

# **NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes**

September 14, 2021

**Present: 8**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Fasciano	Jen
Holk	Melissa
Hopta	Charlie
Lipinski	Laura
McDermott	Dana
Patuto	Jen
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan

Motion to open meeting at 7:06 p.m. made by Jen F; seconded by Melissa.

## **Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta**

- Heidi Peterson and Greg Boccuti are both on board and fitting in nicely with our program. First jazz ensemble practice is tomorrow.
- The last Monday of this month, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Café B, will be our New Member/Freshman Parent Tea. All staff will be there, and freshman Marching Band members, band council, and freshmen women's choir will be performing. Need email invites from NHMA to forward out to all ensembles. Stacy James will be in charge of the snacks and refreshments. Charlie will find out what Covid protocols are in place.
- Columbus Day Parade will go on after all. We will do charter busses for this event, and senior parents have first dibs on bus seats (6 parents per bus). We will take snacks for the long wait time before the parade. Also, we will be stopping on the way home to eat, possibly at Dave & Buster's. This will extend our day a bit, but kids will love it and they deserve something fun after all of the Covid cancellations last year. Will have a side bar meeting before the parade to iron out all details.
- We do not have a firm date for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band night yet, but leaning toward combining it with senior night on Oct. 22.
- This Friday, September 17 is our first home game. Scotch Plains is not bringing their band.

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- Phillipsburg Band Festival is the next day, September 18. Call time is 11:00 a.m. and we plan to leave for P-burg at noon. We are scheduled to be on at 2:15 p.m., and we will leave for home probably around 5:00 p.m. Lunch is on their own.
- Wednesday, Dec. 1 is our Marching Band Banquet. Charlie will double check if Cafes A and B are booked for us.
- Friday, Dec. 3 is the Clinton Christmas Parade. Charlie will also check to see if we will be going to the Hunterdon Development Center this year in December.
- We will be doing our annual Flapjack fundraiser this year at Harper's Table, hopefully on Saturday, March 12.
- The annual Prism concert will be Thursday, March 24. Full dress rehearsal is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. the day before. NHMA will handle the light and sound as in years past. Katie will reserve the facility.
- Karaoke with the Kids this year? Yes, after the parade on December 3.
- Concert Dates  
All on Thursdays: December 9 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
May 12 and 19 at 7:00 pm.
- The Spring Music Department Banquet has not been scheduled yet.
- Graduation is June 15!
- Questions
  - Jen F: Can we do a hybrid meeting next time with others able to join via Zoom? Charlie will investigate this.
  - Karen: Are we playing the Running of the Lions? Maybe. In the past, it's been a last-minute decision, with only those who can showing up to play. We have two events this year, on October 24, 2021 and April 10, 2022.

### **Corresponding Secretary Report – Laura Lipinski**

- Read aloud thank yous from Jessica Holliday and Bobby Fasciano for scholarship money they received.
- Susan will bring the binder next meeting for Laura.
- Jen F - Request for thank you card to be sent to Alexa for paying for Thundertix for several months!

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### Treasurer Report – Jen Fasciano

- \$894.81 in fundraising income so far this year, which is fantastic.
- We need to keep the membership drive going!
- Clothing Drive will be October 30 from 10 – 2
- We would like to keep the budget the same as it came over to us from Alexa.  
Motion to approve the budget made by Karen; Jen P seconds; motion passes.
- Karen will investigate cost for a sign/banner to give us more visibility at school events and a larger presence within other school groups.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of September 14, 2021:

Checking	\$ 752.25
Gaming	\$ 820.44
PayPal	0
Cash on Hand	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,572.69</b>

### Fundraising Report – Susan Wallace for Dawn McGrew

- Clothing Drive – October 30
- Flapjacks at Harper's Table – March 12
- Amazon Smile
- Seat cushions sale during home football games. We have enough for now.
- Flower Power

### Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- 34 members currently, all paid.
- More outreach needed, especially to choir parents.
- Will send out email to alumni to see if they are interested as well.

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### **Open/New Business – Susan Wallace**

- Open Position – Fundraising Chair  
We definitely need a new fundraising chair. Dawn has no students in music anymore! She is helping out until we get a new person.
- Band Operations – Joe Komarek  
Joe needs people!
- Third Quarter Snacks – Jen P and Jen McC  
We're good!
- New Member/Freshman Parent Tea  
Sponsored by NHMA. This event has always been confusing as to who is invited, who is performing, and who should attend. We would like to re-make it so that all new students and families are invited, not just freshmen. Historically it has been difficult to get people to set it up due to the start time of 6:30 p.m. Will need to check with Charlie to see if we can adjust times.
- Fall Newsletter – Laura Lipinski  
Would like to do three issues per school year: Summer/Fall (November), Fall/Winter (February), and Winter/Spring (May). Laura needs pictures! Please put a call out for parents who would be willing to take pictures at music events. Susan will talk to Kevin and also put out a call. Ask Charlie to see if band council kids will take pictures and email them to Laura.
- Silver Oak Water Bottles  
We get them from Boosters. Susan will reach out to Melissa Hoffman to find out if they have any we can use for concessions in the winter.

Motion to close meeting made by Jen P at 8:52 p.m.; seconded by Karen.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

**Next Meeting:**

**October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Band Room 121**