

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

November 10, 2020

Note: This meeting was conducted through Zoom

Present: 14

Last Name	First Name
Angeline	Vince
Fasciano	Jen
Holk	Melissa
Hopta	Charlie
Kreitner	Linda
McCormack	Jen
McDermott	Dana
McGrew	Dawn
Parliyan	Alexa
Patuto	Jen
Shustack	Anna
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan
Walsh	Ryan

Motion to open meeting at 7:01 p.m. made by Susan; seconded by Jen P.

Meeting minutes are now in the Chat box to read. Motion to approve October meeting minutes made by Jen F; seconded by Jen P.

Faculty Report - Charlie Hopta

Thank you for all the well wishes! We are working to keep the program moving along and are in the process of preparing virtual concerts instead of in-person concerts. Discussing purchases of equipment on our end and vendors for video editing. First quarter ended last week.

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Faculty Report - Katie Cudworth (via Email)

- The Choir T-shirt Design contest is underway! Students have until November 20 to submit designs which will then be voted on by all choir members. T-shirts will be sold after we choose a design. Designs should be submitted to Choir President Grace Gartlgruber.
- The Hann family (student Maggie, in Freshman Choir) is still running the bracelet fundraiser for Morgan Hewitt, sophomore Concert Choir student diagnosed with leukemia, as well as a t-shirt fundraiser for Morgan.
- We are seriously considering a title for the winter musical and expect to hold auditions this month. Details soon!

Faculty Report – Mr. Angeline

- Department News
The most active group in the department is the Marching Band. We've had three performances, and students have really risen to the occasion and performed fantastically. The music is rather difficult but they have done a great job, especially with only one-fifth of the normal rehearsal time. Another great thing is that the weather has been cooperating for our rehearsals. It has been a huge relief to have some aspect of normal marching performances. Home football games were live streamed. It has also been nice to see band members as a priority for tickets (although a few alumni snuck in!). Friday is a bonus consolation game v. Watchung Hills. Marching Band also participated in the Powder Puff game and video is now up on YouTube. This has been the only live music occurring at NHHS so far this year. Looking forward to virtual performances this winter and hoping for in-person by spring. String orchestra and band students are preparing and recording their music now. Group was treated to a video/audio performance of "Deck the Halls" by members of the string orchestra. They recorded themselves playing along with a reference track. Our goal is to create 3-5 full performances and send them out to parents and the community, with up to 8 players at a time. We want some record of the work they've done during this unusual year, along with some great entertainment! We are starting to think about the

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winter musical, moving ahead, and trying to do all of the things we normally do.

- Questions
 - Jen F: Are choirs doing the same thing for virtual concerts? **Yes, but somewhere between December and January.**
 - Jen F: Any news on Jazz Band? **They are starting next week. Students were picking up music.**
 - Ryan: Will the winter musical conflict with winter sports, i.e. winter track? **Track coaches are pretty flexible. They will let students attend rehearsals.**
 - Jen F: New Music Student Welcome Party/Freshman Tea is virtual next Wednesday. Invites going out tomorrow. Can Directors send out? **Yes.** Karen is editing all videos sent to her into a 12-minute performance.
 - Jen F: Can Directors send out another plea for NHMA membership at the beginning of December? **Yes.**

Corresponding Secretary Report – Amy Belica (via Email)

- Sent a note to Mr. Hopta to congratulate him on his wedding!

Treasurer Report – Alexa Parliyan

- Susan: Thank you to Melissa Holk for the donations to NHMA!
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of November 1, 2020:

		<u>Set Asides</u>	
Checking	\$ 4,339.74	Newport Jazz Fest	\$ 1,222.20
PayPal	0.00	Silver Oak (Prism)	500.00
Gaming	820.44	Hunterdon Music (Prism)	250.00
Total	\$ 5,160.18		\$1,972.20

Total Actual Balance: \$3,187.98

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Fundraising Report – Dawn McGrew

- Flower Power

This is our bulb sale. Goal is \$1K, currently at \$506. These bulbs are big and healthy and come in a burlap sack which has everything you need. We need to keep advertising and selling these, because we get 50% profit. Will send something to Maren to get it out there and will also ask the Directors to send something out. We need to get it on FaceBook and the Clinton Township page, as well as ask everyone to pass the link on to family and friends. Anna: Can we attach a picture of the bulbs? **Dawn will try to put that together** and also send it to Maren and she can put it in the email.

