



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, November 9, 2015
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

Attendees: Gale Gunhus, Laura Van Orden, Glee Rogers, Sheryne Brekus, Joyce Magro, Deanine Sumner, Laurie Maimone, Robyn Ranges, Lynn Barsamian, Cathy Squasoni, Lisa Pensa, Bonnie McCarthy

Teachers: Joe Kiely, Laura Rokoszak

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Laura Van Orden

- Minutes of October meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by G. Rogers, seconded by S. Brekus, – all approved

Membership Report: Cathy Squasoni

- There are now 89 families who are members.
- Letters were sent to participants who had not yet joined MPAA.

Treasurer's report: Cathy Squasoni

- As of 10/31/15 there is \$21,905.45 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$23,405.45.
- George Gosen is a local accountant who will prepare our taxes pro-bono.

Theater: Joe Kiely, Laura Rokoszak

- “Almost Maine”
 - Volunteer sign-ups are going okay. Still need a few more volunteers for the bake sale, which will be held at intermission only.
 - J. Magro will send a request to all MPAA members with a link to Sign-Up Genius.
 - The scrim is hanging thanks to the MPAA and the northern lights look amazing.
 - Publicity is in the Town Journal and on .com calendars.
- “Godspell”
 - Students were sent information about auditions and it is also on school wires.
 - Edgar Girtain is accompanying the auditions.
 - There will be a small pit orchestra using students and, as a 50th anniversary highlight, alumni.

Band:

- Marching Band:
 - The Marching Band Dinner will be held on November 11th at 6:30 at the Ramsey Country Club.
 - There are still a few more expenses to pay for the U-Haul and gas as well as additional consultant fees.
 - The band placed 10th at Nationals but had a very good score.

- Symphonic/Concert Band:
 - Rehearsals will be on December 3rd and 8th with the concert being held on December 9th at 7pm.
 - The Wind Ensemble will do a Holiday Tour of the middle schools.

- The cheesecakes will be in Thursday the 12th at noon.
- There is a turkey drive scheduled for Saturday, November 21st from 10-12.
- There is an Alumni Talent Show on November 24th. The proceeds will go to the music department.

A Cappella:

- ICHSA quarterfinals are on 1/23/16 at Northern Highlands. MPAA will run the concession stand.
- ICHSA semi-finals are on 3/19/16.
- A trip to Memphis is planned for the A Cappella groups from April 22nd – 24th.

Fundraising:

- Schoola – Bonnie McCarthy – Has raised another \$550 and they will send more bags.
- Chipotle – Glee Rogers will contact them to set up a fundraising date, possibly in December.
- Panera – Cathy Squasoni – Fundraising can be done from Monday – Thursday from 4-8. There must be four weeks notice and it can only be done with one store. They create the flyer but the people must present the flyer to receive credit. If less than 20 people attend, no contribution. 20-30 people 10% of sales; 31-49 15% of sales; 50 or over 20% of sales.
- Breakfast with the Interact Club – will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 11:00 – 1:00. Mr. Occhino will make pancakes and the proceeds will be divided between participating groups.

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

Next meeting will be December 14, 2015 at 7:30pm.