

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

January 12, 2021

Note: This meeting was conducted through Zoom

Present: 13

Last Name	First Name
Cudworth	Katie
Dieterman	Diane
Fasciano	Jen
Holk	Melissa
Komarek	Joe
Lisa	Bryan
McGrew	Dawn
Parliyan	Alexa
Patuto	Jen
Shustack	Anna
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan
Walsh	Ryan

Motion to open meeting at 7:03 p.m. made by Susan. Motion to approve December meeting minutes made by Jen P; seconded by Melissa Holk; motion passed.

Faculty Report – Katie Cudworth

- Have completed one virtual choir video back in December for Show Choir with 20 voices. This was only viewed by students and was not released for the public because we have not yet received permission from the licensing company. We did not know we had to apply for permissions until Dec. 17! Brian questioned if there was an actual denial received, or if we just haven't received an answer yet? Brian thinks you can still post it out there prior to receiving formal permission if it is for educational purposes and you are not collecting money to view it. Katie confirmed she just hasn't received it yet and will definitely check into that!

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Permissions for all other groups have been requested and hopefully we will receive them soon. Freshman Choir and Chamber Choir both are readying their projects now and will be releasing material soon.

- Concert Choir is the largest musical group in school at 74 voices. The project to make a video concert for this group is much harder to put together because of the number of files involved. Most amount in band videos is 18 separate files; 74 is too big for school laptops to accommodate. We know a virtual choir production freelance teacher in NJ that could help us for maybe a couple hundred dollars. If we hired a professional company to do it, it would cost over \$1,000 for one song to be posted! This colleague would tailor his work to whatever we could give him. The District told us there were no funds available for this project. We have a couple options we could consider to fund this project:

- The Concert Choir Activities Account has a little money in it, but it will be used to pay \$250 to the publishing company to post the Show Choir piece for six months.
- We could check to see if there are any other Activities Accounts we could get funds from. Sometimes money sitting in those accounts is never used.
- We also talked to John Sakelarides, video teacher here at NHHS, to see if a student or two wanted to take on a large project and do it. We would still have to pay the student a little bit.

So, we are asking to see if the NHMA has any funds available to us that otherwise wouldn't be used this year? Susan responded that maybe we can use some of the Newport Jazz Festival money and then replenish it later with more fundraiser funds. Alexa reminded the group that the Newport money was given to us for use during the pandemic and that those funds have already been set aside. Katie thought that money had already been used to purchase SmartMusic. She will find out the freelancer's price to do this for us. Alexa requested that Katie tell the other directors that this money is available as well as the \$500 MasterClass fund that probably won't be used this year. Whatever funds are not used will be carried over into next year's budget...it is NOT a use it or lose it situation.

- Joe asked if there was any consideration of doing outdoor performances this spring? Yes, Katie will be leaving Feb. 19 for maternity leave and won't be back until next school year. Reach out to other directors for

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- updated information. Vince is hoping to do a live performance under a tent. We have not even brought up the Prism concert yet. Spring concerts are always on consecutive Thursdays in May. This year they will be either May 6 and 13, or 13 and 20. It's difficult to make these any later in the year because of other school event conflicts.
- The winter musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is going very well. We have a small cast and orchestra. This will be a recorded event broadcast on the original published dates of March 4, 5, 6, and 7. We have a professional company (TriForce Pro Audio Solutions) to do all of the recording on February 17. Brian questioned how the Pit auditions work? Normally there is a formal audition process in October/November, with sign-ups on the bulletin board in the Band Room. Rehearsals then begin in December. Due to COVID-19, this year there was no audition process; students were hand selected by Mr. Angeline. Reach out to him for further information.

Treasurer Report – Alexa Parliyan

- We have a few more memberships in PayPal, \$1 mystery donation, and two big checks from the FlowerPower sale and Clothing Drive. These two fundraisers gave us great bang for the buck! Paid our \$100 Indemnity insurance. Pfizer approved the \$500 grant. We are in great shape!
- Joe suggested we may need to offer some financial assistance for sound system improvements if spring concerts are held outdoors. Don't know what the school has available.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of January 1, 2021:

		<u>Set Asides</u>	
Checking	\$ 5,679.91	Newport Jazz Fest	\$ 1,222.20
PayPal	126.65	Silver Oak (Prism)	500.00
Gaming	820.44	Hunterdon Music (Prism)	250.00
Total	\$ 6,627.00		\$1,972.20

Total Actual Balance: \$ 4,654.80

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Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- Added six new members from the membership link in Katie's choir videos.
- Will have one last membership blurb that the directors will send out to all their students, especially seniors, with a deadline to join by February 1.
- Currently at 71 members, not quite as many as last year. We have a nice representation from the freshman and sophomore classes, which is great (considering we had no in-person appearances by us at concerts, etc.).

Fundraising Report – Dawn McGrew

- Mickman Brothers Holiday Wreaths
Received final check for **\$392** (49 items at \$8 apiece)
- FlowerPower Sale
Made **\$1,245** which was fantastic! We will do another sale soon.
Currently looking at what is available from same company or possibly a different one. Dawn will look at options and let us know. Will start in late February or early March.
- Clothing Drive
Made **\$585.57** and this was surprisingly easy. We want to schedule another one for late spring (probably in May). May use same company or a different one that accepts more items. Dawn will also research this and get back to us. Advises that we need to schedule it soon, though, because they only allow one per month. Will check which months are left.
- Pampered Chef
We would need to find a PC consultant to set up the website for us.
Group agreed this was a great idea to do now because people are home more and baking/cooking a lot more. Let's do it!
- Miscellaneous
Alexa: Do we want to create a separate alumni member email list so that the people aging out of NHMA can continue to support our fundraisers if they want? Group thought this was a great idea! We could ask them at the end of the year as they are leaving if they want to be on this list.
Jen F also suggested she could reach out to members who have already left but might want to be added to this list. She will write up a group

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email for former members and make clear that this is a one-time offer so they don't have to worry about being bombarded with countless emails. If they don't respond, they won't be added to the list. We could possibly also create another email list for those who want notified of any music performances throughout the school year. Membership would be the position to keep these lists. Jen will send out now to former members, and later at the end of this year we will check with the outgoing members like Alexa.

Open/New Business/Upcoming Events – Susan Wallace

- Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade
Still don't know the status of this yet. Will wait to hear from Mr. Angeline.
- Committee/Chairperson Positions Open for 2021/2022
 - Third Quarter Snacks
 - Treasurer
 - Marching Band Equipment Coordinator
 - **NO** Recording Secretary needed (Dana will be here one more year!)

Recent Events – Susan Wallace

- Winter Concerts I & II (Recorded)
Vince did a terrific job and it was so nice to see all the kids!
- As a holiday thank you to the Directors, Susan baked and delivered Challah bread (still owes two more loaves).

Open Forum/Roundtable

A huge shout-out goes to Dawn McGrew, who has done a superb job with fundraisers this year. Thank you, Dawn!!

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Motion to close meeting made by Susan at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: **February 9, 2021**
 Via Zoom at 7:00 PM