagues to register before the Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> deadline, ASAP would be best!
  - g. Fielding Audition Questions-
    - i. Direct everyone to the Rule Book along with Marcus' email.
    - ii. Alternatively direct them to Stephen, Auditions Chair
    - iii. Our plan is not to immediately bend the rules at every request. Understand that this is our first year, very thoughtfully planned, but that we will be refining in 2016. We will stay positive, energized, and dedicate ourselves to involving as many participants as we can.
- B. Vice President- Stephen Ng:
- a. Student Audition Registration-
    - i. Studios for staff accompanist – Space is needed for rehearsal, perhaps voice studios?
    - ii. Audition software – try the site and let Stephen know if you have problems.
    - iii. Be careful with transfer students, they should be registered- post HS years.
    - iv. Change of teacher for first year students- List previous teacher if you've taught the student less than 8 months
    - v. Temple Professors that are participating should be invited to help host at the auditions.
    - vi. Registration packets – Name badges for teacher and helpers – pencils, welcome letter, Stephen will send needs for packet to Larry.
    - vii. Tally room – Conference Room? Teachers only, with printer? Computer access needed – TU guest? Marcus will check the contract with Temple to see which rooms we have. Stephen and Marcus will meet to assess final needs closer to the auditions, when we have more define numbers.
- C. Secretary-Treasurer Report
- a. Balance - \$871.11 outstanding \$40-Temple University (Insurance)
    - i. 9/14/15 Deposit from corporate \$75
    - ii. New members in August: Anne Agresta Dugan, Anne Odland, and Lisa Willson DeNolfo. The total GP NATS membership is 49 members.
    - iii. Paypal – up to date with Nancy, Stephen, and Angie on the account
- D. Committee Presentations

- a. Teacher Centered events (committee: Kim, Larry, and Desmond)
  - i. Teaching the Aging Voice – Peggy Barody (Jan 2016) -This option is the first choice that was selected to pursue. Kim will explore setting this up with Dr. Barody.
  - ii. Success and Happiness in your Voice Studio
  - iii. Easy Teaching Technology
  - iv. Performance Anxiety
- b. Master Class Workshop Events (Stephen, Nancy, Kate) Feb-March – This will be decided at the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - i. Sanford Sylvan (Nancy)
  - ii. Russell Frank – Opera director and singer March 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat before Easter will be presenting a workshop at West Chester around that time.)
  - iii. Physical therapist – know for work with singers –Stephen has contact information
  - iv. Laurie Rogers coach accompanist (Angie)
  - v. Tie masterclasses into artist in town for Opera Philadelphia (Marcus)
- c. SNATS (Larry and Stephen) - This will be explored further at the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - i. Larry will look into starting a group at Temple.
  - ii. West Chester University – Stephen is having a hard time getting students interested
- E. Set timeline for revision of by-laws- Officers plus Kim Robson- will meet to have revisions by Jan 31, 2016. This will cover several elements that we missed in the original version.
- F. Next meeting time ....Sunday Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 to 2:45pm at Temple before *Merry Widow* at 3pm. Marcus is looking into getting comp tickets if you would like to attend.