

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

April 7, 2020

Note: This meeting was conducted through Zoom

Present: 16

Last Name	First Name
Angeline	Vince
Apgar	Dawn
Chen	Donna
Cowell	Susan
Cudworth	Katie
Dieterman	Diane
Fasciano	Jen
Hopta	Charlie
McCormack	Jen
McDermott	Dana
McGrew	Dawn
Parliyan	Alexa
Patuto	Jen
Romano	Jeff
Smith	Karen
Zengel	Leila

Motion to open meeting at 7:07 p.m. made by Jen; seconded by Dana. Motion to approve March meeting minutes made by Alexa; seconded by Jen.

Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Department News

All music faculty have been involved in the virtual learning sessions, and these are going as well as can be expected. Students are responding to assignments, and the opportunity to hear them individually has been eye-opening and beneficial! Google Classroom has been used at North for a while, so we were ahead of things. It is likely that none of the May events will occur, and learning will continue on an individual basis.

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Faculty Report – Mr. Hopta

- Department News

With the current situation impacting the proposed Master Class offering this year, we've been in contact with the Newport Jazz Festival folks regarding the grant we received from a North alum, Sharon Van Etten. (She was given \$1k to donate anywhere, and she chose us! Our Facebook page has a post about this.) As a result, we have changed directions a bit and decided that this grant will go towards a remote music education tool to be used both now and next school year going forward. Mr. Angeline noted that SmartMusic is the program we are looking to buy. Students can play with a backing track, using built-in practice tools and submit individual performances to the director who can give immediate feedback (among other things). We would like to buy about 100 subscriptions for our students to use. This would run \$1,250 and Alexa has sent an invoice through Paypal. The wheels are turning!

- Spring Trip to Williamsburg VA

As you all know by now, our trip has been canceled! Vicki (tour manager) is confident that we will get most of our money back. We are keeping the small window open in late April, early May before AP tests next year for another department trip. Jen F. noted that all students are keeping what they made from the trip fundraisers, and they can use it for next year's trip, college, or any way they want.

Faculty Report - Mrs. Cudworth

- Department News

Virtual learning has been a very positive experience for our department. Students are sending me a video of them singing several measures, sometimes it's a music theory assignment, sometimes it's a synchronous session, and sometimes it's a non-musical assignment. We recognize the need to connect with our students on a social/emotional level as well, so we are encouraged to have virtual office hours in order to check in on them personally. The Prism concert lighting and sound company set a tentative date of April 27/28 in case we are able to reschedule the concert. They have \$2k deposit money, so we may get that refunded or be able to use it as a credit for next year's concert. Spring repertoire will

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be used in early fall next year, so it is not pointless to practice even if we are not performing it this year. Skill development is still important and relevant. Of course, we are hoping to have the graduation ceremony in order to showcase our talents and hard work!

- All-State Chorus

Eight freshmen are auditioning. Video auditions are still happening at this point and are due in late April. We have a tentative date of June 13 to go to Monroe Township to judge auditions with results the following week.

Miscellaneous Faculty Items

- Senior Scholarships and Awards - even if we don't have any May events, we will still present our usual awards/scholarships to seniors. We will find a way to get those awards out to them at graduation. It would be a sad thing if we couldn't give out the David Lockhart scholarship since he recently passed away. Jen: Money for these is definitely there!
- Gary Gilbert scholarship deadline will be extended. Many summer camps are going to be canceled or have been canceled. Drum Major camp has already been canceled. Jen will send out notice that the scholarships are on hold indefinitely. Not likely that colleges will be open this summer for camps. Rutgers closed.
- We will revisit the spring banquet issues at our May meeting. We do want to honor the seniors in some way (perhaps a Zoom banquet!?!?).
- Auditions for next year's choirs will not be done virtually – we will wait until fall so the students can do it in person. Leadership and drum major auditions will also get pushed back until we start the new year.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Susan Cowell

- Will be sending a get well card to Geoff Belica, as he is Covid-19 positive. Also will send thank you cards to both Sharon Van Etten and the Newport Jazz Festival Foundation for their donation to NHMA. Jen or Alexa will forward the contact information.

