



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

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Deanine Sumner, Cheryl Post, Karen Gordon, Jean Onufrak, Anne Goddard, Jim Welton, Teddi Sotiropoulos

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- Gale Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:35 PM.
- Gale thanked everyone for their help during the wine-pairing event and for their contributions to the event's overall success.

Theater:

- There are just a few items left that are needed to help prepare for the musical.
- Mrs. Rokoszak needs help with hemming and alterations for some of the costumes.
- Mrs. Rokoszak's Sign-Up Genius will cover the bake sale items and sellers.
- They now have all the props they need.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the January 8th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Gale Gunhus
 - All Approved

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 2/9/18, there is \$34,646.36 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$36,146.36.
- We have made \$5600 so far on the wine-pairing event, and wine orders are still coming in through the end of the month.
- Lisa noted that the 50/50 winner at the wine pairing donated his winnings back to the MPAA, and the caterer donated all their food and services.
- We are still waiting on our Panera fundraiser check, as well as a couple other small fundraisers.
- Because we currently have the funds, we discussed the idea that it may be time to replace the band uniforms.
- We voted, and approved paying for a \$300 invoice for a Harmonics master class.

Band: Teddi Sotiropoulos

- The Ceilidh date is set for 9/29 next fall. If we confirm the date and get an invoice, we can pay before March and get a discount. We discussed that 12 bands is the most we can host next time, as 14 was too tight this year.
- Teddi said that she will definitely be helping with next year to help bridge the transition to a new band instructor. She said she will be picking the shows for next year together with her replacement.
- Marching band camp will be the 3rd week of August (8/20 – 8/24).

- The Yamaha Cup is scheduled for 10/13, which unfortunately is the same day as the PSAT again.
- The band will be participating in a competition/performance with 4 other groups at Carnegie Hall on 4/4. Tickets are currently on sale.
- The school band concert is 4/11 at 7pm.
- They are finalizing details for a 5/4 trip to compete at Hershey. The busses are already secured. Teddi expects the cost to be around \$150 per person.
- They are planning to have rehearsals in May/June to allow students to get a taste of what marching band is like before camp in the summer. They are going to work on getting the word out to incoming freshmen as soon as possible. We discussed the idea of sending out a notice at the same time that the fall sports announcement goes out, and possibly allowing online registration.
- We discussed moving the Jazz Night to 5/24 because it's current date conflicts with the Memphis trip.

A Capella: Teddi Sotiropoulos

- Harmonics took 3rd place at the Sing Strong competition for the 2nd year in a row. They were also asked to open at the pro concert that was held the night of the competition.
- The Belles will compete at ICHSA in Cherry Hill on 3/17.
- The ICHSA semi-finals will be hosted at Highlands on 3/24.
- Deke Sharon is scheduled to return for the A Capella workshop/festival on 5/12.

Hall of Fame: Jim Welton

- Jim notified us that Katie O'Toole is being inducted in to the Northern Highlands Hall of Fame this year. Katie was a dancer and singer who went to Wagner College to study musical theater. She has gone on to perform on Broadway and in various national tours, etc.
- Jim mentioned that the Voices and a sax quartet from Highlands will all be performing at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
- The MPAA decided to take out an ad for Katie in the Hall of Fame program.
- We determined, for consistency's sake going forward, we will take out a full-page ad whenever someone from the Highlands performing arts community is honored, and we will take out a half page ad if we are just buying a general ad.

Fundraising:

- We discussed the idea of a sip 'n paint event at Pinot's Palette in Ridgewood. The event would allow an opportunity for performing arts parents to socialize.
- Pinot's Palette requires a minimum of 12 people. The event would cost \$45 per person for 3 hours. They will give us a \$7 per person donation if get 24 people or more.

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