



**NORTHERN HIGHLANDS**  
**Music and Performing Arts Association**  
Northern Highlands Regional High School  
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, January 11, 2016  
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

**Attendees:** Gale Gunhus, Joyce Magro, Cathy Squasoni, Laura Van Orden, Meredith Parker, Douglas Parker, Deanine Sumner, Robyn Ranges, Laurie Maimone

**Teachers:** Tom Paster, Joe Kiely, Edgar Girtain, Laura Rokoszak

**Welcome and Introductions:** Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

- Minutes of December meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by C. Squasoni, seconded by L. Maimone, – all approved

**Membership Report:** Cathy Squasoni

- There are now 94 families who are members.

**Treasurer's report:** Cathy Squasoni

- As of 12/31/15 there is \$21,722.13 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$23,222.13.

**Theater:**

- “Godspell” – March 3, 4, 5, at 7pm and March 6 at 2pm.
  - Parent meeting was held and MPAA membership forms were available.
  - Sign-up Genius will be used.
  - Posters are done/working on t-shirts.
  - Patrick Brennan will be starting on the set and consulting with Teddi on space needed for the band.
  - Group discounts will be offered. The link to purchase tickets will first be sent to MPAA membership and then the entire school community.

**Band:**

- Marching Band: Deanine Sumner
  - Look to schedule date for Ceilidh and make payments before deadlines.
  - Possibly move the parent meeting to June.
- Jazz Band: Edgar Girtain
  - There is a Big Band and two Combos each with four students. The ensembles meet on Tuesday evening.
- There will be a Composers Forum concert in June.

**A Cappella:** Tom Paster

- ICHSA quarterfinals are on 1/23/16 at Northern Highlands.
  - MPAA will run the concession stand. Things are well organized and people

- have signed up to volunteer.
- Volunteers will have reserved seating.
- Posters are available but there are only 50 tickets left.
- ICHSA semi-finals are on 3/19/16 at Northern Highlands.
- A Cappella Festival:
  - Will be run a little differently this year – it will be an all day event with a concert in the evening.
  - The day will begin at 10:00am and students will attend various classes as well as Master Classes for the groups.
  - May 14<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date and this could work well in conjunction with the “Starlight Diner” fundraiser as kids and parents could come early and enjoy breakfast.

**Fundraising:**

- Chipotle – Glee Rogers – January 19<sup>th</sup>. Flyer will be distributed and must be presented when purchasing food.
- Ladies Night Out – date needs to be determined after checking with teachers for possible conflicts.

L. Maimone made the motion to adjourn and R. Ranges seconded – all approved.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2016 at 7:30pm.