January 13, 2015

**Present**: Terese Acocella, Chris Carbone, Suzanne Dzula Adams, Cathy Edelsberg, Lisa Franklin, Nancy Gaidos, Ms. Meo, Terri Mugnano, Claire Rothstein, Monica Sharp, Margaret Shay, Michelle Smith, Sharon Tanzler, Lynne Thompson

Motion to open meeting made by Cathy Edelsberg at 7:01 PM, seconded by Suzanne Dzula Adams. Motion to accept Nov. 2014 minutes made by Michelle Smith, seconded by Terese Acocella.

## Faculty Representation: Ms. Meo

Musical rehearsals underway for performers, pit, light and stage crew.

Spring repertoire preparation is underway.

Several students accepted into Regents choir Brielle Burns, William Kubas, Juliette Shore, Sarah Wingler. Juliette and Sarah are freshmen. Band member and clarinet player, Julia Lombardo, made Region orchestra. First rehearsal was last Friday. Will perform at the beginning of Feb.

Quote from CMT Sound System, Clifton, NJ. for Prism concert lighting and sound \$5,537.00, \$1,000 more than last year. May reduce speakers and microphones to reduce price. NHMA board will vote by email as Treasurer was absent.

School is researching online ticketing systems to use for all events. Team includes Tim Flynn, Greg Cottrell. Lauren Sheldon, English teacher, handling promotions.

Jessica Vosk Master Class held November 14. Jessica is a 2002 graduate of North. Pursuing Broadway career. Brought choreographer—Ceasar Barajas. Song and dance workshop. Worked on section of "In The Heights" Ms. Meo has photos. Will email for newsletter. Great day. Worked 1:1 with upper class students. Mock audition. Give feedback. Teach them how to have a successful audition. Thank you NHMA for sponsoring master class! Helps students reach higher.

Really enjoyed Applebees fundraiser. Much bigger showing of choir students this year than last.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Sharon Tanzler**

Send a thank you to Jessica Vosk. Obtain address from Ms. Meo.

# **Treasurer's Report – Patricia Fitzgerald (absent—no report)**

## **Fundraising Report**

- Holiday Bake Sale December 12. Confirm profit?
- Goodfellas NHMA Donation Jar is there. Terri will grab for next meeting.

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- Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser: 36 kids volunteered to work. 'Stardust Diner'-esque. Good time. Kids are looking forward to doing it again next year. There were more vocalists this year. Sold 136 tickets this year vs. 100 last year. Mr. Angeline, Ms. Meo and guest, Mrs. Meo came as guests of NHMA. Took in \$1,695. Paid Applebees \$544. \$1,150 profit. 14 online orders—55 tickets. Advertised in three papers, Democrat, Observer, Hunderdon Review. Distributed through school districts—Clinton Twp., Franklin. NHMA E-notes. Thank you Maren Smagala for sending emails and putting on NHHS Facebook page. Flyers in every program both nights of winter concerts. Handed out flyers at band banquet as well.
- Button Fundraiser: Headed by Joy Labelle. Spent time in lunch / mall taking orders. Kids were able to create their own designs or purchase premade designs. Sold 117 buttons in November, 102 buttons in December. Joy's goal is 400. Buttons cost 40 cents each. Profit: Nov. \$156.20, Dec. \$137.20. One teacher gave gift cert. to get buttons.
- Donation Day: Nancy Gaidos is researching. Clinton Bagel will also allow.
- NHHS Green Bandanas. Suzanne will look for a second quote.
- Dorney Tickets: Music students? Volleyball team has done before. Cathy will speak with Joe Bieksha. Sharon has done with her township. Have to prebuy tickets. Hershey Park tickets are another option.
- Shammy Shine Gift Cards: End of year gifts? Winter season? Nancy will research.
- Belgium Waffles Ice Cream Sandwiches: Keep on idea list.
- Raffle Basket (Ongoing Raffle): Terri and Sharon. Rosa Luca will donate a dinner for two. Terri will talk to balloon pilots for donation. Terri will check with Holiday Inn for a donation of a free night's stay. By next meeting, bring donation ideas, make connections.

## **Membership Report**

Nancy

Total membership 120. 30 joined online. Checks and PayPal. 43 new members.

# **Updates and Information**

Gaming Registration Certificate (4/7/15 – 4/7/17)

### **Recent Events**

Jessica Vosk Master Class – November 14

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- Hunterdon County Retired Educators Association Holiday Brunch (choirs—madrigal and chamber choirs performed) December 2
- Marching Band Awards Banquet December 3. Pizza Como, 260 people.
  12 faculty.
- Clinton Christmas Parade December 5.
- Marching Band Pre-Parade Potluck December 5. Big success!
- College Workshop Concessions December 6. Income \$42.50. Feb. 7 is next event.
- Winter Concerts / Dessert Receptions December 11 and 18. Second night conflict with a basketball banquet—keep in mind for planning next year.
- In-School Holiday Music Assembly December 22

### **Open/New Business**

- Spring Newsletter: due date to be determined.
- Winter Musical (Oliver!). Looking for chairperson for candy grams/concessions and flowers and raffle. Sharon Tanzler volunteered to chair raffle—table and walk around. Students can work with adult supervision. Lynne Thompson volunteered to chair flowers (roses).
- Prism Concert. Maria Bambridge coordinating. Lynne Thompson assisting with advertising. Still deciding on ticket sales. Will NHMA host reception afterward? No donations. Purchase from ShopRite.
- NHMA Website Photo Section. Cathy to talk with Mr. Angeline regarding rules to post photos.
- Calendar Alert: PTSA Battle of the Bands, Call for volunteers?
- Principal's Newsletter
- Coffee Pot. Outlets not working in kitchen or is it the coffee pot?
- Committee and Chairperson positions for 2015 2016. If you want to continue, resign or volunteer, please let Cathy know. Please update notes if you are leaving your position. Treasurer position open. Put in E notes.

## **Upcoming Events**

- College Workshop February 7
- Winter Musical: Oliver! March 5 7

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- Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade March 15. Usual crew notification week before by Terri. Uniform return after parade. Nancy getting quotes on group dry cleaning. Tirpok will do at cost; pickup and drop off.
- Prism Concert March 26
- Spring Play April 23 25. NHMA may help sell tickets.

# **Open Forum/Roundtable**

Next meeting set for 2/10/2015, at 7:00 PM, Room 131 (Choir Room)

Motion to close meeting made by Cathy Edelsberg at 8:52 PM, seconded by Terri Mugnano.

Minutes prepared by: Suzanne Dzula Adams