

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

November 13, 2018

Present: 8

Last Name	First Name
Angeline	Vincent
Beswick	Pam
Chen	Donna
Fasciano	Jennifer
McDermott	Dana
Parliyan	Alexa
Parliyan	Nisim
Patuto	Jennifer

Motion to open meeting at 7:01 p.m. made by Jen; seconded by Dana. Motion to approve October meeting minutes made by Alexa; seconded by all present.

Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Very successful month of October, glitch free. Good turnout on 7th/8th grade band night, although some sending districts' programs are still emerging. Students that attended seem very enthusiastic. Our two district school bands playing national anthem together at Voorhees for the Milk Can game was exciting...no rivalry between the bands! Sent off letter to Voorhees AD regarding their punter practicing while our band was on the field performing. Columbus Day parade was a win this year. The State festival at Wayne Hills performance is up on YouTube, and kids did a great job. Sunday morning, Oct. 21, was the Running of the Lions. Twenty volunteers showed up and played during the event, and we are very grateful to those kids. Two very special and meaningful events were the Halloween parade at the Developmental Center and the performance for the veterans in Glen Gardner. Our band put on very entertaining performances throughout this season. Thank you to all parents for snacks, help with equipment, and everything else you do for us!

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- Uniforms are coming this week. We will have them for the Christmas parade on December 7. Marching Band Banquet is November 28. I will need a list of all parents who have volunteered for the band throughout the season so they can be recognized that night.
- Fall play, *Inherit the Wind*, went well. Winter musical auditions will be next week and I will be putting the pit together then. Winter concerts are on Dec. 6 and 13 at 7:00 PM with receptions following. Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra will play on December 6, and Concert Band will play on December 13.
- Questions
 - Jen: Do you want each coordinator to send a list of volunteers? **Yes**
 - Jen: When do we start thinking about next year? Nisim and Connie will be gone! Jeff Romano will fill in for Nisim and Joanne Berson will fill in for Connie. Having new uniforms will help this situation. Connie will put together a team to help distribute new uniforms and get rid of the old ones.
 - Nisim: Can we get the videos from the Festivals posted on the NHHS Facebook page? Mike Ricketts also sent pictures. Upcoming schedule info will be sent out to all music parents, and I will include a link from Mike Ricketts and the videos. FYI: If you want to view old videos of the band back into the 90s, check out the Vincent Angeline YouTube channel!
 - Nisim: Music for next year? **Not yet**
 - Alexa: Is there a rehearsal for the performances at Applebee's? **No** Send Mrs. Cudworth an email suggesting moving the Applebee's sign-up sheets so the students can see them better.
 - Nisim: Call time for Christmas parade? **5:30 PM**

Corresponding Secretary Report

- No Report
(Donna) Can we send thank yous to ShopRite and anyone else who donated items for this season? She will send email to Sue with this request. This position will be open for next year.

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Treasurer Report

- No Report
(Jen) Approximately \$200 football game income is not reflected yet
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of October 31, 2018:
Checking Account: \$2,880.83
Gaming Account: \$1,529.94
Savings Account: \$4,249.30
Total: \$8,660.07

Fundraising Report – Jen Fasciano

******Need to find someone to do this for next year. Please think of anyone who might be a good fit and let me know!***

- PTSA Discount Cards
We will advertise these in the fall newsletter, but didn't feel comfortable going through the students to sell these. Can we sell at Winter Concerts and Applebee's? **Yes**
- Stadium Seat Cushions
New shipment this fall, so we are good for this year.
- Poinsettias at Christmas Concerts
They are ordered. Jen will put out an email to get volunteers because we need someone to sit at the table before and after concerts. No pre-orders this year; cash and carry only. This will be advertised in the fall newsletter (out tomorrow) and Jen will send blurbs to Maren, asking her to send out info to everyone. Claire Rothstein will deliver them again before each concert.
- Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast
Set for December 1, 2018. We just need volunteers! Mr. Angeline and Mrs. Cudworth went last year. Band Council members should talk it up and also attend. There will be pre-sales. Jen needs an approximate head count - Nancy always told Applebee's 50. Rob will bring sound system. We need someone to run this fundraiser next year.

