



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2018
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Deanine Sumner, Teddi Sotiropoulos, Kyle Kubicki, Cheryl Post, Anne Goddard, Jean Onufrak

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- Gale Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

- Minutes of the April 9th meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by Lisa Monard, seconded by Gale Gunhus
 - All Approved
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Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 5/13/18, there is \$28,490.48 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$29,990.48.
- Lisa reported that our A Capella Festival profit was just over \$1100 this year, but we also paid for more A Capella teachers this year.
- Lisa also reported that the Wine Tasting has been closed out. We broke even on the actual wine sales (the donation from the wine sales was just about equal to the cost of the wine we had to purchase for the tasting), but we made \$5,600 on the event due to the \$40 pp ticket sales, basket raffles and 50/50.
- For the year-end, she expects up us to have a balance of about \$29,000 – after we pay out the scholarships and make a little more money at the remaining snack stands.

A Capella: Teddi Sotiropoulos (and Tom Paster by phone)

- Teddi commented that our A Capella Festival is really starting to build a great reputation, and that they got a lot of good feedback from the participants.
- Teddi called Tom on speakerphone and he thanked everyone for helping out with the A Capella Festival and commented that the kids had a blast and learned a lot.
- In response to a question about increased requests for funds for the festival this year, Tom responded that we did not pay some of the clinicians last year and this year's requests will most likely be the expectation going forward.
- We discussed the need for MPAA to brainstorm with the teachers about how we can grow with the A Capella program going forward, as we will likely need more fundraisers to cover increased costs.

Band: Teddi Sotiropoulos and Kyle Kubichi

- Teddi reported on the following upcoming events:
 - Talent Show on 5/24 at 7pm – she will try to advertise.
 - Jazz Night on 5/29 at 7pm – all 3 sending middle schools will be participating, as well as Kyle's school and a professional trio.
 - The marching band will be participating in all 3 sending towns' Memorial Day

- parades – they could use some water, granola bars, and bananas.
 - Senior Awards Night on 6/7 – the Jazz Ensemble will be performing.
 - Graduation – the combined band will be playing and siblings of graduates do have to play.
 - Band camp will be held 8/20 – 8/24.
- Teddi reported that they had a successful Hershey trip and that they won “Best Concert Band Overall”. She said that the band and chorus both received 1st place as well.
- Kyle said that he is sending the band packet out to the middle schools tonight, and he will collect those. Teddi will collect them from the Highlands students.
- There will be a band practice tomorrow to get ready for the parades, and Kyle will introduce the program for next year.
- We discussed the fact that new band jackets will not happen for next year since we have not started the buying process. We said we need to discuss this further.
- We also discussed the school’s need for a new piano. We talked about looking into donation possibilities as well as a possible benefit concert to raise funds for a new piano.
- We also discussed the need to research how to get funding for a new band truck. Kyle and Teddi both raised concerns regarding the safety of our current truck. It was mentioned that, if a new truck is purchased, it needs to be registered at the proper weight that allows anyone to drive it (without a special license).
- Jean asked for an update on the YEA concerns from last meeting. Teddi reported that she is comfortable that they have cleaned out the organization, and replaced board members with high quality people. She feels that the organization is now in much better hands and that they are making good choices. Teddi and Kyle said that most local schools are also staying with YEA.

Theater:

- Gale said that Laura Rokoszak is working on a music and arts Google Calendar to be shared by all three organizations.
- She said that Laura told her that she and Joe Kiely are currently reading scripts for next year’s musical and they expect to be able to announce the show on Friday.
- 33 Variations was nominated for “Outstanding Work of Innovation and Invention” at the Montclair Theater Awards.
- John Dreyer was nominated for best “Actor in a Leading Role” at the Metro Awards for his performance in Into the Woods.
- It was noted that there are only 15 freshmen in the Freshman Play this year.

Board Officer Positions:

- We unanimously voted in the following officers for the 2018-2019 MPAA Board:
 - President – Gale Gunhus**
 - Vice President – Deanine Sumner**
 - Secretary – Jennifer Pataki**
 - Treasurer – Lisa Monard**
 - Fundraising – Cheryl Post**
 - Publicity – Jean Onufrak**
 - Hospitality – Pam Calderone (to be confirmed with Pam)**

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