

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

Meeting Minutes for Monday, Sept. 15, 2014

1. Welcome/Sign In

- In Attendance: Louise Sainato, Carol Burke, Rick Surette, Peggy Speranza, Laura Richards, Diane Fitzpatrick, Monique Barnum
- Meeting began at approximately 7:05 pm.

2. President's Report – Louise Sainato

- Motion was made to approve May 19th minutes, seconded and unanimously accepted.
- Louise mentioned that she had received many Thank You notes from the high school seniors that had received scholarships.
- Thank you to all the students for performing at Cabaret last spring and to all the C.A.T.S. parents for their support.
- Discussion around gaining more exposure for C.A.T.S. and trying to get more parents involved. Especially the freshman student parents. Suggestion of using social media better to get the word out. Need to add freshman parent email addresses to our distribution list. Mr. L offered to make up a sign-up (interest sheet) list for parent emails. Another suggestion was to have a sign-up sheet at events – but it's intent and direction should be for notification and interest purposes, not specifically as a sign-up for C.A.T.S.
- Discussion was held regarding upcoming events, concerts, and calendar. Concern about parking situation after the move to the new HS and spring concerts. Where being held?
- Future meeting dates discussion and proposal to change to the first Mon. of the month.

3. Mr. Luciana's Report

- Cookie Dough Fundraiser through Otis Spunkmeyer will again be happening. Mr. L. requested someone to assist and organize. Laura Richards volunteered.
- Additional choral dresses still need to be ordered. Measurements are still pending.
- Mr. L. asked C.A.T.S. to consider a line item in the budget to help defray production costs for the musical each year beginning with calendar year 2015-2016.
- ITS Drama Festival – Mr. L explained what this is. Location is in Tewksbury and he signed up WHS Lamplighters. Combination of workshops, 1 Act plays and a Tech Challenge.
- Looking for help and suggestions for a Choral Field Trip this year – local area.
- Looking for help planning an upcoming Quebec trip in a non-Disney band year.

4. Treasurer's Report – Peggy Speranza

- Treasurer's report was distributed
- Beginning balance as of July 1, 2014: \$7,131.77
- Ending balance end of July: \$5,243.77
- One outstanding scholarship check still uncashed.
- Peggy also announced that with much regret, she is resigning from her position as C.A.T.S. Treasurer due to family reasons and unable to meet the commitment required. Effective immediately. She graciously offered her assistance and help to the new Treasurer. Louise asked for all present for help in finding a replacement as soon as possible.

5. Webmaster/Publicity Report and Discussion

- Rick Surette will be taking care of notifying Patch, Town Crier of Broadway Revue.
- Website is running well using Wix. Rick reimbursed for costs.
- It was definitely decided that having “sandwich boards”, banners, staked signs are all necessary to promote upcoming events. Need to get approval for town common use. Estimates for corrugated signs need to be gotten. Rick will check into. HS kids could make a sandwich board.

6. Fundraising Discussion

- Broadway Revue – sign ups for baked goods and paper goods online. Carol suggested lamps for the window sills, since, after all, we are the Lamplighters. 6 are being brought for the show.
- Farmers’ Market – Feb 28th we have a table. Providing info only. No raffle.
- Battle of the Bands – Still waiting to hear from Real School if they will sponsor us. Otherwise we will need to find another school. Louise suggested Andover Music School perhaps. Discussion regarding menu – skip Pizza as they didn’t seem to eat it last year? Discuss further at next meeting.
- Dining for a cause/Karaoke – Pacific Grove, 99. Lottery tickets in frame was a big hit.
- Discussion about a “slide show” before the show – get local businesses to advertise.
- March-a-pella – WMS vs WHS discussion. Will address as we get closer to that date. Lengthy discussion regarding which bands to invite back, compensation – if any and how much. Mr. L. to check with Ball in the House regarding workshop(s). Suggestion of tapping groups with recent alumni. Total of 6 groups max with 2 HS groups only.
- N.E. Voices will be coming back to WMS Jan. 30-31, 2015.

7. Future performances

- Discussion regarding upcoming events. For example, mini-performances by students outside Market Basket, senior center, school committee meeting, etc. to promote shows.
- “Hello, Dolly” – see above. Publicity discussion re: better advertising, more signage, etc.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Next Meeting Date

- Monday, October 6th, 2014 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Barnum