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- Request: Please send a Goodbye and Thank You note to Joanne Berson and Connie Rys for all of their hard work and dedication, as they are both moving out of state soon. They will be missed!
- Request: Please send all Prism sponsors a thank you, with special thanks going to Silver Oak and Hunterdon Music for their generosity.

Treasurer Report – Alexa Parliyan

- We didn't make or lose anything on Prism. We paid back most of the sponsors. Silver Oak said to keep the money and they will sponsor again next year. Hunterdon Music said to just keep it. Also paid back money to people who had purchased Prism tickets. We are in good shape to go forward with scholarships, as we will not be spending any more money this year. Received the matching donation from Alexa's company, which will also be coming again next year.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of April 7, 2020:

Checking Account:	\$ 8,439.91
Gaming Account:	<u>\$ 820.44</u>
Total:	\$ 9,260.35

Fundraising Report – Jen Fasciano

- Spring Flower Sale
Dependent on whether we have the concerts. TBD
- Shammy Shine
Not that successful thus far. Jen still has some cards left, so she will put out a flyer to try and sell them. If SS is not currently open, we will not try and sell them. **UPDATE (4/8/20): Shammy Shine is OPEN 7 am to 6 pm Daily!** People will buy them for spring and summer, though. Jen will email a flyer to membership.
- Amazon Smile
Ongoing. Make sure to choose NHMA as the benefactor.
- Graduation Snack Shack Sales
We sell water, snacks, seat cushions. Jen still has candy. TBD

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Recent Events – Jen Fasciano

- Prism Concert – Postponed

Open/New Business – Jen Fasciano

- Spring Newsletter
Coming soon...with Marching Band Banquet and Musical pictures in it. Still need someone to take on this position for next year. Any suggestions please forward to Jen.
- Marching Band Uniforms
Diane and Karen will be doing uniforms next year. They will email Jen with their help preferences and times available. Hopefully they could meet with Joanne before she moves.
 - Karen: Can we do fittings earlier next year so we have more time to get them all ready for the first football game on Labor Day weekend? Yes, possibly during short Band Camp days. Last year some students were measured during the first rehearsal in June, and we could do that again as well.
 - Diane: Have parents ever done the initial fitting and tailoring? They used to do it. Since the uniforms are now kept only at school, it is our responsibility to manage all of it. We will get them dry cleaned once school re-opens.
 - Marching Band page is now updated with all dates/events on our website.
- End-of-Year Custodial Gifts
Jen is looking for good ideas. We give out 20 gifts each year and the budget is \$200. Could give at beginning of school next year in the fall if school remains closed. Jen McC - volunteered to do something "crafty" to hold a gift card. Donna – we should support local businesses since everyone is struggling right now. Contact Jen with any suggestions.
- Committee and Chairperson positions for 2020/2021
Open positions include **President, Newsletter, Uniform Co-Chair**

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Upcoming Events – Jen Fasciano

- Spring Theater Production (*A Scenes & Songs Cabaret*) – Postponed
- Spring Concerts I & II - Scheduled for May 7 and 14
- Music Department Awards Banquet – Scheduled for May 20
- Flemington Memorial Day Parade – Scheduled for May 25

Open Forum/Roundtable

- Question (Katie): Does anyone have recordings of past concerts that we could re-broadcast like the sports department is doing? If so, please forward them to me. Or, since the files are big, you can send to Vince via sharing on Google and he will put them up on his YouTube channel.
- Question (Dawn A.): Can we have an open Zoom call to 8th grade parents to get them engaged with NHMA before September? We had such a nice turnout at the 8th grade marching band night, and we should be contacting at least those kids. Mr. A: You will need to go through the music teachers in each sending district. Send info out to the middle school teachers and they will disseminate to 8th grade parents. We should get the students in band first, then try to get the parents in NHMA. We always make the effort to get as many involved as we can.

Motion to close meeting made by Jen at 8:18 p.m.; seconded by Dana.
Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: May 5, 2020
7:00 PM, TBD