



TAKING INITIATIVE

Do you feel this control is due to a possible need to have it done his/her way, or the fact that if your director doesn't do it, it will get done poorly or not done at all?

Can you list five tasks that your director does that you could do? (decorate bulletin boards, take attendance, conduct warm ups, stretch the group, make copies, fill out bus requests, etc...)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Is your group proactive (deals with problems in advance) or reactive (deals with them after they happen)?

List three ways in which this mode of operation (proactive /reactive) has both benefited and hurt the program. Three benefits:

1.

2.

3.



Three detriments:

1.

2.

3.

Which type of leader are you, proactive or reactive?

Can you cite some examples?

Are there any ways in which your proactive or reactive style hurts your section?

List the five things that you think drive your director the craziest about your group:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



Now, in the corresponding spaces, list two ways that you could stop these behaviors from happening by taking some initiative.

1a.

1b.

2a.

2b.

3a.

3b.

4a.

4b.

5a.

5b.



Can you list three things the members of your section should do to help your director be more efficient and effective?

1.

2.

3.

Can you list three things the members of your section should do to help other sections?

1.

2.

3.

List some of the things that went wrong last year. Try and think of five. Are there any ways in which you could have prepared for these “earthquakes”? Can you take this one step further and think of how you could keep them from reoccurring? Try listing at least one answer for each problem.

problem:

possible solution:

problem:

possible solution:



problem:

possible solution:

problem:

possible solution:

problem:

possible solution:

As a leader, how well do you respond to problems and/or crises? (circle one)

not so good

average

good

very good

How well does your group respond to problems and/or crises? (circle one)

not so good

average

good

very good

Our leadership team is: (circle one)

united

divided

somewhere in between

Give some rationale for your answer:



Our director and leadership team are: (circle one)

united

divided

somewhere in between

Give some rationale for your answer:

Have you ever had to “get the back” of another leader in your group? Can you cite an example?

Have you ever had to “get the back” of your director(s)? Can you cite an example?

Do you feel like your director(s) back the leaders up?

From this chapter, what was the most beneficial thing that you learned and how will it help you this year?

List some questions you would like to ask or topics you would like to discuss with your group.



Activity

Make a list of 50 things you could do proactively to make your group better in some way. Before compiling this list, take a walk around the rehearsal and storage rooms and take some notes. In addition, take some time and think through an average rehearsal or performance and how you could change things to make them better. Use the front and back half of this sheet. Don't stop until you have at least 50 ideas. After everyone is done, post the lists up for everyone to read and decide on some actions you can all take to make the group better.