



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, January 14, 2019
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Cheryl Post, Jean Onufrak, Gwen Keeble, Regina Guarnaccia, Kristi Rutter, Cindy Johnson, Laura Rokoszak, Tom Paster

Welcome and Introductions:

- Gale welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Fundraising/Membership: Cheryl Post

- We are working on an ad to get the word out that we need a piano donation, and Kyle is helping us make sure we find a piano that meets the appropriate requirements for our needs.
- We will send out a blast regarding the plaque fundraiser after the Wine Pairing event is over.
- **Wine Pairing**
 - The wines are chosen for the Wine Pairing and are from a good price range. As requested, we increased the higher end from last year.
 - Cheryl is working on food donations from places like Uncle Giuseppe's, Mason Jar, and Catchy Caterer. She has hired 2 servers to help at the event.
 - Lisa and Jean will make chocolate covered strawberries and pretzels for dessert.
 - Cheryl would like to secure a lottery ticket basket, and she is hoping we can use the town donations for Air Pods, a Spotify subscription, and a Broadway.com gift certificate.
 - Cheryl asked Dave to donate a few bottles of nicer red wine this year (instead of more, cheaper bottles as he did last year).
 - We will raffle off one auditorium plaque as a prize.
 - Regina said that she could ask Marty Holmgren's brother if he'll donate guitar lessons.
 - School of Rock said that they will donate back to the MPAA if people sign up with them as a result of our raffle.

Theater: Laura Rokoszak

- Laura reported that Drowsy rehearsals are going very well.
- Kyle will be coming to rehearsals to accompany with the piano soon.
- The cyclorama track should be arriving soon.
- The costumes are rented for an additional week, and the student producers are setting up Instagram accounts, etc.
- They are not going to do an in school preview – she said the kids don't really like doing it, and it doesn't really seem to result in more student attendance at the performances.
- Laura is going to ask Lisa Mirante to take pictures for publicity. They'll use some sort of period costumes, as the actual rental costumes won't be in yet.
- Laura would like to send publicity flyers to the sending schools. It was suggested that we would advertise the various "alumni" from the middle schools who will be appearing in Drowsy.
- It was also suggested that we make some smaller flyers that people can take with them to

doctor's offices, etc.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the December 10th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Gale Gunhus
 - All Approved

A Capella: Tom Paster

- Deanine has placed the food order with the Mason Jar for the A Capella competition.
- We need a bake sale Sign-up Genius sent out. Gale will reach out to Jen to get that organized. Tom will forward the email addresses of A Capella families to Gale.
- Tom said that he needs people to help with ticket sales.
- He does not think that they will be able to reschedule if there is snow. He said it will be up to the district to make a call, not Varsity Vocals.
- He is still deciding on an emcee for the event.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 1/13/18, there is \$27,526.70 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$29,026.70.
- We had an inflow of \$200 in membership and \$99 in concert donations.
- We received a lot of positive feedback for providing food at the concert. All food was gone by the end.
- We discussed the need to make sure that we are supporting all 2 A Capella groups equally with our funding of various coaching sessions, and we need to make sure that each of the directors know that they can come to us for funding.

Lisa Monard made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05PM and Jennifer Pataki seconded
– All Approved.