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Present:

Last Name First Name Acocella Terese Angeline Vincent Bieksha Joe Brenckle Marlene Chen Donna Dzula Adams Suzanne Edelsberg Cathy Edelsberg Andrew Fitzgerald Patricia Gaidos Nancy Garvey Linda Hackel Audrey Kubas Diane Meo Katie Terri Mugnano Patuto Jen Claire Rothstein Rys Connie Sharp Monica Shay Margaret Slack Jackie Smith Michelle Smith Wynn Thomas Suzi Thompson Lynne

Motion to open meeting made by Cathy at 7:00 PM, seconded by Terri. Motion to accept June 2015 minutes made by Lynne, seconded by Andrew.

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Faculty Representation:

(Mr. Angeline)

Two full weeks of band rehearsal before school started. NHMA summertime work is exceptional. Band camp—'band aides'. Meeting for new parents went well. NHMA very involved in distribution of uniforms. Getting ready for first performance on Friday. Pep rally and game. New procedures. Pictures Friday. Michelle Smith new dinner program from Carini's. Columbus Day Parade, 7th/8th grade band night, Golden Lions Alumni band reunion. Registration coming in. 100-200 total. 90s, 2000s, 70s, 80s. Today was Disney registrations. Nearly 100% of band is confirmed. Year has gotten off to a great start. Ensembles are together. Band room has—new carpet, smart board, new cabinetry coming in November. Principal that supports us 100%. Registration date for alumni next Tuesday. Leave decorations to Michelle. 93 band members. Have current students do check in. Parents to oversee. 20-25 freshman. No invites needed. Mr. A sending details to all those who have RSVP'd. Checks made out to NHMA. Freshman concert band members perform for Freshman Tea. Food will be served in music room.

(Ms. Meo)

Year off to a wonderful start. Wonderful leadership. Great seniors in ensembles and classes. Next Wednesday, 16th, choir attire measuring day. Students stay after. Need at least 2 parent volunteers. Hour long commitment. Bring a measuring tape if you have.

Freshman Tea: 40 girls in women's ensemble. Concert Choir meeting in two sections. More than 30 in each section. Thinking about hosting a 7th and 8th grade recruitment day in the spring—combined music, food, and games. Need to come up with something that will attract middle school boys. Another master class planned—singing, acting, dancing, comedy. Asking for financial help from NHMA. \$1,000 last year, \$500 year before.

Corresponding Secretary – Suzanne Dzula Adams

Three thank you's sent: Joseph Colalillo (Shop Rite), Brenckle Family, Mead Family.

Treasurer's Report – Audrey Hackel

2015-2016 Budget – review and approve. Motion to approve made by Cathy with the suggested changes. Claire seconded.

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TOTAL INCOME: \$ 1,703.62 (reference report dated Sept 8, 2015)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 2,177.66 (reference report dated Sept 8, 2015)

Checking account balance as of 9/08/2015: \$ 1,848.06

New NHMA deposit forms. Please fill out before giving Audrey cash or checks so she knows where the money is coming from.

Fundraising Report

Forming a committee. Andrew E. is the chair. Gertrude Hawk chocolates. Katie does for choir to offset cost of choir attire. Starting Nov. 1, NHMA Gertrude Hawk campaign. Form has not been submitted—Cathy will submit. Sell at football games? Conflict with Booster club? Will ask. First year, not mandatory. Strongly encourage. We will offer to assist Katie with her sale next year. Committee meeting at Country Griddle, Tuesday, Sept. 29. Andrew will send out an email.

- Donation Days—bucket drives. Need to be called scholarship drives. Claire will get Oct./Nov. dates from Clinton Bagel. Students can perform on the lawn. Parents will collect.
- Stadium Seat Cushions—17 left. Do we continue? Need to confirm pricing. Sell for \$5. Do we offer advertising space on Web site? Are we allowed? List of names with links? Charge sponsors more?
- Disney T-Shirt: Michelle Disney fundraiser idea: Get everyone a t-shirt. Kids make a design. Kids get two sponsors--\$25 each. Will discuss further at the fundraising meeting Sept. 29.
- Ice Cream Novelties—Nancy looking in to cost and logistics of keeping ice cream cold.
- Kona Truck?
- NHMA/Music T-Shirts: Wynn & Robin. Lion graphic—same used on seat cushions. Cathy will look into obtaining graphic. Always there. Add some music aspects? Hoodie? Let fundraising committee flesh out.
- Gertrude Hawk Chocolates—see above
- Other Ideas: recycling. Table to fundraising meeting.

Membership Report – Nancy

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Online. 60 members. 17 new members, freshman. First time members get magnet. More people sending in checks than expected. Sending reminders to families who submitted online form but have not made payment. Send renewal letter to those who have not renewed. Several people have sent checks but not filled out info forms.

Updates and Information

- 50/50 Raffle Football Dates: 9/25 and 10/16
- Volunteer Lists. Nancy is the keeper of the lists. If you need volunteers, send Nancy an email.
- Volunteer HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying) Training (all volunteers must take): http://goo.gl/forms/0YiEbxF0W6
- Silver Oak Water Bottle Donations—under new ownership. New owners will continue donations.
- Important Dates

Freshman Tea – 9/28

Banquets - 12/2, 5/25

Prism - 3/17

Concerts - 12/10, 12/17, 5/12, 5/19

Meeting Dates:

2015: 9/8, 10/6, 11/10, 12/8

2016: 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/7

Recent Events

- Marching Band Camp (pizza party, refreshments, Band-Aides, Friday performance, raffle). Thank you to all volunteers.
- Marching Band Uniform Distribution August 28 and 29
- Meet The Teachers Nights Thanks to all who volunteered to help!

Open/New Business

- NHMA Information Table at Football Games
- Volunteer Status: Band Operations/3rd Quarter Snack/Raffle/7th& 8th Grade Band Night
- Fall Newsletter: Publish Oct. 9. Submissions by Sept. 25. Will need photos. Stuff from the spring—Memorial Day Parade, spring concerts, band camp. Facebook? Can we have a page?
- College Workshop Concessions (Silver Oak) 9/19 Nancy will help Cathy.
 Jackie Slack as well.

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- Fundraising Committee
- Raffle Committee
- Publicity Committee—Wynn. Looking for another volunteer.

Upcoming Events

First Football Game: Friday, Sept. 11 – HOME

Upcoming Games: Friday, Sept. 18 – Montgomery

Friday, Sept. 25 – HOME 7th/8th Grade

Band Night & Raffle

Saturday, Oct. 3 – Scotch Plains/Fanwood

(2:30 PM)

Friday, Oct. 9 – HOME

- 7th/8th Grade Band Night and Pizza Party Sept. 25
- Freshman Tea Sept. 28 in Café B—Linda organizing
- Homecoming Coat Check October 10
- Columbus Day Parade October 12
- Alumni Band Performance and Reunion October 16
- Phillipsburg Band Festival October 28

Open Forum/Roundtable

Next Meeting: Oct. 6, 2015 7:00 PM Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Patricia at 9:15 PM, seconded by Cathy.

Minutes prepared by: Suzanne Dzula Adams