



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2017
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Cheryl Post, Laura Rokoszak

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- Gale Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:40 PM

Theater: Laura Rokoszak

- We discussed the idea of MPAA providing “gifts” to the theater students because we provided hats to the band students, and we want to be fair to all groups. Laura said that it was not necessary because the kids already received their show t-shirts and were very happy with them. She suggested we could put the money toward another scholarship.
- We discussed possibly providing baseball caps to all the performing arts groups and looking into having a student design the logo.
- Laura said that the theater group is very self-sufficient with funds. They are basically able to fund their needs with show ticket sales. Her biggest need is parental volunteer time.
- Laura said they are going to need to buy a refractor piece for the stage lights to work properly, and it will cost approximately \$700. New spotlights are also an expense that they will need to look into down the road – and perhaps MPAA may be able to help.
- Laura mentioned that she had heard from students that there was a Voices trip to Pittsburgh that might conflict with the musical, so we need to get more information on acapella dates.
- We discussed moving the concession table closer to the school store during the Fall Play in an effort to get more foot traffic. Lisa will get there at 6:30 each day to set up.

Secretary’s Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of October 16th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Gale Gunhus, seconded by Lisa Monard
– All Approved

Chorus/Band:

- Chorus students are scheduled to have the master class with a Bronx Tale cast member tomorrow.
- In addition to concessions, we are going to sell blankets and scarves at the winter concert on 12/6.

Treasurer’s Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 11/13/2017, there is \$37,289.52 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$38,789.52.
- Marching band expenses come out of Ceilidh profits. We made \$9100 at the Ceilidh this year, and marching band expenses are at \$10,940 for the year so far. We made a note to make sure Mrs. S is aware of this.

- Lisa mentioned that preorders did not work well for the hats sold to other bands at the Ceilidh, as she is having trouble collecting some of the payments.
- Lisa is going to talk to TD Bank regarding our gambling account. She is going to see if we actually need it, and if not, she will close it down.
- We discussed the fact that each of the performing arts groups has their own account (managed by their directors) which is separate from any MPAA funds. Therefore, we are not aware of how certain funds (i.e. acapella ticket sales, pie sales, Go Fund Me campaign) are specifically used/allocated.
- We discussed the need to research a “big” item that MPAA might be able to donate since we currently have a large amount of funds in our account. We discussed whether we might need items such as spotlights, a piano, band uniforms.

Fundraising/Wine Tasting Event:

- Lisa noted that we made more money on the wine tasting event last year than she originally thought, and she recommended that we stay with the same wine suppliers after all, particularly since they are located right in Allendale.
- We discussed the idea of having families sponsor a wine tasting station.
- Gale will talk to Lori Massie to see if she knows of any way to get a better deal from the wine shop.
- Jennifer will contact Maria Djuric about Broadway ticket donations.
- We need to get the school parking spaces to donate at the event, as well as plan baskets to raffle.
- We discussed improving upon last year by picking one payment method to avoid confusion and by finding ways to encourage more wine orders.

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