

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

Monday, January 5, 2015 — 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome/Sign In

- In Attendance: Monique Barnum, Laurie Briere, Diane Fitzpatrick, Jane Hubbard, Mr. Luciana, Jen Pietropaolo, Laura Richards, Louise Sainato, Rick Surette, Susan Tingdahl and Robin Roman-Wright.
- Meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

2. President's Report – Louise Sainato

- A motion was made by Monique Barnum to approve the December minutes and seconded by Robin Wright. Motion was unanimously passed.
- Thank you to Diane Fitzpatrick for the **CATS Newsletter**.
- Susan Tingdahl has agreed to take on the Treasurer position and was unanimously voted in.
- Louise again reminded the group that this is her daughter's senior year so she will no longer be part of our committee next year. She will always be around for support. If anyone is interested in being president next year, please reach out to her.

3. Treasurer's Report – Open Position

- There are no printouts available for this month's treasurer's report, but Louise provided the following updates:
 - Julia Ferraro located her scholarship check and it has been cashed.
 - Monique Barnum has been reimbursed for flowers purchased for Dolly.
 - Louise Sainato and Susan Tingdahl have been reimbursed for candy purchases.
 - Outstanding checks are as follows: Wilmington United Methodist Church for Broadway Revue use of building, and custodial bills for Battle of the Bands and MAP 2014.

4. Mr. Luciana Report

- The **preparations for moving to the new school** is going well. He is staying with the schedule distributed during the last meeting.
 - There is lumber available in the current school basement that will not be used so if anyone has a use for it, please take what you want.
 - There are some vintage furniture pieces that will not be used either so, please take what you want.
 - He will be visiting the new school and auditorium soon and will provide CATS with an update at our February meeting.
 - The plan is to move items to the new school during February vacation and he will be offering community service hours to students for assistance.
 - Rick Surette mentioned the possibility of the Romano's may be able to help us out getting a storage pod where we would only have to pay for the cost of delivery (no

rental cost). Patricia Romano is coordinating for band and he asked if she was able to, to coordinate one for CATS as well.

- The **New England Voices** workshop schedule is not yet available. Non-a Capella group members are welcome to register to attend.
- He is looking into coordinating an **education program** for the day of MAP 2015. He is working out the details.
- There will be many changes to the **Cabaret** this year some of which are as follows:
 - The event will be both a music and dance review. Ms. Kole has agreed to assist with the choreography for the event. Vocals will be solo, duet, and group. Dances will be solo, duet, and group.
 - There will still be a theme, which is to be announced.
 - Auditions for the Cabaret will be dance in February and vocals in March.
 - Songs will be pre-selected and assigned.
 - The entire company will take part in a choreographed ensemble no. Therefore, all must audition for both dance and vocal.
 - As in the past, there will be no admission cost. Changes are to format only.

5. Webmaster/Publicity Report – Rick Surette

- Rick reported that the website is up-to-date with upcoming events.

6. Fundraising Discussion

- Laura Richards did some research for the **dining for a cause event at Pacific Grove fundraiser** and passed along the information to Louise to report. Pacific Grove only does dining for a cause event on Thursdays and they do not do karaoke on those evenings. The group discussed possibly doing the event on the Thursday during February vacation and ask the restaurant if they'd be willing to run karaoke that night. Some hesitation was voiced about having the event over school vacation when many may be away. The group requested that Mr. L to poll the kids on their interest in the karaoke part of the vent. We'd rather not ask the restaurant to arrange it, if there won't be interest. We will discuss again at February's meeting. For having a lottery tree to raffle during the event, Louise will solicit donation that may be dropped off during the NE Voices event or during the one act preview event.
- **New England Voices** is coming up on Friday-Saturday, January 30-31. Concessions will be as in past years including fruit for health snacks as well as candy. Chocolate will only be sold during the Friday and Saturday night concerts. Louise will be sending out a schedule for folks to sign up to volunteer selling concessions during the event.
- **March-A-Pella VII** is Friday, March 13th. There will be a subcommittee meeting scheduled that will be held at the home of the Romano's. Let Louise know if you would like to be a part of this sub-committee.
 - Achoired Taste (Emerson) will not be participating as they can't gather enough members due to the date being too close to their spring break.
 - Westfield State is interested in performing. Alumni Will MacKinnon is a member of this group. The group agreed to hear the sample sent via e-mail and make a group decision over e-mail.

- Louise has begun working on eventsbot for e-sales of tickets and she hopes to have it available by the end of January. After much discussion on price, a price was agreed upon. A motion was made that the student cost will be \$10 for pre-sale or at the door and adult cost will be \$12 for pre-sale and \$15 at the door. Motion was unanimously passed. Tickets will be general admission.

7. **Old Business**

- No old business discussed.

8. **New Business**

- No new business discussed.

9. **Next Meeting Date**

- Tuesday, February 3, 2015 pending permit approval. We are not meeting on the Monday due to the program studies event being held on Mon., 2/2.

10. **Adjourn**

- A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion was unanimously accepted.

