

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

November 7, 2017

Present: 13

Last Name	First Name
Adams	Suzanne
Angeline	Vincent
Castro	Myriam
Fasciano	Jennifer
Gaidos	Nancy
Garvey	Linda
Horsch	Kathleen
McDermott	Dana
Parliyan	Nisim
Rothstein	Claire
Rys	Connie
Slack	Jackie
Smith	Wynn

Motion to open meeting made by Connie at 7:02 p.m.; seconded by Wynn.
Review of October 2017 minutes; Jen motioned to accept October 2017 minutes and Claire seconded the motion.

Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Happy to report Mrs. Cudworth is on her honeymoon! Nice ceremony and reception. One nice feature was that recent NHHS alumni performed during the ceremony. The Deacon was a music parent and even brought all three Directors into the homily with a metaphor between music, marriage, and conductors.
- Not in attendance at Master Class, but students were very impressed with event. Went well and all parties enjoyed the experience.
- Marching Band
 - ✓ Very busy and successful October from a performance standpoint. Performed at the annual Columbus Day parade in pouring rain and took 1st place, the first time since 2005. Kids were great, no complaints. Football game performances have been good and had a successful 7th/8th grade band night with 30 younger students participating. Kids had a lot of fun. Did the Hunterdon Developmental Center parade, an important outreach for students, and the residents appreciate it so much. Also participated in the Bloomfield Band

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Festival for the first time, which was held inside because of rain. They did not have a rain plan or rain date, since they said it had never rained before. We took 1st place, received a Superior rating, and won all events.

- ✓ We are in ongoing discussions with three companies for our new uniforms: Stanbury, Band Shoppe, and DeMoulin. They are all working on sketches for us, we will then get bids and make our choice known to the district. This process should be wrapped up by February and we should have new uniforms by August.
- ✓ Upcoming: Monday and Tuesday will be the auditions for the winter musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Pit orchestra auditions will be later this month. CJMEA Region II Ensemble competition coming up. For Downtown Clinton Dickens Days on Black Friday at 10:00 a.m., our brass ensemble will be playing. Marching Band Banquet is Nov. 29.
- ✓ Playoff Football Performances: This Friday (11/10) at home v. Orange. If we win, the following Friday (11/17) at home. If we win, the state championship game will be held either Dec. 1, 2, 3, or Nov. 30, potentially at MetLife Stadium. This schedule is moot if we lose either playoff game. There could be a potential conflict on December 1 with the Clinton Parade.
- Questions
 - ✓ Claire: What will band do if there is a conflict on December 1? We will cross that bridge when we get there. We have marched in the Clinton Parade every year in its existence!
 - ✓ Wynn: Will we be invited to Bloomfield again? Not sure, we have received invites every year, but this was the first time we accepted. Participation will be determined year by year.
 - ✓ Jen: Do you need help to get more kids to participate in 7th/8th grade band night? Elementary schools are struggling musically, so not a big surprise. 30 kids did participate, but a light turnout from Clinton Township. We are trying to schedule a performance at CTMS for their band members to see our band. There have been some roadblocks, but we are trying to make it happen.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Suzanne Adams

- Sent a card to Ms. Meo and Jim & Robert at Patrick's Auto Shop. Need the addresses for Valley Crest for the apples and the 50/50 raffle winner

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for her donation back to us; Linda will forward to Sue. Connie: Bernadine Goepfert's family has no music members, so no card will be sent.

- Happy with Plaza Cleaners in Clinton, our new uniform cleaners.

Treasurer's Report – Jen Fasciano

- New format: switched to Excel spreadsheet. Starts at beginning of fiscal year and the last balance is current balance.
- Budget is the last page. What kind of report do you want to see each month? Fundraising can be broken down further. Connie: Nice to see month to month activity. Group agreed and liked the new format.

- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of November 7, 2017:

Checking Account: \$1,846.92

Gaming Account: \$2,911.63

Savings Account: \$4,247.26

Total: \$9,005.81

*Connie: We never applied for license to sell at playoff games for the 50/50 raffle. Jen: We have all needed licenses with all dates, so we will get the raffle. No one else grabbed it.

Fundraising Report – Connie Rys

- Florida Fruit Association Fundraiser Update

Sue: 29 online orders for 53 cartons sold. We need to sell 150 cartons! Not sure of total since not all paper orders are in yet. These are due by November 13. We may not qualify for sale this year. Need to find out if online orders will still get shipped. Connie already sent out email reminder. Blurb posted on Facebook as well. **Please remind band members to get orders in by Monday.** Discussion followed regarding how to move forward to get more orders: Announcement at playoff games? Stack of small flyers set out at game Friday? Put on cars? Connie can make 200 color copies in Hackettstown. Could also hand these out when people come to get raffle tickets. Blurb for the 50/50 raffle and fruit combined and give to Ralph? Ralph can announce it, and we can possibly extend deadline to Friday. Connie will check with Mr. A. We need to give this one final push! One problem is that there are so

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many fundraisers out there. Sue really pushed it last year; Olivia did leg work during the day. Mood changes year to year. A real disappointment!

