

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

May 5, 2020

Note: This meeting was conducted through Zoom

Present: 8

Last Name	First Name
Cudworth	Katie
Dieterman	Diane
Fasciano	Jen
McCormack	Jen
McDermott	Dana
Parliyan	Alexa
Patuto	Jen
Smith	Karen

After a few Zoom technical glitches were solved, a motion to open the meeting was made at 7:17 p.m. by Jen; seconded by Dana. Motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by Dana; seconded by Jen Mc.

Faculty Report - Mrs. Cudworth

- Department News

We have been operating under the assumption for a while now that we weren't coming back this year, but it was still sad to hear the official announcement yesterday! I have been asked if we will be having virtual choir auditions for next year's groups? No, we will be holding them in the fall during the first week we come back. The same is true for Marching Band. Drum major camps were canceled, so those band leadership positions will not be determined until fall as well. We also would like to have some sort of virtual choral performance before the end of this year, specifically for the 2020 seniors. We've talked of having a karaoke track, and those students who wish to will submit a solo performance to go along with it. A video student would then edit and put the whole thing together. This way we could see students' faces and hear their voices, one voice at a time. Each would have maybe ten measures to themselves

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with the karaoke track in the background. Not as much of a true choral experience as we'd like, but it would be something. Goal is to have it ready for graduation, and this could accompany the virtual slideshow with speeches from faculty and students. We will also will be doing a virtual music department banquet that Mr. Angeline will be editing. We have decided on the awards and scholarships and are currently preparing our speeches. The day of the banquet, we also plan to drive to seniors' homes and drop off awards\plaques personally. Maybe NHMA could do something like this for all senior band and choir students to have yard signs with a musical balloon delivered to their homes. We have a budget for this! There are 17 seniors in choir this year and probably 25 – 30 seniors in Band. Katie will send a list to Jen of all seniors in music.

Treasurer Report – Alexa Parliyan

- We have a lot of money left over in the Banquet bucket since we didn't actually have one. We do want to be prudent because next year is still uncertain. There is \$300 left in the Master Classes budget to use for the virtual videos for seniors. We also wanted to give more plaques to seniors and higher amounts of scholarships, so we will be spending \$3,500 in Scholarships/Awards this year. If kids do find something virtual this summer, we still want to help them financially if possible.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of May 5, 2020:

Checking Account:	\$ 5,299.11
<u>Gaming Account:</u>	<u>\$ 820.44</u>
Total:	\$ 6,119.55

Fundraising Report – Jen Fasciano

- Cabaret Concessions and Spring Flower Sale
Canceled. Will do next year
- Graduation Snack Shack and Stadium Seat Cushion Sales
Canceled. Will do next year

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- Shammy Shine Gift Cards
Jen will try to sell these via email.
- Amazon Smile
Ongoing. Make sure to choose NHMA as the benefactor.

Membership Report – Alexa Parliyan

- Jen F will be taking over this position for next year! She will revamp the Google form members fill out in order to make it much easier/faster to complete and more user friendly. It has never been clear how many music families are in the whole department, and we think we are probably about 40 families short. The goal will be to have better data collection in the beginning to make our jobs easier throughout the year. We need to make clear that Membership is a fundraiser and that you don't have to volunteer in order to join the NHMA!

Open/New Business – Jen Fasciano

- How Can NHMA Help Now?
Is there something we can do to thank our music department staff for all of their hard work during this crisis? We could send a Metropolitan gift card (\$75 each) via email to them along with a personal note from us. Jen will investigate how we can get this done. We would need four gift cards for the directors and then 50 signs for the seniors. Jen P will work up a design for the signs. A total of \$610 for these two projects would be needed, and we have it in the budget. Could get the \$100 left in Discretionary Spending and the rest from Banquets since there's overflow there.
- Committee and Chairperson positions for 2020/2021
Open positions include **President, Vice President, Third Quarter Snacks, and Newsletter**. Jen F and Jen Mc can do third quarter snacks together if no volunteers come forward.

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- End-of-Year Custodial Gifts
We thought of Just Chill gift cards, and Jen will find out if we can get them to the custodians. We could send them in on locker clean out day.
- Marching Band Uniforms
Jen will ask Mr. A. if uniforms should be dry cleaned. Karen asked if we would need to un-hem all of them? After discussion, group decided to keep them hemmed, as is. Still need a third person to help with uniforms, mostly in the evenings after the night games.
- Gary Gilbert Scholarships
By the end of June, we should know if kids were going to do something this summer. Jen will re-write application and send out. Students will email directly back to Jen, due by June 30. We will keep it open as long as we can.

Open Forum/Roundtable

- Newsletter is coming, just delayed!

Motion to close meeting made by Jen at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Dana.
Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting via Zoom: June 1, 2020
7:00 PM