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Present: 13
Last Name First Name

Angeline Vincent Chen Donna Dieterman Diane Fasciano Jen Hopta Charlie Lambert Veronique Ludewig Rebecca McCormack Jen McDermott Dana McGrew Dawn O'Rourke Cathy Patuto Jennifer Zengel Leila

Motion to open meeting at 7:00 p.m. made by Jen; seconded by Dana. Motion to approve September meeting minutes made by Dawn; seconded by Donna.

# Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

# Marching Band

Thank you to NHMA for the Freshman Tea. We had a very successful evening and a lot of fun. We have half of the football schedule done, half to go, as well as numerous other performances...Columbus Day parade on Monday, the State Band Festival on the 19th, and the Halloween parade on the  $31^{\rm st}$  at the Hunterdon Developmental Center.

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### Faculty Report – Mr. Hopta

Spring Trip to Williamsburg VA

We received the final BOE approval, and the first official payment will be due Oct. 18. Students have received all paperwork. Posters are up for the Pampered Chef fundraiser, and information regarding PC, the wreaths, and David's Cookies has been sent out to all music students. The issue now is how to divvy up the funds between the kids and how to keep track of them. A discussion followed regarding how the money raised by each student would be accounted for, and it was determined that the NHMA will send the check to Short Hills Tours and keep the accounting for how much each student has raised toward their trip. The wreath sale will be starting next week, with delivery during the first week of December. David's Cookies will then begin in the next couple of weeks, with delivery right before Christmas break. All fundraising should be done by Christmas.

#### Questions

- What about students who fundraise but don't go on trip?
  All money raised goes back to the NHMA general fund.
- Realistically, how much can students earn?
  Estimate yourself how much you think you can earn. For PC, the website link can be emailed direct to your contacts. For the wreaths, they sell for a flat fee and students can add their own markups based on how much they want to earn. There is also the option of sending one as a holiday gift, which is then delivered by FedEx and students get \$8 for each sale.
- Are there other ways to help pay for this trip? This trip seems to exclude some kids whose families can't afford it. Are there local corporations who might donate?

We negotiated the cost down, and payments are spaced out. We talked about reaching out to the NHEF, and Charlie will start a discussion with them. Jen will confirm the money situation with Mr. A.

# **Corresponding Secretary Report – Susan Wallace**

No report

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 Request made to send ShopRite a thank you note for donating \$400 of food for the Freshman Tea.

### Treasurer Report – Alexa Parliyan

Jen gave report forwarded by Alexa

• **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of October 1, 2019:

Checking Account: \$ 8,265.09

<u>Gaming Account:</u> \$ 1,409.94 **Total:** \$ 9,675.03

### Fundraising Report – Jen Fasciano & Dawn McGrew

- Homecoming Coat Check October 12
   This Saturday is the dance. Jeff has volunteered, and Dawn and Veronique might be able to help. Shifts could be split so no one has to stay for the whole dance. Jen will send out a help request via email.
- Stadium Seat Cushions
   Will sell at all home games
- Applebee's Flapjacks
   Jen needs to nail down the date
- Pampered Chef

This fundraiser has started! We will be taking orders during October and delivery will be November 9. We are trying to determine how to get the word out better. End date is Oct. 31 when all orders should be in. Students get 15% of total sales, as long as our whole organization sells at least \$600.

Holiday Wreaths – Mickman Bros. in Minnesota
Wreaths will be delivered in a nice plastic bag to Dawn's house on Dec. 7.
The cost is \$12.62 per wreath, but the students should add \$10/15 profit onto the final price. Students get to decide what the final cost is. All forms come back to Dawn. Seniors with cars can earn volunteer service hours by delivering them. Orders will be due Nov. 13. Checks should be made out to NHMA, and each student will get to keep their profit.

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#### Poinsettia Sale

These will be displayed on the stage during both winter concerts, then can be picked up after the concerts. We have ordered 55 each year and we have sold them all. Cash & Carry only.

#### David's Cookies

This is the best sale for profit...we earn 40% off each order. Last date of sale is Nov. 29, and they will be delivered right before winter break. Bundle this sale with the wreaths and let kids decide what to sell, how much, and to whom.

#### Amazon Smile

Choose NHMA and a percentage of each sale will be sent to membership

• One more idea if we need it: Kids think of things to do as service projects and then ask for a donation to support their trip, kind of like GoFundMe. Kids would keep 90% of the money.

### **Membership Report – Alexa Parliyan**

- Jen gave report forwarded by Alexa
- Currently have 66 members, but some follow up needed for online forms and some payments

### **Updates & Information – Jen Fasciano**

- Volunteer HIB Training: http://goo.gl/forms/0YiEbxF0W6
- Band Parent Shirts

Shirts are in. They are \$32 each, payable to NHMA. Will be delivered at this week's game.

- Band Operations Jeff Romano
   No report
- <u>Third Quarter Snacks Donna Chen</u>
   Columbus Day snacks (about 85) will be packed at Donna's on Thursday at 7 PM. Buddy night is on Oct. 18, and band kids can invite a buddy to

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the game. So with visiting band, there could possibly be 300 kids to feed. Donna will resend request for extra donations from parents.

Raffles

Colene Belli is our new chairperson! 50/50 Raffle – October 25 (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Senior Band Night) She also has a trip to Cancun that we could raffle off, and the profits would go to us.

### **Open/New Business – Jen Fasciano**

Fall Newsletter

Volunteer needed for 2019-2020, comes out twice a year. Jen will talk to Kathy to see if she will do it again. Mike Ricketts is still taking all the pictures.

Fall Play – "Little Women"
 October 17, 19, 20

#### Recent Events – Jen Fasciano

<u>Freshman Tea – Monday, September 23</u>
 Thank you to all who helped! Next year one cheese tray, one fruit tray, maybe more cookies. Some people didn't get an invitation. Not clear how and when those went out.

# **Upcoming Events – Jen Fasciano**

- Marching Band
  - ➤ Friday, October 11 Homecoming Game v. South Plainfield HS
  - ➤ Monday, October 14 Columbus Day Parade (NYC)
  - Friday, October 18 Home Game v. Phillipsburg HS
  - Saturday, October 19 Marching Band State Band Festival
  - ➤ Friday, October 25 Home Game v. Cranford HS (50/50 Raffle, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Senior Band Night)

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- Homecoming Coat Check Saturday, October 12
- Marching Band Banquet Wednesday, December 4

**Next Meeting:** November 5, 2019

7:00 PM, Band Room

Motion to close meeting made by Jen at 8:29 p.m.; seconded by Dana.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott