



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
298 Hillside Ave. Allendale, NJ 07401 (201) 327-8700

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2016
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

Attendees: Gale Gunhus, Joyce Magro, Cathy Squasoni, Laura Van Orden, Glee Rogers, Deanine Sumner, Sheryne Brekus, Meredith Parker, Doug Parker, Bonnie McCarthy, Laurie Maimone

Teachers: Teddi Sotiropoulos

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Asked for budget requests for next year.

Secretary's Report: Laura Van Orden

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

Treasurer's report: Cathy Squasoni

- As of 3/31/16 there is \$20,046.19 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$21,546.19.
- The Allendale Woman's Club made an \$800 donation.

Theater:

- Freshman Play – May 19 and 20 at 7pm. MPAA will provide water and cookies.

Band: Teddi Sotiropoulos

- Marching Band:
 - Memorial Day Parades are mandatory.
 - Getting next season's music soon.
 - No Sunday competitions.
 - Ceilidh will be held September 17, 2016 – making packets and including the ad form. 6 local bands already signed up.
 - Hired a new pit director.
- Jazz Band:
 - Jazz Night will be May 10th.
- Concert Band will play at the graduation ceremony. It is mandatory.
- Senior Awards Night is June 2nd. A small ensemble of mainly seniors will play.
- Pops Concert will be May 25th.
- Alumni Talent show will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

A Cappella:

- Belles will attend the National A Cappella Convention from April 23rd – 26th in Memphis, TN.
- Voices will compete at the ICHSA National Championships on April 29th in NYC.

- Choral Concert is Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm.
- A Cappella Festival on Saturday, May 14, 2016 beginning at 9:30 with a 7pm Showcase Concert.

Nominations for 2016/17 MPAA Board

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

Fundraising:

- “Ladies Night Out” will be held on May 5, 2016 from 6:30 – 10:00 at Andrea’s in Waldwick.
 - \$60 per person with unlimited wine. Beer and mixed drinks for sale.
 - Basket raffle and 50/50 raffle will take place.
- Breakfast with the Interact Club on May 14th from 8-11am
 - Will use Signup Genius for contributions and volunteers.
 - Belles will perform.
 - Dr. Beckerman and Mr. Occhino will flip pancakes.
 - Tyler Adel will DJ
 - Proceeds will be split between performing groups and the Interact Club.

Open Forum:

- Marching Band Magnets for band parents who join MPAA.
- Qualifying Marching Band participants receiving an actual varsity letter instead of a certificate.
- Parents joining Marching Band seniors on the field for recognition.

G. Rogers made the motion to adjourn and L. Maimone seconded – all approved.