- Mickman Brothers Holiday Wreaths

Their site is now up and running. Will be sending out the codes tomorrow. This holiday sale is entirely on line and delivered. All products available last year are available again this year - wreaths, tabletop trees, garlands, centerpieces. We collect \$8 per sale. Good quality products, but not cheap.

- Clothing Drive

Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 2 pm. Driver will be coming by between 2 and 3 pm to pick everything up. Need volunteers (a couple adults and a couple kids) to help unload bags out of cars, pass out tax receipts, etc. Rain or Shine! Susan: can you bring books? **No.** Nothing hard (toys, kitchen appliances, etc.) Accepting anything soft. Please email Susan or Dawn if you can help out on December 5!

- Shammy Shine Cards

Need to sell final few cards! Won't get any new right now; Boosters are also currently selling these.

- AmazonSmile

Ongoing. So easy! Funds go directly into our bank account. Remind people to get the link.

- Pampered Chef

We haven't been able to contact last year's coordinator. Susan will check with her mom. Jen P knows of someone who could do it, so we need to let them know our time frame. Jen McC indicated that PC is very slow with their shipping right now, so maybe after the holidays or the spring is

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a better time to do this one. Jen P will forward Dawn's contact info to her contact.

- Singing Telegrams?

Mrs. Cudworth brought it up to the Choir, but they decided it was too difficult to do. Not interested at this time, probably due to lack of high-quality recording devices, editing the files, etc., making them special enough to sell. We could try again in the spring.

- Fundraiser for Morgan?

Mrs. Cudworth was interested in doing a benefit concert by the Choir. What role would we take in that? Something to think about!

- Silent Auction?

Will check with Jen Molzen.

Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- We are at 59 and only two are unpaid.
- After the New Music Student Welcome Party/Freshman Tea, we will send out another reminder and another one in December reminding senior parents to join for their students to have scholarship eligibility.
- Sent out a few "Renew Now" reminders and several joined!
- Please forward any new ideas for Membership to Jen F.

Updates and Information – Susan Wallace

- NHMA Newsletter

Laura Lipinski reached out after the last meeting and will be doing the fall newsletter. She is currently working on it and waiting on a couple items. Thank you, Laura!!

- Third Quarter Snacks

Huge thank you to Jen P and Jen McC for football game snacks!! Do we have any money left on the cards for snacks for this bonus game? We are under budget so far, but we also fed the Voorhees band. We can do one more shopping trip without surpassing the budget.

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Upcoming Events – Susan Wallace

- New Music Student Welcome Party/Freshman Tea
Via Zoom on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm
Mrs. C and Mr. H volunteered to be live with us, along with Karen's video.
- Clothing Drive
December 5
- December Meeting?
Tuesday, December 8
Susan would like to meet even though historically we skip this month!
- Marching Band Consolation Game
This Friday, November 13

Open/New Business – Susan Wallace

- Raffle License
Alexa mailed the license to Coleen and sent a check to her so she can send it in. Susan: Is this documented somewhere? Jen F: **Binders for each position have been made and are normally handed over to new chairpersons.** Not sure if this has been done for every position. The Raffle position was always a bit confusing, since it's every two years (by state law). Local ones are done every year.
- Prism Committee
Alexa was Chairperson for the last two years. We can table this until December. Will know better anyway by then if it is a go. Chief thing we cover is the lighting cost.

Motion to close meeting made by Susan at 8:11 p.m.; seconded by Dana.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: **December 8, 2020**
 Via Zoom at 7:00 PM