



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2015
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

Attendees: Gale Gunhus, Cathy Squasoni, Douglas Parker, Meredith Parker, Christy Soell, Bonnie McCarthy, Glee Rogers, Laura Van Orden

Teachers: Joe Kiely

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Laura Van Orden

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

Membership Report: Cathy Squasoni

- There are now 78 members.
- There are 35 Marching Band families, 28 A Cappella families and 15 Fall Play families that are not yet members. A letter will be sent to those families encouraging them to support the MPAA.
- Membership is at \$3,425 – last year was \$5,000.

Treasurer's report: Cathy Squasoni

- As of 9/30/15 there is \$18,731.98 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$20,231.98.
- Ceilidh report was presented and included in the files.

Theater: Joe Kiely

- “Almost Maine” rehearsals are going well. The show is made up of 8 one-act plays. 23 students auditioned for 15 roles. Some boys are playing more than one role and female roles are cast with different girls in each role.
- Minimal set design but looking for some specific props. The scrim is being used and a projector is being rented to simulate the Northern Lights.
- Using Sign-Up Genius for volunteers.
- Tickets are on sale now at NHTC.booktix.com

Band:

- Marching Band:
 - The band is doing well scoring highest overall at the Pequannock competition.
 - Deanine Sumner will coordinate the Marching Band dinner that is being held at the Ramsey Country Club on November 11th at 7pm. Expenses need to be calculated to determine the ticket price.

- Glee Rogers is coordinating the decorations for the dinner and going with a “haunted” theme to go along with the theme of the show.

Fundraising:

- Schoola – Bonnie McCarthy – Create a flyer with one location listed for bag pick-up. People will fill bags and mail them on their own.
- Chipotle – Glee Rogers will contact them to set up a fundraising date.
- Panera – Cathy Squasoni will look into fundraising opportunities with them.
- Breakfast with the Interact Club – will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Belles will perform and Mr. Occhino will make pancakes.
- Bracelets – Glee Rogers has them and will sell them at the fall play and the winter concert.
- Cookbook – Joyce Magro brought up the idea of publishing a cookbook. Students and parents would contribute recipes. She will check into whether there is a minimum order to make sure they can all be sold.

G. Rogers made the motion to adjourn and B. McCarthy seconded – all approved.