

C.A.T.S. Wilmington High School Choral and Theatre Support

Monday Oct 22, 2012

1. Welcome/Sign In

- In Attendance: Julie Ledoux, Tom Ledoux, Louise Sainato, Debbie Tetreault, John Romano, Rick Surette, Judy Keefe, Karen Branco, Carol Burke, Peter Barnum
- Meeting began at approximately 7:05 pm.

2. President's Report – Julie Ledoux

- Motion was made by Judy Keefe to approve the September minutes and seconded by Tom Ledoux. Motion was unanimously accepted.
- Thank you to everyone for helping at the Market Basket table and Farmers Market. We made \$418.50 at Market Basket and \$53 at the Farmers Market.

Battle of the Bands (Saturday, October 27, 7:00 pm)

- Friday, Oct 26 we will have a rehearsal for Battle of the Bands from 3pm – 7pm. Each band will have 45 min to rehearse.
- One band dropped out leaving 5 bands to perform.
- Saturday, Oct 27 we will have the bands arrive by 5pm. We will feed the performers and crew (approximately 35 people). Julie Ledoux will make a pasta salad. Karen Branco will make a green salad. Judy Keefe will bring paper products, ice and coolers. Louise Sainato will look into cost for pizza.
- We are asking for donations of cases of water. Drop off between 3pm and 7pm on Fri or 5pm on Saturday. We will save extras for November production.
- We will have candy and water sales. Julie and Tom Ledoux bought candy at BJ's and are donating snack bags.
- We need people to work ticket sales, hand stamping, auditorium doors and back stage help.
- Julie Ledoux prepared a draft program. Once reviewed and approved she will make 200 copies. We will need to fold them on Saturday.
- Real School of Music will bring T-shirts and other gear. T-shirt canon was disapproved by principal.
- Tom Ledoux suggested adding a \$100 cash prize to the 5 hours of recording time at Real School of Music for 1st prize. Motion to fund \$100 for cash prize was unanimously accepted.
- Bring friends!! Advertise!
- Tool request: Mr. Luciana is still waiting on information.
- Debbie Tetreault and Julie Ledoux purchased and donated a Jigsaw.
- Mr. Luciana will need a table saw for "Sweeney Todd" production.
- Prop Request: Mr. Luciana would like 2 rolling step ladders for "Julius Caesar" production. It may be possible that the Shawsheen Tech may have one. Julie Ledoux will call to find out. If unable to attain a rolling step ladder, Mr. Luciana may use platforms instead.
- Future Performance Date: March-A-Pella. Julie Ledoux proposed March 8. Motion was unanimous accepted.

- Need to recruit more parents to join CATS. Let people know what we do and that we give out scholarships for graduating seniors.

3. **Luciana Report -**

- “**Julius Caesar**” tickets are available. All publicity will begin on Nov 1. Ticket information is available on website. Posters will go up after Nov 1.
- Dec 11 will be the **Winter Choral Concert**. There is a change this year. Instead of performing at the middle school, the performance will be held at the high school for the December and May performances. Change in format this year. All groups will be on stage – performance will be vertical style.
- **New England Voices:** Groups are being finalized and will be announced Nov 7. New England Voices will be held February 8-9. Mr. Luciana suggested advertising heavily for March-A-Pella during New England Voices. This is the second year for NE Voices. We are guaranteed more people this time around -- we are growing -- will get bigger.
- We will be able to sell water and candy during NE Voices.
- **Mini Event:** Tuesday, Oct 30 at 2:30pm there will be an afterschool reading of Katie Barry’s one act play for the One Act Festival. Some alumni will do the reading. Audition for the One Act will be in December. Preview night of the performance will be Tues, February 26. Location of the One Act Festival is TBD.
- Middle School principal contacted Mr. Luciana regarding safety of the middle school stage. Fire marshall says the stage is currently a hazard. Some equipment that is on the stage belongs in the basement of the high school. Need truck to move 4x8 platforms this week. Karen Branco may be able to have her father drive his truck. She will contact Jason directly.

4. **Treasurer’s Report – Karen Branco**

- Citizen’s Account Balance – Report was passed out
- Beginning Balance: 4,456.40
- Ending Balance: 4,955.90

5. **Webmaster Report – Rick Surette/Judy Keefe**

- New mission statement was put on website.
- Added “Julius Caesar” production to website
- Minutes have been added to website
- Battle of Bands has been updated
- Posters: John Romano and Rick Surette will have Shawsheen Tech make the posters and put them around town. Need to put signs up at different intersections.
- Battle of the Bands is being advertised on WCTV, Town Crier, Advertiser, Wilmington Patch and Advocate.
- John Romano suggested advertising with RMLD for future theatre productions as well as advertising on the marquee at Rotary Park.

6. Fundraising Ideas/Future –

- Final raffle from North Shore Music Theatre “A Christmas Carol”: At the November production of “Julius Caesar” we will raffle one pair of tickets.
- Monique Barnum will look into other possible tickets to raffle.
- By Nov 1, let Julie know if you have other tickets to raffle.
- Louise Sainato will print photos for “Julius Caesar” production.
- **Dining for a Cause** (99): Will discuss date later.
- Yard sale with the Wildcat Bands and Sons of Italy was postponed until Spring.

March-A-Pella

- Ball in the House: \$1250. Need to decide if we want to approve this cost or go with another group. We might be able to find another group for less money.
- Other possible groups proposed: North Shore Acapella, Red Line, Pitch Slapped.
- College groups proposed: Endicott College, Tufts, UMass Lowell or other Boston group.
- Rick Surette proposed getting another high school acapella group to participate. This will draw a bigger crowd.
- Louise Sainato will call groups to see who is available and their cost.
- Louise Sainato suggested organizing a sub committee to work on March-A-Pella. Do we need contracts? How do we set up? Format? Timing? Seating? On-line ticket sales (Eventsbot?)
- March-A-Pella Subcommittee: Louise (chair person), Carole Burke, Peter Barnum, Tom Ledoux, Julie Ledoux, Judy Keefe.

7. New Business

- No new business

8. Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00

9. Adjourn

- Motion was made to adjourn by Rick Surette and was seconded by Judy Keefe. Motion was unanimously accepted.