

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

October 12, 2021

Present: 12

Last Name	First Name
Fasciano	Jen
Holk	Melissa
Lipinski	Laura
McDermott	Dana
Patuto	Jen
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan

Joining Via Zoom:

Charlie Hopta, Katie Cudworth, Stacy James, Heidi Peterson, Anna Shustack

Motion to open meeting at 7:04 p.m. made by Susan; seconded by Jen P. Motion to approve the September meeting minutes made by Susan; seconded by Karen.

Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta

- Columbus Day parade was wonderful, and the trip to Dave and Buster's afterwards for dinner was a hit! Oct. 15 is Homecoming and Oct. 22 will be 7th/8th Grade Band, Senior Night, and the 50/50 Raffle. Katie will handle facility reservations for receptions, banquets, etc. We are still on schedule for the Marching Band banquet on December 1, and Joe Reynolds already booked the facility for us. We will not be doing the Hunterdon Developmental Center trip this year.
- **Questions**
 - How big is Friday's visiting band? Charlie will check and advise.
 - There may be a conflict with our Clothing Drive fundraiser on Oct. 30. Some large "Spooktacular" competition is going on the same day, and the parking lot will be packed. Who should we talk to about getting a section roped off? We plan to be across from the tennis courts. Charlie advised to talk with Anthony Petraglia or John Deutsch.

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Faculty Report – Katie Cudworth

- Three students auditioned for All-State Choir. This will be judged by high school teachers virtually this weekend, and we will know the results by Sunday.
- Planning on going to middle schools this year to recruit for jazz ensemble, show choir, advanced string quartet, etc.
- Elections for Choir President and VP will be this week on Friday.
- The facilities calendar has been cleared for all receptions this school year. There are no restrictions on food and drink.
- **Questions**
 - Jen P: We estimate 150 – 200 people for the Marching Band banquet. Are we eating in the cafeterias and having the awards ceremony in the auditorium? Or everything in the cafeterias like in years past? We will need to know how many people can be unmasked in the cafeteria at one time.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Laura Lipinski

- Read aloud a nice thank you card from Grace Gartlegruber for the scholarship money she received.
- Please send cards to Mr. Boccuti for his new twins and to Mr. Hopta on his wedding!

Treasurer Report – Jen Fasciano

- Membership income is at \$1,224.72 and football game sales are at \$238.
- \$500 general liability insurance bill coming up as well as the PO box rental of \$130
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of October 12, 2021:

Checking	\$ 1,716.51
Gaming	\$ 820.44
PayPal	-0-
Cash on Hand	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 2,661.95

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Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- 54 current members. Need to ask teachers to send out emails again.
- Do we need another name for Membership? We don't want potential members to think they have to DO something.

Fundraising Report – Susan Wallace for Dawn McGrew

- Clothing Drive – October 30
Need to advertise it! Dawn will send Maren a flyer to go out to everyone. Maybe because of the parking issues, we could have a map done and show where you should drop things off. Need permission to rope off four spaces. Melissa volunteered to help day of drive.
- Seat Cushions Sale
Sold at our table during home football games. We have enough for now.
- Flower Power Sale
Starts at beginning of November. May do the wreaths as well.
- Poinsettia Sale
If we decide to do one this year, we would need a coordinator. Laura volunteered. Thanks Laura!! Jen will forward contact person to Laura.
- Questions
 - Stacy: I have one black tablecloth from last year – Jen has the rest of them!! If I need extra stuff, can I submit receipts? Yes!
 - Susan: We do a concession stand for spring musical, cabaret, and Prism. Should we volunteer to do it for the fall play? Susan and Jen will investigate.

Open/New Business – Susan Wallace

- Band Operations – Joe Komarek
Seems to be doing fine. It's management with a smaller crew.
- Third Quarter Snacks – Jen P and Jen McC
We're good!

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- Fall Newsletter – Laura Lipinski
Please take more pictures! Send any from the parade, etc. direct to Laura. Stacy volunteered to step up and take pictures, although she can't be at every event. She will do what she can. Thanks Stacy!!
- New Member/Freshman Tea
This was a really lovely event with beautiful decorations and a pretty good turnout. Freshman choir was awesome!
- Columbus Day Parade
We had a fantastic day! Kids were relaxed and happy. It's pretty safe to say that Dave and Buster's will become an annual event. We are not sure how this parade will fare in the future. Our school may make a decision not to participate because of the name and the lack of interest in changing it.
- New Prism Sponsor
Dr. Cassetty of Hunterdon Dermatology will be a new sponsor for Prism.
- Master Classes
We need to talk to Katie about Danette Holden, who offered to do a free master class. She was in the original cast of Broadway's Shreck.
- Theater Events Concessions
Can we send a letter out to music parents about what's coming up and ask for volunteers at theater events?
- Open Position
We still need a fundraising chair for this year. Also, we need to start pulling new people in to replace those leaving after this year.
- 50/50 Raffle – October 22
We will need some volunteers to help out selling. Colene Belli will organize. Be there at 6:30 to get ready.

Motion to close meeting made by Jen P at 8:40 p.m.; seconded by Laura.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting:

**November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Band Room 121**