



**NORTHERN HIGHLANDS**  
**Music and Performing Arts Association**  
Northern Highlands Regional High School  
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, May 9, 2016  
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

**Attendees:** Gale Gunhus, Joyce Magro, Cathy Squasoni, Laura Van Orden, Deanine Sumner, Sheryne Brekus, Meredith Parker, Doug Parker, Robyn Ranges, Lisa Pensa

**Teachers:** Teddi Sotiropoulos, Tom Paster, Joe Kiely

**Welcome and Introductions:** Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Laura Van Orden

- Minutes of March meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by D. Sumner seconded by J. Magro, – all approved

**Treasurer's report:** Cathy Squasoni

- As of 4/30/16 there is \$21,520.51+ \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$23,020.51.

**Theater:** Joe Kiely

- Freshman Play – May 19 and 20 at 7pm. Mr. Lieb is looking for some props.
- No decisions yet about next year's play and musical. Need to get an idea of who is auditioning.
- The Fall Play will be November 17, 18 and 19, 2016.
- The Spring Musical will be March 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2017.
- "Almost Maine" was nominated for Best Ensemble Cast and Best Stage Direction by the Montclair State Theater Awards. The ceremony will be held on May 16, 2016.
- Will be requesting mic packs and belts for next year – possibly 20.

**Band:** Teddi Sotiropoulos

- Marching Band:
  - Memorial Day Parades are mandatory - be there at 9am.
  - Ceilidh will be held September 17, 2016.
- Jazz Band:
  - Jazz Night will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Daria Fox is getting pizza donated for the participants and organizing the refreshments for intermission.
- Pops Concert will be May 25<sup>th</sup>. Will be held in the auditorium with a \$5.00 admission fee.
- Florida Trip to Disney – Will be sometime in March. Only band and chorus classes will be going.

**A Cappella:**

- Tom Paster requested a \$1,500 donation from the MPAA to help cover the cost of the guest clinicians for the A Cappella Festival – the voting membership approved.
- A Cappella Festival on Saturday, May 14, 2016 beginning at 9:30 with a 7pm Showcase Concert.
  - Lunch will be served from 12:30 – 1:30.
  - Dinner will begin at 5:00.
  - All participating groups get a ½ hour Master Class with Deke Sharon. Highlands groups will work with him from 6:00 – 9:00 on Friday evening.
  - General admission tickets are available at the door for \$15.00.
  - Publicity for the Festival will include a posting on the North Jersey Website, the Record will send someone to cover the event and the elementary/middle school will put flyers in backpacks.
- Voices will be performing at the Hall of Fame Ceremony at Seasons.

**Nominations for 2016/17 MPAA Board**

- President – Gale Gunhus
- Vice President – Laura Van Orden
- Secretary – Joyce Magro
- Treasurer – Deanine Sumner
- Hospitality – Meredith Parker

Sheryne Brekus made the motion to accept the Board as nominated, Lisa Pensa seconded. All voting members approved.

**Fundraising:**

- “Ladies Night Out” made \$2,700 profit.
- Looking for someone to run a Schoola clothing drive.

**Open Forum:**

- The last payment for the tuba was made.
- MPAA provided two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors that were voted upon by the music/drama teachers.

M. Parker made the motion to adjourn and D. Parker seconded – all approved.