



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, September 11, 2017
Submitted by Jennifer Pataki

Attendees: Gwen Keeble, Lisa Mirante, Jennifer Pataki, Lisa Monard, Gale Gunhus, Deanine Sumner

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- Gale Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 PM

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Pataki

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

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Monard

- As of 9/11/2017, there is \$35,512.86 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$37,012.86.
- We currently have 76 member families.
- We received a \$100 donation from the Upper Saddle River Women's Club.

Band:

- **Marching Band:** Lisa Monard
 - Ceilidh competition will take place on 9/23 at 4pm at Highlands.
 - There are 14 bands (plus Highlands) participating – which is our most ever.
 - Expenses are higher due to additional bands. We had to pay an additional \$1400 to U.S. Bands.
 - Program has gone to the printer. We made just under \$2000 on the program.
 - Publicity posters have been hung. BC Magazine is expected to attend.
 - Still need volunteers to help.
 - Deanine to contact Bob Williams regarding parking vests and walkie-talkies, and Bethany Shubert about set-up needs.
 - Gwen will ask Adam Keeble if he can take photos.
 - Liverpool H.S. contacted us to arrange separate food arrangements for them, due to the size of their band. Deanine made arrangements to order sandwiches from Wilkes, and Liverpool will pay.
 - School busses will park at Brookside and Hillside school lots.
 - In addition to concessions, we will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets, as well as scarves, blankets, seat cushions and hats.
- Lisa Mirante will plan on taking photos of the marching band throughout the season, and will focus on getting individual photos of the seniors.

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Theater:

- Auditions for the fall play, “33 Variations”, will be held this week. Casting is expected to be complete by the end of the week, and shows will be held 11/16 – 11/18. There will be a meeting for cast parents on 9/25 at 7pm.
- There has been an increase in the number of students taking acting classes this year.

A Cappella:

- Auditions for A Cappella groups are 9/11 and 9/18.
- Gale to look into finding someone to videotape A Cappella competitions.

Fundraising:

- Fundraising ideas for this year were discussed. Ideas included a wine (and appetizers and dessert) tasting event in February and another event in May. We will also aim for a restaurant night out once a month – except for holidays.

Gale Gunhus made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM and Deanine Sumner seconded – All Approved.