

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

October 3, 2017

Present: 13

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

Motion to open meeting made by Connie Rys at 7:06 p.m.; seconded by Jackie. Review of September 2017 minutes; Connie motioned to accept September 2017 minutes and Claire seconded the motion.

Faculty Report – Ms. Meo

- Mrs. Cudworth is the new name! Wedding ceremony on Nov. 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. It will be an open ceremony and everyone is welcome. Goal is to get a nice picture with all attending students.
- Region ensemble choir info not posted on website yet; still waiting for it. Audition materials are posted and will be distributed to students. Auditions are in December.
- Jessica Vosk (NHHS grad 2002) is finishing the regional show "Wicked" in Philadelphia and will come to NHHS to do a 1½-hour fall master class on Friday, Oct. 20 during lunch and the first period after lunch. She will perform a number and then work with a couple students on stage. This class is open to all choral students. Her fee is \$1000 (usually \$2000). She and a partner did it before several years ago for \$1000 total. Need vote tonight so she can be informed. She has several more Broadway credits now, including the Fiddler revival.

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Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Marching Band
 - ✓ Very busy September: all four football games, Freshman Tea, Phillipsburg Band Festival, and 13 students performed at the Skylands Triathlon at Spruce Run.
 - ✓ Meeting in a couple weeks with students and parents to come up with ideas for new uniforms. Mr. Hopta and Mr. Angeline will then present designs. Purchase order should be ready by November; probably order from DeMoulin.
 - ✓ October events: Football game Friday, Monday is the Columbus Day Parade, and October 20 is 7th/8th grade band night; approximately same number of students as last year. Lastly, Bloomfield Band Festival on Oct. 29.
 - ✓ Dry cleaning of current uniforms: can't get them to Tirpok's until November. They can't do a quick turnaround. Claire asked if kids could take home and air out, but too many items could be lost so will wait until November.
- Questions
 - ✓ NYC Chaperones: 6 on each bus. Start with senior parents and then go down from there. Nisim cannot go, but he will decide who does go.
 - ✓ Nisim: still have a problem with the wheel on the podium. We are working on it!
 - ✓ Linda: use community apples for 3rd quarter snacks for end of season
 - ✓ Nisim: asked about the process of picking new uniforms. We find something we like and someone from DeMoulin draws a sketch.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Suzanne Adams

- Connie still needs to find out about Bernadine Geopfert's survivors to see if we will send a sympathy card
- Need to send wedding card for Ms. Meo
- Received a thank you note for sympathy card sent to Castaldo family; father passed away. Sue read the card.

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Treasurer's Report – Jen Fasciano

(see attached report dated September 6, 2017 thru October 3, 2017)

- Toying with format of report and might change it going forward.
- Discussed this month's income/expenses. September 28 50/50 raffle profit of \$333.75. Please send thank you card to Virginia Wilson for donating half of her proceeds back to us.
- **TOTAL INCOME:** \$1,815.08
- **TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$1,503.17
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of October 3, 2017: \$8,929.19
- Claire: noted she would get \$100 in ones and put it in the money box for the Homecoming Coat Check. Jackie volunteered to help. \$1 per coat profit.

Fundraising Report – Connie Rys

- Florida Fruit Association Fundraiser Update
Just sent out an email update and Maren sent out a blurb by email as well. Marching band students have forms but need to give to choir. Sue: This year you can order gifts of fruit for \$49.99 to be delivered wherever you want it to go. Only four products can be gift ordered. Remaining products will come here for pickup. Ship date expected the week of December 14. FFA needs two-week lead time.
- Homecoming Coat Check
All set!
- Stadium Seat Cushions Update
Didn't sell any this month. With the 50/50 raffle, no one seemed interested. Also selling blankets.
- Yankee Candle Sale – Fall/Holiday
Held off because we were waiting on fruit. Next Monday I will send that out. Info sheets are here tonight, and students will get them. Up and going until December 13.
- Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's: December 16, 2017
All set. Nancy: Will begin advertising after Halloween. Need to get as many performers as we can (kids). Leah will ask Ms. Meo to talk it up with ensembles. We hope for good weather!

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- Bucket Drive at Clinton Bagel: October 14 (October 15 rain date). Claire: Busiest times are 8 – 12. Need to get four people to do two-hour shifts. There is an afternoon game that day with call time for kids at 11:00. Kathleen can do an overlap and help out. Claire stated we can change the date if this doesn't work out. Group discussed putting out a Google signup sheet for two shifts (8-10 and 10-12) for both Saturday and Sunday. Nancy volunteered to set it up and send out to membership.
- Christmas Poinsettia Sale
We need to order by November 14, so should look back at what we ordered last year and when we sent the order form last year. We will need to give a "need at least" amount. We can do pre-orders. First concert is better attended. Ordered 40 and 40 last year; should do 40 and 30 this year.
- Bake Sale
Not until January in the Mall
- Mr. Popcorn (Popcorn Nation)
Sue: New opportunity from a local guy (who owns Rita's), who is trying to get his name out there. He has offered to sell us bags of popcorn at cost for concessions for plays, concerts, musicals. One-quart bags with green and white NHMA label on it for 50 cents each (usually \$3.00 each). Can try 100 bags, \$.50 cost to us and sell it for \$2. It's a big bag, quite large. Lots of questions and issues followed regarding when and where to sell (after school, after concerts, before concerts, at graduation, at football games, as a gift?). It was decided to table this until November meeting.

Membership Report – Nancy Gaidos

- There are 81 members as of now; six haven't paid yet. Will send out reminders. 23 new members, 5 more potential new members.
- Connie sent out renewal letters to former members who haven't yet renewed. At Freshman Tea, six requested info – still more potential. Hope to break 100 this year!

Updates and Information

- Band Operations
Nisim: Two flat wheels, ordered two innertubes, used a local shop to install. Please send thank you card to Patrick's Automotive, Exit 11. Address to Jim and Robert. Gave them \$10 for it. A week later another wheel blew and still haven't addressed it. New member Mike will handle. Discussed the Columbus Day Parade equipment crew - how it is

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determined who goes, how it was done in the past. Must clarify this week and emails need to go out: first Operations crew, then other senior parents. Nisim will determine all spots.

- 50/50 Raffle: September 28, 2017

Jen: Did well. Total sales \$445, winner took \$111.25 after donating half her proceeds back to us. Total deposit: \$333.75

- NHMA Information Table at Football Games

Connie: Fine

- Third Quarter Snacks

Linda: For Columbus Day trip, contacted Valley Crest and they donated 56 apples; will supplement with grapes. Reached out to Jacobs family for their son with Crohn's disease to make sure what snack he can eat.

Football games: Starting to get cold, so need details from kitchen staff on how to get the hot water. Connie will send an email. Thanks to Leah Gaidos, we found out band kids' friends were eating our snacks and drinking our water. Mr. Angeline was asked to address this with band members, which he did. We want to make sure everyone gets a snack but no guests!

Parent volunteer bakers going really well. Please give a shout out in the newsletter to Frank Brenkle for donating brownies.

- Miscellaneous

Connie: please send any pictures from last spring up to the present to Kathleen for newsletter.

Nisim: asked for electronic copy of everyone's contact info. Connie will send.

Connie: ok to ask senior parents back to Parent Volunteer Tailgate Week on senior night.

Open/New Business – Connie Rys

- Master Class Fee

\$1,000

Spent \$200 last year because one was canceled. Long discussion followed regarding the cost vs. the benefit and about how we will determine what to approve going forward. Cons: some suggested fee was high for only an hour and a half class and that only a few students would be up on stage with her even though all students will be invited to sit in auditorium. Also, majority of our group not happy that we were not given much notice to decide on this. In addition, approving this fee would then drain our

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account for any other discretionary spending this year **and** this fee is one quarter of our income from last year. On the pro side, it was noted that this class was very popular when done before and that students seemed to really enjoy it, especially since Jessica is an alum. Group also wants to support the choral program, so some suggested we could fund half or three quarters of total cost and/or possibly pass part of the cost along to the students who will participate? Budget amount is \$1250 for Master Classes and this fee would shoot the budget in one shot. Possibility then discussed to let this be approved over two years instead of one. We would like to speak with other faculty members to see who else might want some money. Moving forward we need a separate fund for Master Classes and a set cap at \$750. It has always been done on a first come, first serve basis. Connie suggested sending Ms. Meo an email, telling her we will approve it since we have the funds in the account, but that in the future we need more notice and we need to make it more equitable between department needs. Group approves this suggestion.

- Fall Newsletter

Kathleen: October 15 is the deadline for anything up until Columbus Day Parade. If anyone has pictures (scholarship winners, band camp), please send to Kathleen. Lynne supplied a list of what to include in the newsletter.

- Fall Play: *The Tempest*

Ticket sales assistance needed 10/19 and 10/21

Last year choir moms did it. Nancy sent out email to chorus groups. We will not need to help this year.

- State Farm: looking to partner with schools re: wellness, finance, and safety and would love to discuss opportunities with us. Connie responded she would get back to her. Nisim: Does she fit into our world? She wants business, but this is Booster's area. Connie will contact her.

Recent Events – Connie Rys

- Freshman Tea: Monday, September 25
Great turnout, everything was lovely.

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Upcoming Events – Connie Rys

- Football Games
 - ✓ Friday, October 7: Homecoming v. Bridgewater-Raritan HS
 - ✓ Saturday, October 14: Away v. Scotch Plains (1:00 pm)
 - ✓ Friday, October 20: Home v. Hillsborough HS
~ 7th/8th Grade Band Night, Senior Night, 50/50 Raffle
 - ✓ Friday, October 27: Away v. Phillipsburg
- Homecoming Coat Check: Saturday, October 7
- Columbus Day Parade: Monday, October 9
- Bloomfield Band Festival: Sunday, October 29

Open Forum/Roundtable – Connie Rys

- Nancy: We were hoping uniforms could be cleaned by Oct. 14 at Tirpok's, but this will not happen!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017
7:00 pm, Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Connie Rys at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Suzanne Adams.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott