

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

February 8, 2022

Meeting Conducted via Hybrid

Present: 15

Last Name	First Name
Boccuti	Greg
Carreira	Kevin
Cudworth	Katie
Fasciano	Jen
Hopta	Charlie
Lipinski	Chris
Lipinski	Laura
McCormack	Jen
McDermott	Dana
Patuto	Jen
Shustak	Anna
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan
Wintermute	Scott
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Motion to open meeting at 7:03 p.m. made by Jen P; seconded by Jen McC. Motion to approve the January meeting minutes made by Karen; seconded by Jen F.

Faculty Report – Greg Boccuti

- Jazz Picnic
 - Not as many weekend dates available as we originally thought. Tentative date is June 11, right before graduation. Broadway Bound has a dance recital all day at the high school on that date.
 - Jazz Ensemble will perform their entire set with two parts and an intermission, along with separate jazz combos.
 - This will be a free concert, with a suggested donation amount. Time frame is the afternoon, possibly 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

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- NHMA Involvement
 - Finding an outdoor space with a covered pavilion and power available; otherwise, we will need a rain date or an indoor facility to migrate to. Performance space needs to be approximately 30 feet wide x 15 feet deep
 - Logistics - getting equipment to the venue
 - Advertising
 - Concessions
- Regional Jazz Festival
 - Auditions on March 14; deadline for registration is March 9
 - Regional Jazz Festival will be in May

Faculty Report – Katie Cudworth

- Prism Concert
 - Katie spoke with Laura regarding NHMA's help with the cost of lighting and labor to run our sound system. Old invoices show a charge of \$4,100 was the most ever paid. In 2020 we forwarded a 50% deposit payment to the lighting company, but the concert was canceled. If they still are holding the check, they would have the deposit for this year's concert already. Group consensus is that we can't pay any more than we have in the past for hopefully the same service.
 - We always like to do a finale piece with everyone involved. This year we would like to do "Sunday" from *Sunday in the Park with George* by Stephen Sondheim. We can't pay via school funds, so could NHMA provide \$100 so we could do this? It would be an amazing way to bring back the Prism concert. Seniors are the only ones who have actually participated in a Prism concert. We have to order the music soon! Susan asked for a motion to approve the amount; Jen P made the motion and Karen seconded it. All board members present were in favor.
- All-State Chorus

Auditions will be this spring, and members will participate in the fall or winter 2022. Everyone except seniors is able to participate.

Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta

- Spring Musical

Coming along great! Performances are March 4 – 6. NHMA will work with the NHTO for fundraising. Susan will be sending out forms for flower pre-orders soon!

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- NHMA Membership
We will be sending out one final membership recruitment email for NHMA and can also add this to a separate letter that will be going out to music families.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday, March 13, and we will have at least two rehearsals
- Prism Concert
 - March 23 will be a full dress rehearsal from 7 – 9:30 pm
 - March 24 concert starts at 8:00 pm.
- Hunterdon Symphony Orchestra
We will be getting a \$150 check from them for borrowing one of our instruments. Thank you to Joe K for his help in arranging this!
- Fundraising Idea
Mrs. Peterson wanted to propose the idea of a Destination Athlete-type store to sell spirit wear items for the band. She knows of a company that could make a custom catalog for us and will forward name and details to me. Kids love swag, and there would be minimal effort to make this happen.
- Questions
 - Does anyone have an old marching band uniform? Susan has located a few for the musical. Jen P has one, so we will have at least three. We need five or six that will fit our actors. Please contact Hope Kiehl, our costume director. She will be able to tell you the sizing requirements needed.
 - Has the Honors weighting for rising juniors and seniors for Concert Choir and Band been approved? Yes 😊
 - Will there be a Pep Band for basketball games? We have been asked by the Administration to demo a winter Pep Band on Thursday, February 17 for both girls and boys' basketball games on the same night. An interest form went out, and it would function much like the stands portion of Marching Band. We don't have as much freedom, though, as to when we can play during the games. Word from Administration is that if it goes well, this will become an official activity for next year.
 - Can you confirm spring concert and Jazz Picnic dates?
 - May 12 and 19 are spring concert dates
 - June 11 is the Jazz Picnic

Corresponding Secretary Report – Laura Lipinski

- Request to send a thank you card to Joe Komarek for helping secure the \$150 donation for borrowing one of our instruments.

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- Susan and Laura presented the Prism banner that will be hung up outside on the fence.

Treasurer Report – Jen Fasciano

- Prism sponsorship money starting to come in!
- We usually spend \$4k in lighting; the plan is to get that back in ticket sales. Hopefully the lighting company kept the \$2k deposit from last year.
- We did do a master class this year, but the time involved was volunteered and there was no cost to us.
- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of February 8, 2022:

Checking	\$ 5,681.09
Gaming	\$ 306.44
PayPal	0.00
Cash on Hand	0.00
Total	\$ 5,987.53

Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- We would like to keep the door open longer, until April 15. This would give senior families longer to join before scholarship money is doled out.

Fundraising Report – Susan for Dawn McGrew

- Flower Power
Everything is ready to go, and we can start tomorrow.
- Employee Matching Grants
Please check your employers to see if they have this available based on volunteer hours
- Amazon Smile Program
Choose NHMA. Jen F will send link to all members tomorrow.

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- Flapjack Breakfast
Final date for Harper's Table is either May 14 or 15. Karen emailed them but hasn't heard back yet. This would be HT donating a portion of the proceeds to NHMA.
- Clothing Drive
April 30 is coming up. Clean out those closets!

Open/New Business – Susan Wallace

- Winter Musical
Need volunteers for concessions and flower sales, and we will be sending out requests through Volunteer Spot soon.
- Winter Newsletter
To include both winter concerts, the musical, St. Patrick's Day parade, and Prism. Spring concerts, Cabaret, and the Memorial Day parade can be saved for our last issue.
- Open Committee and Chairperson Positions for 2022/2023
We need to put together a descriptive document for new executive board member positions for next year. Do we have written descriptions (job descriptions)? Please put something in writing for a new person if you are leaving this year.
- Options for Jazz Picnic Venue
Options include Finn Road Park in Union Township and Deer Path Park on Route 31. Jen McC will investigate and report back with findings.
- Prism Concert
Laura picked up Prism posters today and will ask Gina Holliday to help put them up. The big ones go to the schools.

Motion to close meeting made by Jen McC at 8:38 p.m.; seconded by Jen P.
Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: **March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**
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