



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, December 10, 2018
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Cheryl Post, Deanine Sumner, Jean Onufrak, Kyle Kubicki, Gwen Keeble

Welcome and Introductions:

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

Band: Kyle Kubicki

- Kyle reported that we had a successful marching band season and that he is looking into joining a new circuit for next year.
- He has contacted Tournament of Bands, which is the circuit in which Ramsey, Wayne, and Rutherford are all involved. Kyle has received good feedback on TOB from other schools that have switched to them.
- With TOB, we would still be in the 3A category and the season would be shorter (mid-Sept through late October). The show cost through TOB is cheaper than US Bands, and they do not allow an unlimited number of competitions to occur on a given day. TOB tries to get dates settled in March/April and doesn't let bands switch dates. Kyle feels that TOB really seems eager to help each school get as many bands to their competitions as possible.
- TOB also has 3 different classes including a "festival" option. This helps us because, with that option, we do not have to pay a fee to TOB, but we can still make money off of ticket and concession sales.
- Kyle is looking into a date of 9/21 for our competition.
- He is also looking into making the band camp hours later.
- Kyle reported that the band needs pit lights. He already put in a request through the school. If for some reason that is not approved, he may need to come to MPAA to help fund them.
- At the upcoming band concert intermission, the MPAA will provide light refreshments at no cost, but there will be a donation bucket available. We will also pass out Wine Pairing flyers at the concert.
- Kyle mentioned that the man who does our piano tuning has a Steinway available for \$24,000. He brought up the idea of having a pro piano concert to help defray the cost of a new piano.
- We again discussed new band jackets. While everyone is in agreement that this is something that is really needed, Kyle expects that the cost would be close to \$35,000. He also mentioned that we would need to place an order in February to get jackets by the next band season, which we are currently not prepared to do. We need to come up with a plan for funding the jackets. Kyle has started the process of getting a design made and then getting a quote.

Fundraising/Membership: Cheryl Post

- We currently have 104 member families with \$5395 in donations. In comparison, we

ended last year with 111 families and \$5595.

- The plaque fundraiser is scheduled to be discussed at the BOE meeting tonight, as the installation needs to be approved.
- We discussed the magnets and that we would mostly use them as a membership giveaway, as we're not sure they'd really sell.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the November 12th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Deanine Sumner
 - All Approved

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 12/9/18, there is \$29,646.47 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$31,146.47.

A Capella:

- Nothing to report at this time

Theater:

- Nothing to report at this time

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