

Minutes of NJNATS Chapter Meeting
February 26, 2011
Rowan University

The meeting was called to order by Susan Rheingans.

The minutes to the last meeting are posted online. No corrections to the minutes were requested, and they were approved as they appear online.

Reports of Officers

Nancy Froysland Hoerl presented the Treasurer's Report. This year we have over 50 members, and our balance after the last Festival stood at \$3,331.48. \$887 was spent on Gift Certificates for the Doris Lenz Festival. Current dues deposits and contributions to the Doris Lenz Fund bring us to a balance of \$4351.48. Of that amount \$1087.50 is earmarked for the Doris Lenz Fund, and this summer we should be able to offer two scholarships to summer programs.

Reports of Committees

Marcia McCoy reported on the Doris Lenz Scholarship Committee. The current balance is the highest ever reported for the Doris Lenz Fund. The committee will need one additional college teacher to serve on the committee, since Marcia McCoy will be unavailable this year. Laura Greenwald has agreed to serve as chair, and Neal Harrelson has agreed to serve. This year there will again be two \$300 awards available. A request was made that the membership continue to make donations to the fund so that this scholarship may continue. The deadline for application is May 1, 2011. All application information is posted online at www.njnats.net.

The Venue committee has secured Rutgers, Camden for the 2011 Doris Lenz Festival (October 29, 2011) and New Jersey City University for the 2012 Festival of Singing (February 18, 2012). Thanks to Linda Krupa and Jon Garrison for their assistance. The committee is hoping to distribute venues throughout the state, to bring the festivals to our membership. Many schools are looking for an opportunity to showcase their programs, which makes hosting the Festivals – especially Doris Lenz – an attractive proposition to many lesser known schools. In scheduling, the committee takes into consideration possible spring break dates as well as spring production dates, making February a more practical time frame for the spring Festival. The Venue Committee is working on helping schools establish SNATS chapters, which will also assist with establishing a relationship with possible host schools. Student-based sponsorship of Festivals will typically significantly lower our cost, and will help increase enthusiasm for the event among the student population. We hope to set up a SNATS table at our next Festival of Singing.

Old Business

A motion will be sent via email, eliciting opinions and responses to the idea of adding a Music Theater category to the Doris Lenz Festival. Volunteers are sought to serve on a repertoire committee, and Lori McCann is our first committee member. Robert Edwin

announced that NATS will begin sponsoring a national Music Theater competition in 2012. This first competition will be held in Orlando, and will follow the format of the NATSAA Auditions. We will try to incorporate the national parameters in our proposed category for Doris Lenz. Questionnaires will be sent out next month, and the results will be posted online.

A Nominating Committee must be created to fill the vacancies for the offices of President and Treasurer, terms beginning next year. Please email Susan Rheingans (srheingans@verizon.net) if you are willing to serve on this committee, or have interest in the positions.

Suggestions brought up at the November 7 Chapter meeting were discussed. If you have any information on recommended summer programs, please email Susan Rheingans. There will be a webpage created with links to recommended programs which will include a star-rating system, a brief review of the program, and the level of student it serves. An accompanist directory is underway – please email names and address for inclusion to Danielle Sinclair at michael.danielle@netzero.net.

New Business

We now have printed name tags available for all members, to be worn during Festivals. It is appropriate to leave the name tags on during adjudication.

A links page will be included on the NJNATS website, offering a listing of summer music programs for High School and College students. If you have any information you would like to see included on this page, please email the information to Danielle Sinclair (michael.danielle@netzero.net)

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.