



**NORTHERN HIGHLANDS**  
**Music and Performing Arts Association**  
Northern Highlands Regional High School  
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, April 9, 2018  
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

**Attendees:** Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Deanine Sumner, Teddi Sotiropoulos

**Welcome and Introductions:** Gale Gunhus

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

**Band:** Teddi Sotiropoulos

- We discussed the need for a new tuba, and having a separate fundraiser to raise money to purchase one.
- While we originally discussed not having a bake sale at the band concert this week (because it will only be 1 – 1.5 hours long with no intermission), we ultimately decided to hold one to help raise money for Hershey expenses.
- Teddi said that the new band director is being approved at the board meeting tonight.
- She said that she will literally pass the baton to the new director on the night of the concert, and she'll also have some friends come to play at the concert, as it is a bit of a tradition when a band director retires.
- Teddi informed us that George Hopkins, who is head of YEA, has resigned under sexual abuse allegations. She said that the YEA Board of Directors knew and was complicit. She said that she will not continue to participate in the US Bands circuit unless they replace the entire board. Given the situation, Teddi suggested that we put a stop on our check for participation in US Bands, but Lisa said it was already too late. Teddi said that she heard that the Blue Devils are offering to come in and partner with the Cadets and take over US Bands. She said that we can join and compete in the NY State Field Band Conference if things don't work out with US Bands, and that would still allow us to host a competition. Teddi said she thinks that changing to the NY State Field Band Conference is the best plan for us unless the Blue Devils takes over US Bands.
- Teddi reported that the Hershey trip is all paid for except for the busses, and she asked if MPAA could help pay for the busses.

**A Capella:** Teddi Sotiropoulos

- Teddi reported that Tom is working on getting busses to/from the airport for the Memphis trip. She said that the parents will likely pay for the busses.
- She said that 5/24 will no longer be a Jazz Night, but will be a talent show/cabaret night instead. She said they will possibly move Jazz Night to 5/29.
- We are all set with vendors to provide lunch and dinner for the A Capella Festival. We just need to check with the school to make sure the food trucks can set up outside. We will sell breakfast and have a snack stand at night (it will be closed during meal times so that we don't take away from vendor sales).

**Theater:**

- Gale mentioned that Laura Rokoszak suggested that we put together a Google calendar with all the music and performing arts program dates to be shared with the parents, etc.

**Fundraising:**

- We discussed the possibility of selling Swell-type bottles, but decided that they would likely be too expensive.
- Lisa proposed the idea of selling personal pizzas from the Ramsey Farmer's Market. Teddi also mentioned Joe Corbi pizza kits as another option.

**Secretary's Report:** Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the March 19th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Deanine Sumner
  - All Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Monard

- As of 4/11/18, there is \$30,749.72 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$32,249.72.
- We made \$545 at the A Capella semi-final competition.

Jennifer Pataki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM and Lisa Monard seconded – All Approved.