

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

October 2, 2018

Present: 11

Last Name	First Name
Adams	Suzanne
Angeline	Vincent
Chen	Donna
Cudworth	Katie
Fasciano	Jennifer
Horsch	Kathleen
McDermott	Dana
O'Rourke	Cathy
Parliyan	Nisim
Romano	Jeffrey
Rys	Connie

Motion to open meeting at 7:01 p.m. made by Jen; seconded by Dana. Motion to approve September meeting minutes made by Jen; seconded by Sue.

Faculty Report – Mrs. Cudworth

- All ensembles are working on winter repertoire.
- We will be taking our boys in choir to Rowan University men's choral festival on October 25. Trip has been deemed non-curricular, so district won't fund the transportation. The cost is \$800 for bus, and some money from NHMA would be great. One option is to have boys pay their own way (we have 27 boys), but they are also having to buy concert attire. This trip is not mandatory, but we want as many as possible to go. There will be 200 plus other schools throughout NJ singing with them. I like to learn about male voices as much as I can, and high school aged boys need encouragement that singing is cool. Would love any help we can get!
- Fall play, *Inherit the Wind*, is going well. Performance at faculty meeting today. We will be performing the first weekend in November.

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Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Congratulations on a successful Freshman Tea. Stacy-Ann James did a fantastic job! We showed off the best of both vocal and instrumental students. Lots of positive parent feedback.
- September was busy with four football game performances. Show is getting stronger every week.
- October will be very busy as well with four football games, two parades, and two festivals.
 - Picture day will be this Friday. Two of our band members have been nominated as Homecoming King.
 - Monday is the annual Columbus Day parade, our 17th year of marching up Fifth Ave.
 - Next Friday is senior night and 7th/8th grade band night.
 - Following week is against Rahway HS, where we have never been.
 - NJ State High School Band Festival will be at Wayne Hills High School on Oct. 20. We played this many years ago and will return this year. Lots of bands attend.
 - Running of Lions on Oct. 21 to be put on by NHEF. I will ask for student volunteers to perform at 9:40 in the morning.
 - Phillipsburg Band Festival is on Oct. 27 with a 7:05 PM performance.
 - Halloween parade is on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the Developmental Center.
- New uniforms will arrive within the next 30 days or a penalty will be assessed. We have the helmet boxes and plumes.
- Questions
 - Nisim: Columbus Day parade list of people who are going on bus with us? Use the usual hierarchy of senior parents, parents who have helped us, etc. There will be two buses, no truck. Call time for students? 9:30 AM. Jen will come up with a list to cover all jobs.
 - Nisim: What is the time frame for the Festivals? 4:30 calls, leave around 5 PM.
 - Cathy: Do we need extra snacks for festivals? It is an hour bus trip to Wayne Hills HS. No, regular snacks will work fine.
 - Kathleen: Is someone taking pictures at all the events? Mr. Ricketts will take them.

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Corresponding Secretary Report – Sue Adams

- No report

Treasurer Report – Connie Rys

- Decided not to print out journal for every check written.
- Seat cushion shipment was late, so Steve is attempting to get refunded on the shipping fee.
- Deposits to be made soon, which will increase funds.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of September 30, 2018:

Checking Account: \$1,184.85

Gaming Account: \$2,209.94

Savings Account: \$4,249.30

Total: \$7,644.09

Fundraising Report – Jen Fasciano

- Homecoming Coat Check – October 6
Confirm volunteers: Donna, Pam, Alexa. Connie will email them to discuss specifics. Need to be set up by 6:00 PM. Maren will send out blurbs about the students needing to bring cash. There may be tags in the cupboards.
- Stadium Seat Cushions
150 are here and they look good. Sell for \$8, 2 for \$15. We will take 15 or 20 to each game.
- PTSA Discount Cards
We have sold five. Can sell them at football games. How do we get students to sell them? We have 80 band members. Discussed several options: email directly to all music parents and say how much we would make off each one, then parents order direct from Jen via email, OR all music students could have an order form via email and then swap cards for money. Consensus of the group is that this may be difficult with students involved. We plan to start with using parents this year, and

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- maybe next year increase to parents and students. PTSA already has this fundraiser approved by the school board.
- Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast
December 1, 2018 is confirmed from 8 to 10 AM. Jen will handle flyers, volunteers, performers. Jen's husband will bring sound system.
 - Bucket Drive
Nothing firm as of yet, but will keep working on it with Clinton Bagel and Just Chill.
 - Poinsettias at Christmas concerts
We have the contact person. Need to order by November 16. They will be delivered on each concert date by Claire (someone needs to contact her!). Last year we ordered 25 plants for each concert. Pickup is after the concert. Kathleen will do the flyer again. No one pre-orders, so flyer just gives the info.
 - Other Ideas
 - Jeffrey: Cash for Gold. Will call them (Belvidere) to see if they will come here.
 - Kathleen: Straight donations based on a specific project vs. having to sell something.
 - Sue: A drive like North baseball did - SnapRaise. Each kid had to give 15 email addresses and then emails were sent asking for donations to the program. Brian Wagner set it up for North baseball. It is all done on-line. Connie and Jen will research, and Dana will send Brian Wagner's contact info.

Membership Report – Jen Fasciano for Alexa Parliyan

- Currently 72 members. Nineteen newly paid at the Freshman Tea.
- Direct email through Maren to all music students.

Updates and Information – Jen Fasciano

- Band Operations
(Nisim) Good crew this year. Twelve spots open on bus to NYC Parade. Donna and Mike Chen, Jen Jones (mother of drum major), Steve Schwab, John & Wife, Mike Ricketts, Jen F, Jeffrey, Dave, Myriam? Six from my crew, six others. Nisim will send out email saying few spots are available.

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- 50/50 Raffle Football Dates
 - October 12: 7th/8th grade band night; senior night
Jen will find someone to do the tickets.
 - October 26: Milk Can Game
- NHMA Information Table at Football Games

Connie and Jen are there.
- 3Q Snacks

(Donna) Need help with this week for 7th/8th grade band night, so will send out a sign-up sheet. Pizza will be provided, and Cathy will get head count from Mr. A so we can order.

Open/New Business – Jen Fasciano

- Master Classes

Jen wrote to Mrs. Cudworth and read her reply.
Budget is now \$1,000. We could put out there that from now on for Master Classes, for NHMA members they are free and non-members will have a surcharge. Jen will draft up a letter reminding all music teachers that money is there and we feel it has been too choir-focused in the past years. Motion by Sue to offer \$400 toward the bus to Rowan University, with \$600 left over to use elsewhere. Motion seconded by Connie.
- Fall Newsletter

Kathleen will do again. Linda did a lot of pictures last year. Not sure how to get all the pictures. Mike Ricketts has all the pics that exist so far this year. Jen will get his contact info to Kathleen.
- Fall Play *Inherit the Wind*

Jen asked Mrs. C if she needed help but hasn't heard back as of yet.

Recent Events – Jen Fasciano

- Freshman Tea (Monday, September 24)

Thanks to all who helped! Very successful evening. Cakes were from Frank Brenckle, who works at Kings. Yummy.

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Upcoming Events – Jen Fasciano

- Upcoming Football Games
 - Friday, October 5 – Home vs. South Plainfield (Homecoming)
 - Friday, October 12 – Home vs. Montgomery
50/50 Raffle, Senior Nighty, 7th/8th Grade Band Night
 - Friday, October 19 – at Rahway HS
 - Friday, October 26 – Home vs. Voorhees (Milk Can Game)
50/50 Raffle
- Homecoming Coat Check – Saturday, October 6
- Columbus Day Parade – Monday, October 8
- NJ State Band Festival – Saturday, October 20
- Phillipsburg Band Festival – Saturday, October 27
- Marching Band Banquet – Wednesday, November 28
We don't have a person to handle yet. Jen Patuto and Jen McCormack will maybe help. Jackie should have all the info. Sue sends the invite to all four teachers and asks them to send out. Sue has spreadsheet of all invitees.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2018

7:00 pm, Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Jen at 8:27 p.m.; seconded by Sue.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott