

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

May 4, 2021

Note: This meeting was conducted through Zoom

Present: 18

Last Name	First Name
Angeline	Vincent
Cudworth	Katie
Dieterman	Diane
Dodrv	Stephen
Fasciano	Jen
Holk	Melissa
Hopta	Charlie
Komarek	Joe
McCormack	Jen
McDermott	Dana
McGrew	Dawn
Parliyan	Alexa
Patuto	Jen
Romano	Jeff
Schwab	Steve
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan
Walsh	Ryan

Motion to open meeting at 7:02 p.m. made by Susan. Motion to approve April meeting minutes made by Melissa; seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

Faculty Report – Katie Cudworth

- I am always available via email.
- Choir Ensemble auditions will be next school year in early September for Grades 10 through 12, instead of at the end of this year.
- Mr. Dodrv: Things are going well! Always free to be contacted by email.

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Faculty Report – Vince Angeline

- Spring Concert

I have sent out a letter to band, orchestra, and choir parents regarding the spring concert on June 3 or 4. Details: Two halves with four groups performing in the first half from 6:30-7:30, then an Intermission, and then the second half with four groups performing from 8:00 – 9:00. We are limiting the size of the audience and the performances to a couple of pieces for each group. This will be a showcase for all performance groups on Singley Field. No tickets, and only two immediate family members can attend the concert. It will be live streamed and produced by the school. Senior awards will be combined with and given out at the concert. We are anticipating that most of the students will participate except a small group who has been virtual all year. Dr. Dan will create the sound and properly mic the groups. He does Graduation sound every year and gave us the same estimate.

- Graduation

Band and Choir will perform at Graduation.

- Questions

- Jeff: Will there be a Memorial Day parade? **No.**
- Jen F: What will be the cost of the senior awards? Bradshaw in Flemington does it every year. Their shop burned to the ground last year. Crown Trophy is letting them use their equipment, so Bradshaw is still going to do the work. **Will cost a little less this year.**
- Jeff: Do you need any parent support for the concert? **Passing out programs and helping to maintain social distance.** Custodians will bring all the equipment down and back.
- Susan: What is the plan for the amount of senior scholarship money to present? We usually budget \$3,000. **Not determined yet, but probably six or seven scholarships will be given.**
- Susan: For the sound cost for the concert - if we can't make the full amount, what happens? **Vince will go to Mr. Deutsch to see if other funds are available and look at the Activities Accounts to see if any funds are leftover to use. Our group feels that the District should pay for whatever we can't.**
- Jen: Can we hang signs for advertisers at the concert? **Yes.**

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- Susan: Can the extra set-aside funds we didn't use this year be put toward the concert sound cost? **Yes.**

Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta

- NHMA people who are interested could be ushers for the concert. Wear your gear!
- Cabaret is coming Friday and Saturday. It will be live streamed with some limited in-person seating. Link for tickets will be posted shortly on the website.
- We are conducting a candidate search right now for the music department. We have Administration support for hiring another music teacher, which is a good sign.
- Marching Band 2021 show: The Greatest Showman. Music is very cool!
- Marching Band leadership position auditions are happening now, and final decisions will be made by June 1. We will be reaching out about band camp soon.
- Marching Band twitter page has been active in the last year @nhgoldenlions.
- Questions
 - Karen: Looking for one person to help Tuesday afternoon with MB uniforms. On June 7, we will put them put back in the closets. Have not heard from 20 kids regarding uniforms. Will send list to directors. **Susan volunteered to help on Tuesday.**
 - Jen F: Will there be a Senior video? **The concert will serve as the video production this year.** Karen will volunteer to help if needed.
 - Jen F: Is there a Cabaret ticket limit per family? **No.**
 - Susan: What is happening with the Drum Major and Color Guard camps? **Doing the research now and will provide info soon for two color guard reps and two drum majors to attend camps. May be virtual again.**
 - Susan: Has there been a decent response from 8th grade band members? **Union will not provide a music instructor for a leave of absence position, and they are the biggest sending district. We have reached out to the other instrumental teachers and will be reaching out to the vocal teachers as well.**

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Vince: This will be my final meeting. It is my feeling that the new hire should attend the June meeting. Appreciation all around! Keep it going. I will be the new #1 fan of the North Hunterdon Golden Lions musicians! Please continue to check my YouTube channel, as all videos will be posted.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Susan for Amy Belica

- Nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Alexa Parliyan

- One final membership and a donation to add in.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of May 1, 2021:

		<u>Set Asides</u>	
Checking	\$ 6,872.40	Newport Jazz Fest	\$ 1,222.20
PayPal	0.00	Silver Oak (Prism)	500.00
Gaming	820.44	Hunterdon Music (Prism)	250.00
Total	\$ 7,692.84		\$1,972.20

Total Actual Balance: \$ 5,720.64

Fundraising Report – Dawn McGrew

- Pampered Chef Update
We have approximately \$900 in sales but we get only 10% of that in profit.
- FlowerPower Sale Update
Website is still up and taking orders. We will continue until the end of the month. Dawn will check inventory and see what's left.

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- Cabaret Concessions and Spring Flower Sale
Canceled for this year; will do next year
- Stadium Seat Cushions and Snack Shack at Graduation
Canceled for this year; will do next year
- AmazonSmile
People are remembering to do it. Keep up the good work!

Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- Last person paid. We are complete at 82 members!

Open/New Business – Susan Wallace

- Concert Sound System Request
Mr. Angeline said the cost is \$3,400. What is reasonable for us to contribute? Historically the amount in our checking account to start the new year is around \$5k. Alexa feels we don't think we need to carry over that much, since expenses are usually slow to start until Membership season kicks in. Group discussion followed with Alexa showing different options for us to fund part of the sound system. We all liked the option to basically use the "Set Asides" monies (Newport Jazz and Prism sponsors) to fund part of the sound system, since those were originally designated to help offset any pandemic-related expenses. In addition, we could reach out to some of our current and past sponsors to ask for help with a special sound system needed due to the pandemic. Melissa will check with Lowe's Orthodontics, and we should also check with ShopRite and Harper's Table. Can we then put this info on the concert program or do an insert listing the sponsors used? In the end, we decided that we are not getting any new sponsors and will stick with the two that we have. Alexa will reach out to them and let them know how their money will be used.
- Scholarship Funds
The group also discussed how much money to devote to senior scholarships and awards. We liked the idea to wipe out the Master Class

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- budget of \$500 and increase the Scholarship/Awards budget by \$500. Official motion to approve that change was made by Alexa and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed. Motion to approve funding the sound system for the concert by using the "Set Asides" funds was made by Jen F and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed. Alexa will touch base with Karen regarding a banner for the concert and Susan will check with Katie about paperless concert programs. Susan will send Vince a note that we will fund \$2k for the sound and \$3,500 for scholarships. Katie said we could possibly name one of the current scholarships for Vince, and Susan will send her a note on this. Going forward, Directors should come up with desired attributes for each scholarship.
- Graduation Sign Distribution Help
Still do not have list of string ensemble seniors or jazz ensemble seniors. After list is received, then Jen will break kids up into groups. Fifty lawn signs will be delivered, and we have enough people to help get it done.
 - Committee/Chairperson Positions Open for 2021/2022
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Concessions Chair (Musical and Cabaret)
 - Prism Concert Chair
 - Football Dinner Chair (Karen will do it, but needs a helper)
 - End-of-Year Custodial Gifts
Did not have the same need for services this year. As a result, no gifts will be given this year.
 - Marching Band/Color Guard Uniforms
Karen will be receiving the uniforms on May 18 from 1-3 pm.
 - Gary Gilbert Scholarship Application Update
Have received three applications. Jen F will send it out one more time (only to parents who are members). Jen will also send to teachers to send to music students. We will vote on them at the June meeting. Please put on the agenda!
 - Note: We need to find a webmaster going forward. Mr. A will be gone and Mr. Halldorson has not been posting for us since the pandemic began.

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Open Forum/Roundtable

- Don't forget the Cabaret on May 14 at 7 pm and May 15 at 1 pm with 200 audience members and performed live as well as virtually.

Motion to close meeting made by Susan at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Dana.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: **June 9, 2021 (Wednesday)**
 Via Zoom at 7:00 pm