

Minutes of NJ NATS Chapter Meeting
November 7, 2009
The College of New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Susan Rheingans.

New Officers were introduced to the membership: Vice President Steven Snow and Secretary Danielle Sinclair.

New members were introduced and welcomed: Claudette Peterson and Kristin Sands.

The minutes of the last chapter meeting are available online at www.njnats.net.

The Officers' reports began with the Treasurer's Report submitted by Nancy Froysland Hoerl.

\$3654.98	funds current as of April 2009 (no Doris Lenz scholarship given in 2008)
\$ 150.00	in Gift Certificates will be awarded today as part of Doris Lenz Festival
\$ 600.00	in Doris Lenz scholarships awarded in 2009 (two \$300.00 scholarships)
<u>\$ 500.00</u>	deposited in dues – no contributions for the Doris Lenz fund
\$3404.98	on deposit, of which \$652.00 is designated for Doris Lenz Scholarships

The Treasurer made a request for specific donations to the Lenz fund when dues are renewed for 2010, as a way to offer more opportunities for young singers. Contributions will also be accepted with applications for the 2010 Festival of Singing.

The Doris Lenz Scholarship committee, Laura Greenwald, Dauri Shippey and Marion Stieber, received four applications this year. Two awards were presented. A request was made for membership to encourage their college colleagues to contribute to the fund as well. Flyers are available for the 2010 award, and information is also posted online. 2010 applications will be due May 15, 2010.

The need for a Festival Venue committee was addressed. The membership expressed its interest in the continued use of The College of New Jersey. Nora Sirbaugh has negotiated our use of the facilities as a recruitment event, therefore the fee has been waived. Most schools are not willing to absorb the cost of holding a festival on a regular basis. A request was made for volunteers to serve on a committee to research future venues. Linda Krupa and Steven Snow volunteered to serve, Susan Rheingans will endeavor to find another member to serve in addition to herself. The committee is open to all possibilities, looking outside the college and university scene to large churches and community centers. Any facility we use must have at least four-six rooms with pianos. Findings will be presented at the February 21 Chapter Meeting.

There has been a push from National to recruit new members. The goal is 7000 nationally to keep dues steady. NJ NATS membership is up to 70, from 55 last year. Our Vice President is in charge of recruitment. He will be reaching out to more music theater students, and looking to increase membership at the college level. Nora Sirbaugh pointed out that current NJ NATS members must also be members of the National organization. Norman Spivey, NATS Eastern Regional Governor, is instituting a procedure that will

automatically invite national members to the local chapters. Ideas were solicited for including applications and forms on the website, more information will be forthcoming after the next Officers' Meeting.

Ideas are sought for Chapter activities. Please send your ideas for activities, classes or workshops to Susan Rheingans. Topics related to music theater are also welcome.

There was no other future business to discuss, so Steven Snow made a motion to adjourn.

Rochelle Ellis gave a brief presentation on adjudication, and distributed audition packets and room assignments.