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- 50/50 Raffles
October 12 and 26
Very successful! We need someone to take this on for next year.
- Other Ideas
 - We are currently down about \$300 this year, so we need to think of maybe one more fundraiser.
 - Prism concert – are we doing the lights again? If we can make more money from the concert, then we wouldn't really need another fundraiser. Usually we sell stadium cushions at the concert. Jen will follow up with Mr. A.

Membership Report – Alexa Parliyan

- Mr. A and Mrs. C sent out an email and tons of people signed up. We are now at 99 current members with \$1,985.00 raised (over our goal). Jen may send out one more email before the end of the year to maybe catch some senior parents who will be looking for scholarship money.

Updates and Information – Jen Fasciano

- Band Operations
(Nisim) Pretty good team this year. More concerned for Jeff next year. Hope there is enough commitment to have people show up every week. Group of five is sufficient. Difficulties are coordinating the scheduling and volunteers. If the Band does a big trip, then we will need more people. This has always been a challenge...people are busy!
- 3Q Snacks
(Donna) Everything went well. Only glitch was at the Summit game where the kids were famished. Will note this for next year if we have a Saturday afternoon game. We stopped icing the drinks once the weather turned cold, which really helped.
- Homecoming Coat Check
Worth it? **Yes.** Very entertaining and we made \$121. We will continue this next year.

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Open/New Business – Jen Fasciano

- December Meeting
Always on the calendar but we always seem to skip it. We will keep that tradition for this year! Jen will let Maren know so she can change her Weekly Calendar alerts. Actually in the past have had our December “meeting” after the Clinton Christmas parade at Clinton Station diner.
- Prism Committee
A letter was sent out to all NHMA membership to get volunteer help with ticket sales, organizing volunteers day of concert, publicity, sponsors, etc. Could probably do away with going around town hanging up posters, since most attendees are parents/grandparents of students.
(Alexa) Send me the binder on this and I will help. Jen will contact Nancy Gaidos and get the info. We can split up the duties among several people. **Need a chair for this position for next year!**
- Photographer Position
Jen will ask Mike Ricketts. He put all photos he took since Band Camp on a Google share doc, all labeled, and sent to Mr. A and Jen.
- Fall Newsletter
Kathleen finished today and will send out tomorrow. Our group agreed that we wanted this to be sent to the whole school, or all least all music families and not just current membership. We hope to drum up new membership this way!

Recent Events – Jen Fasciano

- Hunterdon Developmental Center Parade
- Marching Band Senior Night/7th & 8th Grade Band Night
- State Band Festival and Phillipsburg Band Festival
- Men’s Choir Students to Rowen University
Twenty boys from NHHS went and 400 boys total attended this workshop. They learned two songs and gave great performances. Whole day was a success.

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Upcoming Events – Jen Fasciano

- Marching Band Banquet – Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 PM
(Jen Patuto) Everything is all good – the food is ordered for same price as last year, invites and volunteer requests went out. We decided to try something new this year...a selfie station will be set up with pirate things, and kids can take pictures with friends. Everyone agreed this was a great idea! Connie will get in touch with Joy LaBelle who has some props we can use. Who takes home the centerpieces? **Seniors take them on a first come, first serve basis.**
- Clinton Christmas Parade – December 7
Uniforms will be here! Old ones should not just disappear until new ones have been sized properly.
- Winter Concerts I & II – December 6 and 13
Jen will talk to Stacy (Hospitality) to make sure she's on it for the receptions.
- Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser – December 1

Open Forum/Roundtable

- Can we have an NHMA Facebook page where we can share pictures, videos, advertise things, etc.? Booster Club has one. (Nisim) Be careful with that, as there were issues with liabilities in the past. Jen will check with Mr. A.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2019

7:00 pm, Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Jen at 8:01 p.m.; seconded by Dana.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott