

## **NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes**

September 5, 2017

### **Present: 14**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Adams	Suzanne
Angeline	Vincent
Fasciano	Jennifer
Gaidos	Nancy
Garvey	Linda
Hackel	Audrey
Horsch	Kathleen
McDermott	Dana
Meo	Katie
Parliyan	Nisim
Romano	Jeffrey
Rys	Connie
Slack	Jackie
Smith	Wynn

Motion to open meeting made by Connie Rys at 7:03 PM. Connie welcomed Dana McDermott and Jen Fasciano to new Board positions. Connie made a motion to accept June 2017 minutes, Jackie seconded the motion.

### **Faculty Report – Ms. Meo**

- Thanks to music parents for sharing your students! New schedule this year is working well and both teachers and students are adjusting. Ensembles are up and running; Choir has started slowly with daily rehearsals. Info on CJMEA Region Ensembles: open to any choral ensemble. Auditions are in December and students perform in January.
- Fall play auditions are underway, and the spring musical choice is "Thoroughly Modern Millie," which is a tap show. Kerrie Decker will be running extra tap sessions in preparation for the auditions.
- The regional Broadway show of "Wicked" in Philadelphia is closing soon and stars one of our former graduates, Jessica Vosk (2002). She will be finishing the show and wants to come to NHHS to do a fall master class, hopefully in October.

## Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Echo of Ms. Meo's feelings about the new schedule. Everyone seems to like it and it is working well. It is different but will soon be old hat for everyone. Longer classes are the biggest challenge, but ultimately it is a good thing.
- Ensembles up and running, Jazz is still getting ready.
- Marching Band
  - ✓ Appreciate parents helping with summer rehearsals, refreshments, pizza party. Performance went well. Our annual marching competition will be before the second home game at 5 p.m.
  - ✓ Uniform distribution went well. Everyone was fit and much appreciation to the crew that helped Nancy with sewing.
  - ✓ First game away at Summit this Saturday; 1:30 pregame show, 11:30 arrival, 12:00 bus departs. Summit will provide snacks for our students along with our own.
  - ✓ Upcoming Events: Sunday is the special Triathlon event at Spruce Run, Freshman Tea, football games, Phillipsburg Festival, Columbus Day parade in NYC.
  - ✓ First home game next Friday on Singley Field. The loading dock area repairs will not be done by then. Loading will be done at Math/Science wing by Nisim and his crew until dock area is complete.
  - ✓ New uniforms

District is committed to it. Committee of Six: Mr. Angeline, Mr. Hopta, Nancy G, two students, and one other parent will determine selection and it is hoped to go out for bid by the end of the month.

Connie questioned sizing of first purchased set and Mr. Angeline indicated uniforms will be sized for next year's band students with some extra "stock" uniforms. Very exciting! Nisim questioned if budget was approved. Mr. Angeline noted this has been in budget for several years. Wynn questioned if Tirpok was going to contribute because of the fire. Mr. Angeline noted that all paperwork has been submitted for claim and that the insurance company should handle from here on out. Money was there before the fire; fire just moved the timetable up.
- Questions
  - ✓ Nisim: What are the two band festivals? Phillipsburg and Bloomfield. Mr. Angeline will forward information regarding where warm ups will take place. Nice stadium was one selling point to go to Bloomfield.

- ✓ Connie: Approached by PTSA Vice President looking to see if they can do a co-fundraiser with us. Discussed whether we should invite them to our next meeting to brainstorm ideas. Also, the Cheer group is having a blackout bucket hat fundraiser. Did the band want to participate with the hat part of the sale? Band could be wearing hat that we buy (cost is \$9 per hat). Mr. Angeline requested the Cheer group contact him to discuss further.
- ✓ Nancy: Date for Applebee's fundraiser is December 16.
- ✓ Suzanne: Can we send someone to talk to the band members about the fruit sale? Mr. Angeline approved this request.

### **Corresponding Secretary Report – Suzanne Adams**

- Connie: Received thank you note from Kristen Fodor to Audrey, thanking NHMA for the senior scholarship.
- Kathleen: Daughter says thank you again for the Gary Gilbert scholarship.
- Suzanne: A card for Mr. Andrews needs to be given to Mr. Angeline to forward on, as we didn't have his personal home address. Group discussion followed and voted to let it go and not send a card. Also, do we need to send card for Matthew DaSilva who died in June and Bernadine Goepfert (ICC parish) who died in August? She has three surviving children but not sure if any were music students. Connie will report back.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jen Fasciano (see attached reports)**

- 2017/18 budget basically the same as last year. Changes:
  - ✓ Marching Band increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to include ShopRite's \$500 gift card; we have not received this yet.
  - ✓ Prism concert expenses last year included \$500 in tech tips. We need to set a limit for tip amounts for the future. Nancy: in the past we did \$25 or \$30 per person. Connie will email Ms. Meo and let her know we will have an envelope for each person the night of the show. Someone will be the holder of tips. Group agreed.
- **TOTAL INCOME:** \$691.00  
(see Income/Expense report dated July 1, 2017 to September 5, 2017)
- **TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$1,466.14  
(see Income/Expense report dated July 1, 2017 to September 5, 2017)
- Total account balance as of September 5, 2017: \$9,362.77

- Jen: When do we take out of gaming account? Slowly growing. Over \$500 will be added with two raffles coming up. Also, for the online Check Request and Deposit forms, how can I change name to mine? Need to check with Mr. Halldorson how to do it. Patricia had the original documents, so Nancy will call Patricia and find out what to do. Also, there is a current tax exempt form so we don't have to pay tax.
- Nancy: Have not made a deposit for membership yet; over \$600 in PayPal and \$140 in checks/cash.

### **Membership Report – Nancy Gaidos**

- There are 40 members as of now; 31 paid on PayPal and 10 of 40 are new. Four haven't paid yet. A year ago we had 56 members at this point.
- Connie will send out renewal letters by end of September to former members who haven't yet renewed. Will also do Freshman Tea to recruit new members.
- Alexa Parliyan will be the new Membership chair for next year.
- Volunteer Lists will be sent to committee chairs via email when requested.

### **Fundraising Report – Connie Rys**

- Florida Fruit Association Fundraiser

Connie: Approval came through. We are confirming dates, getting blurbs out to Maren. Sue: Want to start the sale now, heard that last year it ended too soon, concern in wanting fruit to come in during the holiday concerts to make pickup easy, especially with storms. Targeting end of sale to be Monday, November 13. Then two weeks to compile all info and the goal is to get everything to FFA before Thanksgiving. Website will open in mid-September to place orders there. Need an updated blurb to Maren and newspaper, email to membership, flyer attached to order form with prices and instructions (helpful last year). Prices to be written direct on order form v. listed on separate paper. Need a student name to order. Cost of apples and pears increased; otherwise the same prices and products. Need to think about where to store it when it comes in. 150 bushels are needed to place the order; last year we surpassed that. If over 250 bushels, we get free shipping. Every student (85) needs to sell at least three items. Advertising pushed by Maren. Sue will be at tomorrow's Back to School night to distribute flyers. Nisim: Please check link to make sure last year's data is cleared out. Link has to be live. Kathleen: Confirmed October 15 as date for Fall Newsletter.

- Stadium Seat Cushions

Connie: In hindsight, should have placed a larger order. Sold for \$8 or \$15 for two at graduation. Several comments that they were too expensive, but will stick with pricing. Concern is that we will have to order again by the end of the season. Should we run a batch at our own cost since it took so long to get sponsors? Nisim: Release a letter to let sponsors know fair warning their name was only on original 150 purchased. We will order more – do you want in? Linda: Do sponsors have music students? Do another count and let them know. Sue: Going forward, sponsors should get a whole school year; we shouldn't ask them to pay more than once per year. Then we would start again in the spring with a new year.

- Yankee Candle Sale

Connie: Haven't called them yet. Do we want to run a Christmas sale along with the fruit? Is it worth a try? Sue: Worth a try, lots of products. Not got approval yet, but sent through. Connie: Just do it online, and Sue seconded that. Connie will get their fall and Christmas brochures. Sale open through all of winter.

- Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's: December 16, 2017

- Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Connie: No chair for this year, so on the lookout. Claire will assist in getting orders in and soon they will want to know how many. Maren sends out a flyer and plants are pre-ordered. We bring them to the two holiday concerts. Kathleen: Need to do a flyer for this sale. Sue: Easy to do a Google form for this and would let buyer know when they would pick them up. Connie will get prices for flyer.

- Bucket Drive at Clinton Bagel & ShopRite

Connie: Claire will do this, perhaps with another person to help. We need to establish dates and then Connie will send a flyer out. Jen: Students are not permitted to do this.

## **Updates and Information – Connie Rys**

- 50/50 Raffle Football Game Dates: 9/28 & 10/20

- Volunteer HIB Training: <http://goo.gl/forms/OYiEbxFOW6>

Must do every year if working directly with students! Make sure all your volunteers have done this. Ask someone to confirm it. New Jersey is very strict with this requirement. Use link and fill out online.

- Silver Oak Water Bottle Donations

They are donating water to Booster Club again this year; our needs are pulled from Booster Club's stock.

- Important Dates
  - ✓ Phillipsburg Band Festival: 9/23
  - ✓ Freshman Tea: 9/25
  - ✓ Columbus Day Parade: 10/9
  - ✓ Bloomfield Band Festival: 10/29
  - ✓ Marching Band Banquet: 11/29
  - ✓ Clinton Christmas Parade: 12/1
  - ✓ Flapjack Fundraiser: 12/16
- 2017/2018 NHMA Meeting Dates  
9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/4

### **Open/New Business – Connie Rys**

- NHMA Information Table at Football Games  
We have been at every home game, but will not send out a sign up for this. Also sell stadium seat cushions. Need just two people.
- Volunteer Status
  - ✓ Band Operations  
Nisim: Good response from first signup - six people. Mr. Angeline orders the van for equipment moving to away games. Connie explained volunteer dress code, as newcomer Jeffrey Romano will help this year. Connie will order for band parent helpers from Destination Athlete, which is also the spiritwear website for all parents. Nisim will send email to his helpers for shirt requests and sizes. Linda clarified options used in previous years.
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Snacks  
Linda: We're getting there! Update: Have a \$50 gift card, \$500 ShopRite card, \$100 leftover from Terese's card last year. Have cookies, muffins, cupcakes. Band Camp: Volunteers were great, some days too many students in tent. Received a binder from Terese and am creating my own binder for who takes over this position. Jackie will help on Saturday and will bring extra water. Updated medical kit, made inventory list, contacted Terri re: old bag of bandages and cold packs; threw out. All ready. Have volunteers for baked goods for our kids and visiting band snacks. Freshman Tea: Can't send anything for volunteers until Mr. Hopta or Mr. A sends something out. Kathleen: Last year we got it from Ms. Meo with not much notice, but it was on the choral syllabus.

- 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.

## **Recent Events – Connie Rys**

- Marching Band Camp

- ✓ Pizza Party
- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Band-Aides
- ✓ Friday Performance
- ✓ Raffle

- Marching Band Uniform Distribution: August 25
- Meet the Teachers Nights

## **Upcoming Events – Connie Rys**

- Football Games

- ✓ Saturday, September 9: Away at Summit High School
- ✓ Friday, September 15: Home v. Warren Hills
- ✓ Friday, September 22: Home v. Watchung Hills
- ✓ Friday, September 28: Home v. Immaculata

- Phillipsburg Band Festival: September 23
- Freshman Tea: September 25
- Columbus Day Parade: October 9
- Homecoming Coat Check: October 15
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night, Senior Night, 50/50 Raffle: October 20
- Bloomfield Band Festival – October 29

## **Open Forum/Roundtable – Connie Rys**

- Jen will get the cash for the 50/50 raffles.
- Kathleen volunteered to help with Meet the Teachers night tomorrow.

- Nisim: Concerned for September 9 game about the truck and door area being available. Linda: Take cones from shed and set up so truck knows where to go.

**Next Meeting:     Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

7:00 pm, Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Connie Rys at 8:32 PM, seconded by Suzanne Adams.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott