



NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
Music and Performing Arts Association
Northern Highlands Regional High School
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Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Submitted by Laura Van Orden

Attendees: Lynn Barsamian, Cathy Squasoni, Deborah Feit, Laura Van Orden, Deanine Sumner, Glee Rogers, Sheryne Brekus, Joyce Magro, Gale Gunhus, Lori Massie, Bonnie McCarthy, Jean Holden, Christy Soell, Lisa Pensa

BOE Liaison: Anne Goddard

Welcome and Introductions: Gale Gunhus

- G. Gunhus welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the MPAA Board members as well as Anne Goddard, the Board of Education liaison to the MPAA. Anne lets the district know what the MPAA is doing for the school and community. She stated that the field lights are on order and the hope is that they will be here in a week or two. There is electrical work that will be needed before the lights will be working.

Secretary's Report: Laura Van Orden

- Minutes of May meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve by L. Barsamian seconded by G. Rogers, – all approved

Membership Report: Cathy Squasoni

- As of 9/8/15 there are 45 members.
- Membership forms will go out again via email as well as at Back to School Night.

Treasurer's report: Cathy Squasoni

- As of 7/30/15 there is \$15,750.37 + \$1,500 in the gambling account for a total of \$17,250.37.
- The 2015/2016 Budget was presented. This budget was prepared based upon requests from past years.

Theater:

- Auditions for "Almost Maine" will be held September 8, 9, and 10 from 3:00 – 5:30.
- There will be a bake sale at the performances in November.

Band:

- Ceilidh:
 - There are a few spots left to fill. Many people have not signed up to help. They will be contacted again.
 - The senior band members will have specific jobs at the Ceilidh.
 - There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, September 15th.
 - "Musically Inclined" is coming to sell music themed products at the Ceilidh and will donate 10% of sales back to the MPAA.
 - Sheryne Brekus put up 70 Ceilidh posters from Suffern to Fair Lawn.

- The Town Journal and Suburban News were both contacted.
- The Ceilidh is listed on the NHRHS home page.
- Band Dinner is November 11th at 7pm at the Ramsey Country Club.
- Wine Tasting:
 - Flyers are ready and need to be approved by Mr. Occhino.
 - There will be copies at Back to School Night and it will be posted on the MPAA website
 - The flyer will be sent through constant contact to the entire school on September 21st and October 1st
 - There will be stations with wine and food pairings. Six people will be needed to help pour at the various stations.

A Cappella:

- Auditions will be held the week of September 15th for the solo and the group audition will be on Monday, September 21st.
- There may be two ICHSA competitions this year in January and March.

Open Forum:

- Schoola: Bonnie McCarthy will learn about this fundraiser to possibly take over from Dawn Giovannoli.
- Donation to field lights:
 - A \$5,000 contribution will be made to the Sports Association towards the purchase of the field lights.
 - Additional donations will be reevaluated later in the school year.

Christy Soell made the motion to adjourn and Bonnie McCarthy seconded – all approved.