



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2019
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Kristi Rutter, Cheryl Post, Cindy Johnson, Laura Rokoszak

Welcome and Introductions:

- Gale welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 PM.
- Gale announced that the 8th grade orientation is being held on Friday. Jean and Cheryl agreed to attend to represent the MPAA.

Theater: Laura Rokoszak

- Fools received 4 nominations for the Montclair Theater Awards being held on 5/20 – Best Comedy, Best Actor – Connor Strycharz, Best Actress – Olivia Ross, Best Supporting Actress – Aaria Bhatnagar.
- We did not receive any final nominations from Papermill Playhouse, and the Metro Award nominations will be announced 5/14.
- Mr. Kiely and Mrs. Rokoszak are still in the process of deciding on shows for next year. They hope to decide and announce the shows in mid-June.
- The combined Acting class (Intro to Acting and Actors Workshop) has an enrollment of 28 students for now.
- After school gets out, they plan on offering community service hour opportunities for students who help clean out and organize the theater storage areas. They also plan on offering some tech theater and audition strategy workshops.

Band:

- Uniform turn in will be on Memorial Day.

A Capella:

- We did not get enough parent volunteers for the A Capella Festival. Only 4-5 Belles parents helped out.
- We had an issue with the lunch provided at the festival. We had 3 vendors – Village Pizza, Eons, and Firehouse Subs. Village is the only one that sold well. There was leftover food from the other 2 vendors, and we were stuck paying for the unsold food. This resulted in us paying \$800. Going forward, we need to make sure to clarify with vendors that they will take back any unsold food (and only use vendors who will do so).
- Overall, we made \$600 from festival food and bake sales.
- Moe's, Mason Jar and Car's provided the dinner for Saturday night (Moe's is a great partner, as they give us a 20% donation from their sales). Mr. Paster sold pizza for Friday night's dinner.
- In the future, 2 vendors at a time is enough to accommodate the festival.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 5/13/19, there is \$20,607.49+ \$1,501 in the gambling account for a total of \$22,108.49.
- We, again, discussed the need to tighten our allocation process. It was proposed that we may want to look into a process that allows for more administrative oversight (which is similar to what some other school organizations do). We discussed the possibility of having Bob Williams review all requests 1st, before they come to the Board.
- We discussed setting up a meeting with Mr. Williams regarding the requests that have already come in for next year, as the requests exceed our funds available and his support/knowledge of each group's accounts would help us make a more informed decision.
- We would like to communicate to the teachers in June regarding how much money we will be granting them.
- We have made a request to HASA for their possible support in contributing funds toward a new piano.

2019-2020 Board Nominations: Gale Gunhus

- Gale announced the board nominations for next year. We are still in need of volunteers for the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

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

Cheryl Post made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM and Lisa Monard seconded
– All Approved.