



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Monday, December 14, 2015
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

Attendees: Gale Gunhus, Glee Rogers, Joyce Magro, Cathy Squasoni, Laura Van Orden, Sheryne Brekus, Margaret Engkvist, Meredith Parker, Douglas Parker, Barbara Garand, Jim Mulanaphy, Anne Goddard,

Teachers: Tom Paster

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Board of Education members were introduced and gave an update on the progress of the field lights. Also stated that the BOE is looking at doing renovations in the auditorium and will have input from the teachers who utilize the facility. Invited parents to attend the Strategic Planning meetings.

Secretary's Report: Laura Van Orden

- Minutes of November meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by J. Magro, seconded by S. Brekus, – all approved

Membership Report: Cathy Squasoni

- There are now 91 families who are members with membership donations totaling \$4,590.

Treasurer's report: Cathy Squasoni

- As of 11/30/15 there is \$18,527.02 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$20,027.02.

Theater:

- "Godspell" – March 4, 5, 6 at 7pm and March 7 at 2pm.
- Freshman play will be presented on May 19th and 21st.

Band:

- Marching Band:
 - A good time was had by all at the dinner but may look into a new venue for next year.

A Cappella: Tom Paster

- A Cappella Festival at Abraham Clark HS on December 18, 2015. Belles and Voices will perform.
- ICHSA quarterfinals are on 1/23/16 at Northern Highlands.
 - MPAA will run the concession stand.
 - Groups start arriving around 2pm and the competition begins at 7pm.
 - Concession stand will run from 1:00 until 6:00 as well as a bake sale during

intermission.

- Need parents to help with scanning tickets at the door. Students will usher.
- Participating groups will watch the competition on a projector in the gym.
- All three Highlands groups are performing. Harmonics will open the show and Belles and Voices are competing.
- The 2014/15 Voices will be the guest performers.
- Tickets are on sale through the Varsity Vocals website.
- A flyer will be sent out to MPAA members as well as the entire school.
- A notice will be sent to the Town Journal
- ICHSA semi-finals are on 3/19/16 at Northern Highlands.
- A trip to Memphis is planned for the A Cappella groups from April 22nd – 24th.

Fundraising:

- Schoola – Bonnie McCarthy – Bags will be at the front desk for pick-up.
- Chipotle – Glee Rogers – January 19th. Flyer will be distributed and must be presented when purchasing food.
- Breakfast with the Interact Club – Sheryne Brekus - 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.

Open Forum:

- Need to have ushers available to hand out programs at the school concerts.

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

Next meeting will be January 11, 2016 at 7:30pm.