- Yankee Candle Sale – Fall/Holiday
Holding off, but runs through January. \$8 income so far. (Sue's Order!)
- Stadium Seat Cushions Update
Sold 28 so far. Assume we will sell some Friday since it will be cold. No complaints about prices.
- Christmas Poinsettia Sale
Sold three on line so far. Deadline for orders is Nov. 14. Let's go with presales of 35 and 30 for winter concerts. Presales and cash and carry the nights of the concerts. Connie will confirm with Claire.
- Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's: December 16, 2017 from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Can preorder tickets. We have not advertised yet, but this was in the latest newsletter. **Links aren't live in the newsletter.** Nancy will work with Connie to get email update out early next week. \$12 tickets, and we make \$4 per ticket. Must sell 100 tickets to make this happen. Charts are ready to hang up Friday for signups for (1) Servers - must be 16 years old, and (2) Musicians. Need students to encourage other students to perform. There is no sound system there, but it's small enough to hear everyone. Jen suggested her son's rock band could play and their power amplifiers could be used. Nancy noted that seasonal music is best. Kids do karaoke through phones.
- Bake Sale
Looking at doing this after school in January.
- Bucket Drive
Did not do since the weather was bad. We will think about this again in the spring.

Membership Report – Nancy Gaidos

- There are 85 members as of now; six haven't paid yet. There were 90 members last year. Four new members paid with no membership forms turned in yet, so our number will go up!
- Discussion regarding NHMA scholarship eligibility requirement: How many senior's families haven't joined before? Four out of 19 seniors. Cutoff to join is December 31, 2017. Parents must join by then, or forfeit eligibility for any NHMA scholarship money. Nancy: teachers should send emails

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out regarding scholarship eligibility, maybe by Dec. 15. Connie will email Mr. A.

- Got \$55 donation from a new member

Updates and Information

- Band Operations

Friday night will not be fun, as it is supposed to be 23 degrees. Linda will bring hot coffee!

- Third Quarter Snacks

Linda: No commitments for next year's chairperson, although there are a couple of possibilities. Plenty of people now; just concerned about next year. Linda is getting a transition document ready in a binder. Great to have a lot of help, but really need one main person to show up all the time and plan.

- Homecoming Coat Check

\$123 profit. Awesome job! No person yet to take this position on for next year.

Open/New Business – Connie Rys

- December Meeting

We did not have one last year. Group voted unanimously to have no meeting next month. After parade, we usually go somewhere afterwards. At the Clinton Station Diner, we can make a reservation. On December 1, kids have a party with gift exchange and food. We go out!

- Prism Committee

Will discuss this topic at January meeting. Kathleen will help, Nancy will help with tickets. Sponsors need to be set up early. We will offer Hunterdon Eye Care their logo left on, as they received a year's worth of advertising for free. From now on, we will only use Plaza Cleaners.

- NHMA Photographer Position

Linda has been doing it. We should make this a committee position for next year with one representative from band and one from chorus.

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Open Forum/Roundtable – Connie Rys

- Myriam: Marching Band is going to shrink and we should do something more about that now. Can our bands go to the middle schools and perform? Can this be suggested to Mr. A? Whatever we are doing now, we need to improve on it. CTMS music program is growing, so some coordination with them is necessary. Some teachers don't talk it up and there is also an historical conflict between CTMS and NHHS music departments. Parents need to assist in conflict resolution; possibly talk to middle school teachers, get concerts moved so there aren't overlapping concerts creating a conflict for families with children in both schools. Marching band members and teachers need to go into the middle schools. Show choir and jazz band both go in the spring and get kids motivated. Better marketing needs to happen. As of now, Mr. A sends an email to music directors in May. The week before Christmas break, Mr. Andrews' jazz band and Ms. Meo's show choir go to the schools. How do we get approved to go there? They could perform at the 8th grade parent NHHS orientation night Jan. 11. Could we piggy back with foreign language teachers when they visit? Can we talk to Mr. Hopta? Dana will find out when 8th graders come to NHHS and maybe Marching Band could play then. Email Connie.

Final Thoughts...

- Can we send Terri Mugnano a "Thinking of You" card? Her father fell and fractured his hip.
- Marching Band Banquet invitations were sent by email. We had some trouble with Paypal. Sue: Who will collect checks? Jen should be the only one with a key to the box. She will check. Sue needs name, check #, and dollar amount.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2018

7:00 pm, Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Connie Rys at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Claire.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott