

Moms and Dads for Music
Minutes—Meeting of 9/18/07

Josette Skuza and Jan Sengstacken called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Josette and Jan welcomed everyone back

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: See attached from June 2007 meeting. We will vote on our budget at our next meeting (October 16).

Membership: Last year's (2006-2007) membership was 237 families.

Jan mentioned that band camp, once again, was a great success. The students all worked very hard. She also mentioned a need for a new first aid kit. A suggestion was made to have a list sent out to all band members so everyone is prepared for camp as there is no such list. It will be helpful to both new and old band members. Some things are often forgotten such as towels, soap, etc.

There was mention made of possibly raising our membership dues. Also, we discussed getting the membership forms to BHS from the elementary schools via interoffice envelopes.

Josette reviewed the responsibilities of our school reps (attending PTA meetings to pass on information from our meetings; helping out at concerts) and noted that we still are in need of reps for JFK, CBS and KL.

Terry Clark will be helping to update the Moms and Dads website, adding a link for the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center, which offers professional caliber talent at very reasonable prices.

Ms. Paula Farbman updated us on a few things. New music teacher at CBS—Jessica Hall. Also new teacher at CCS—Nazlie Rivers, will be teaching the kindergartners. Ms. Farbman mentioned that our music program is growing by leaps and bounds—especially our string program. She also let us know about upcoming events: April 1, BHS Drama Club will be presenting "Once on this Island"; October 26, opera trip to see "Carmen". November 1: Cabaret Night. Also, Eric Kaye will be hosting the Long Island String Festival, which is a "mini" All County and will be held at BHS on November 16 and 17. On January 4 BHS band and orchestra will be going to see the New York Philharmonic. CCS is planning a trip to the Tilles Center on March 11 to see the Long Island Philharmonic. March 14 and 15 JFK will be hosting NYSSMA next year. The BHS band trip will be traveling to Hershey Park next May 30-June 1 (with chorus?) On May 30 the JFK band and orchestra will go to Great Adventure for a "Day at the Park". Still in the planning stages is the All District Orchestra Festival. Sometime after 6/14 after classes are over?

Pep Rally is 10/12 at BHS; homecoming will be on 10/13 at BHS. Moms and Dads will be selling frisbees, scarves and blankets.

Newsday Marching Band Festival will be on Thursday, October 18.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stratford
Recording Secretary