



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, March 19, 2018
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Cheryl Post, Andrea Holt, Laura Rokoszak, Teddi Sotiropoulos, Pam Calderone

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- Gale Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the February 12th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Gale Gunhus
 - All Approved

Theater: Laura Rokoszak

- We discussed the distractions that were created by audience members crinkling water bottles and candy wrappers during the musical. We entertained the idea of not selling candy, but acknowledged that it is one of our most popular items with students. We decided to try to make more announcements to prevent this from happening in the future.
- Laura said they used some MPAA money for the purchase of microphone packs and belts – which all worked well for the musical. There is one microphone that needs to be repaired. She said they will likely buy more lights.
- We discussed ideas for doing some sort of “senior recognition” for theater students. Laura did not think that presenting flowers at the end of one of the shows would work well logistically. We determined that having just the seniors do a final bow and/or putting the seniors’ pictures in the program would be good alternatives.
- Laura said the MPAA scholarship information will be distributed to the students soon.
- There have been no decisions on next year’s musical choice yet.
- There is no date for the New York City theater trip yet.
- The Actor’s Workshop recital will be on 5/1 on the CAC.

Band: Teddi Sotiropoulos

- The band will be participating in the New York Invitational Music Festival at Carnegie Hall on 4/4 at 8pm. Tickets are currently on sale at carnegiehall.org. There will be an in school field trip that day from 8-10 for the band to rehearse.
- The school band concert is 4/11 at 7pm.
- Hershey Park trip is 5/4. Teddi is selling chocolate covered pretzels to help with some of the costs and is looking for other ways to raise money for the trip.
- The band will be performing at Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood at 7:30 on 4/13. There will also be members of the NY Philharmonic featured at the event that night.
- Teddi reported that they interviewed 5 people for the Band Director position, and that they are now down to 2 candidates. They both have conducting degrees, and she is hoping that they will make their selection by the end of the week.

- Teddi said that YEA is asking if we can change the date of the Ceilidh.
- We discussed using MPAA funds to purchase new band jackets. Teddi estimated that each jacket would cost about \$200, and that we'd need at least 100 jackets. Their current jackets are from 2003. Teddi said that the school and HASA contributed to the purchase of those jackets, and we should look into how it was handled then.
- Teddi mentioned that the band also needs a new concert tuba – a new one or a very good used one.

A Capella: Teddi Sotiropoulos

- The Belles took 2nd place at the ICHSA quarterfinals in Cherry Hill.
- The ICHSA semi-finals will be hosted at Highlands on 3/24, and the Belles and Voices will both be competing.
- There are 13-14 groups already signed up for the A Capella workshop on 5/12.
- On 5/11, Deke Sharon will hold a workshop just for Highlands students.
- Lisa will send out an email reminder regarding buying tickets to the 3/24 competition and donating to the bake sale.
- Teddi brought up the idea of having a tricky tray (maybe 1 or 2 large items) and/or a 50/50 raffle at the A Capella Festival.
- We discussed food needs for the A Capella Festival. We still need a lunch plan. We talked about getting pizzas donated. Cheryl and Andrea said that Olive Garden donated salad and bread sticks last year, and that they used the warming ovens to keep the pizzas hot. They sold breakfast last year, too. The little muffins went over well, but big muffins didn't sell.
- Teddi said that she and Mr. Paster are interested in having a cabaret night at the school.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 3/13/18, there is \$33,168.74 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$34,668.74.
- We made \$1100 at the musical bake sale.
- Lisa noted that our A Capella coaching expenses paid off since all of the groups placed within the top 3 at their competitions.

Fundraising:

- We discussed the possibility of hosting an event at Pinot's Palette in Ridgewood.

Misc.:

- At the next meeting, we will discuss the MPAA board for next year. Gale mentioned that this is one of the smallest boards we have ever had, and that we used to have positions such as Publicity, Membership, Liaisons, Hospitality, etc. Gale also mentioned the idea of possibly having co-leads in certain positions.

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