

# **NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes**

November 9, 2021

**Present:** 12

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Boccuti	Greg
Holk	Melissa
Hopta	Charlie
Lipinski	Laura
McCormack	Jen
McGrew	Dawn
Patuto	Jen
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan

## **Joining Via Zoom:**

Jen Fasciano, Dana McDermott, Heidi Peterson

Motion to open meeting at 7:04 p.m. made by Susan; seconded by Karen. Motion to approve the October meeting minutes made by Dana; seconded by Melissa.

## **Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta**

- Marching Band is wrapping up for the year. Only a few events are left:
  - November 30 is the Christmas parade rehearsal
  - December 1 is the Marching Band Banquet
  - December 3 is the Clinton Christmas parade and after party
- Winter Concerts are December 9 and 16 at 7:00 pm
- Auditions for winter musical are coming up in the first part of December
- First marking period is over!
- Questions
  - Jen P: Café A & B are booked and invitations are ready to go, but we need to confirm with Dominick's for pricing and time. We set it at \$15 per person as of now. Will the Auditorium still be open for awards, or can we can push them into one café? Is there a limit to the number of people we can have in the café with no masks? Charlie will check and advise. NHMA will ask for volunteers to serve, check people in, etc. Start time is 6:30 pm.

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## **Faculty Report – Greg Boccuti**

- Recruiting Idea  
The Future Lions Concert Band, where we will invite middle school kids to our rehearsals on November 23, 30, December 7, and 14. They will rehearse four times along with some high school volunteers, and then they will perform at our winter concerts. Nine kids have signed up so far. First Tuesday could be a problem because of the school board meeting that night. Very exciting! All middle school directors are big fans. The plan is to be flexible if any students need to miss one of the rehearsals.
- Fundraiser Idea  
Outdoor jazz music concert/picnic in the spring or end of year, and music parents would sell food. This has been done before and is very profitable. Is there a park with performance capabilities? Yes, Deer Park Pavilion with grills, approximately \$200 to rent. Another option could be The Red Mill.

## **Faculty Report – Heidi Peterson (via Zoom)**

- Will be doing vocals for winter musical
- Danette Holden, former Broadway star, is going to do a master class. Katie will handle the arrangements.
- We will be performing Mr. Angeline's commissioned piece at the December 16 winter concert. The piece for Mr. Andrews will premiere in the spring at the second May concert.
- Fundraiser Ideas
  - Open Mic Night: My guitar classes could perform; others can sign up and perform as a solo or ensemble. NHMA could sell concessions. Could maybe do this in January or in the spring.
  - Ashley Farms: Students sell cheesecakes. This is low effort with a 40% profit margin. Company delivers to school and kids would need to pick up.
  - Jen P: Used to do Battle of the Bands, which was like a variety show with music, artwork, etc. Used to be done in the spring.
- Questions
  - When are you announcing the winter musical? Right after the fall play is over!

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

- Request: Send a Thank You card to Tracy Schwierk for spreading the word about our clothing drive. School let us keep everything there locked up.

### **Treasurer Report – Jen Fasciano**

- Keeping separate track of the GoFundMe accounts so that the cost of two pieces will be paid for separately. Money is still coming in! Anything above and beyond our stated goal will be going to scholarship funds for the students.
- Receipts for third quarter snacks will be turned in soon (Jen Mc). In previous years ShopRite donated gift cards, and we'd like to get that going again.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of November 9, 2021:

Checking	\$ 1,845.38
Gaming	\$ 1,306.44
PayPal	0.00
Cash on Hand	\$ 125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,276.82</b>

### **Membership Report – Jen Fasciano**

- We have 61 current members. We'd like to have something visual that illustrates our membership goal, like a big red bucket, and people can see it constantly. Maybe we could display it at the winter concerts. Mr. A didn't like to ask for new members during concerts. How many current music families are there?

### **Fundraising Report – Dawn McGrew**

- Clothing Drive – October 30  
\$715.70 check received for a few hours of work. We will have another clothing drive in the spring. The company we used this time gave us a breakdown of items - 10c per pound. The other company we used before was 20c per pound, and we'd like to use them in the spring.

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- 50/50 Raffle  
We made \$487 dollars. Note for the future: do it on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band night. This was a big success!
- Flower Power Sale  
Right now we've made a little under \$400. Right after Thanksgiving we can put out another push and ask directors to send it out to their people. Dawn put it on Facebook pages, etc. and Susan can put it in the Principal's newsletter.
- Mickman's Wreaths  
The company sent out emails to everyone who purchased wreaths last year. As soon as Dawn gets approval, she will send out the advertisements. Sale is done all on line, and we get \$8 per sale.
- Poinsettia Sale  
Laura is waiting to hear back from contact person.
- Harper's Table  
They are all in for the flapjack fundraiser in the spring.
- Jazz Picnic  
We could also invite local crafters, artists, etc. to sell their wares. They would get exposure and we could get maybe 10% of their profits. Maybe do a food truck instead of grilling? Costco might have a program like that. We need to find a chairperson to do this!!

### **Updates and Information – Susan Wallace**

- Fall Newsletter  
Will wait until after December 3 so all those events can be included with the pictures.
- Karen Ellis of the NHTO reached out to us and wanted to discuss concessions. Susan will meet with her next week.

### **Upcoming Events – Susan Wallace**

- Marching Band Banquet – December 1

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

- Prism Concert  
Laura has gone through what Alexa wrote down. Why has attendance gone down so much? Check with Charlie.

Motion to close meeting made by Jen P. at 8:21 p.m.; seconded by Melissa.  
Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

**Next Meeting:**                      **January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**  
   **Via Zoom**