



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, November 12, 2018
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Cheryl Post, Deanine Sumner, Jennifer Boschetti, Jean Onufrak, Tom Paster

Welcome and Introductions:

- Gale welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:35 PM.
- A unanimous vote was taken to approve Jennifer Boschetti to the position of Hospitality Chair.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the October 22nd meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Cheryl Post
 - All Approved

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 11/12/18, there is \$30,078.47 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$31,578.47.
- We voted unanimously to pay \$430 in moving expenses for the piano being donated to the music program by Ellen Bristow.
- For tax purposes, Ellen Bristow will be donating the piano to the MPAA, and we will donate it to the school. We need to submit a thank you letter to the donor for a tax write off.

Fundraising: Cheryl Post

- Cheryl reported that we have 10 new memberships after the latest email plea. We are at about 65% participation.
- The plaque design for the plaque fundraiser has not been approved by the administration yet.
- It was decided that the invitation to our Wine Pairing event will go out to the entire school, not just MPAA families and we will send out a "save the date" right after Thanksgiving.
- Jean will revise last year's Wine Pairing flyer, and we will plan to give it out at the concerts.
- Lisa has the basket descriptions from last year's event, and we discussed asking the teachers if they have any connections we can tap into for raffle donations.
- Some raffle/donation ideas that were discussed were: Broadway.com, Carnegie Hall, Bergen PAC, voice lessons, School of Rock, Spotify, iTunes, Guitar Center, Music & Arts, Paper Mill Playhouse.
- Cheryl requested a wine committee to help plan the Wine Pairing event and to solicit donations.
- Cheryl is looking into a new caterer for the event and will touch base with Mrs. Rokoszak about not using the one we have in the past.

- Jean discussed the MPAA magnet design. She said that Ms. Carpino offered to have some of her advanced students work on a logo design now or we could wait for a logo design contest that is set to take place in the spring – which would result in close to 100 choices. We decided that we would rather get some design options now.

A Capella: Tom Paster

- Winter Band/Chorus Concert is 12/12
- Mr. Paster reported that Ms. S found the piano that is being donated to the music program.
- He said that the new piano, which is an AB Chase Baby Grand, will go in the choir room (it is not big enough for the auditorium), and it has already been approved by the Board.
- It was discussed that we could still use a grand piano for the auditorium, as the existing one is very old.
- Kunis Piano Movers will move the piano and they require a check upon delivery. Lisa told Mr. Paster that the MPAA needs an invoice prior so that we can cut the check.

Band:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Theater:

- Fall Play performances of Fools will be 11/15 – 11/17.

Jennifer Pataki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM and Lisa Monard seconded – All Approved.