

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

January 11, 2022

Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

Present: 10

Last Name	First Name
Fasciano	Jen
Hopta	Charlie
Komarek	Joe
Lipinski	Laura
McDermott	Dana
Patuto	Jen
Roberts	Allison
Shustak	Anna
Smith	Karen
Wallace	Susan

Motion to open meeting at 7:03 p.m. made by Jen P; seconded by Joe. Motion to approve the November meeting minutes made by Joe; seconded by Karen.

Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta

- The musical rehearsals are underway. NHTO has been working non-stop.
- We are working to transition back to Zoom classes, hopefully for the short term.
- St. Patrick's Day parade date TBD
- Prism concert tentatively scheduled for March 24
- Thank you to parents for all things marching band!
- End of season feedback: Columbus Day parade was a fun event!
- Just had Honors weighting approved for students in concert band with a minimum of two years' experience. This is our way to reward our three and four-year players.
- Questions
 - Lenape Valley Regional High School reached out with an additional competition opportunity. Could we participate in this? We are going to check if they will be doing it next year, as it comes up too quickly to fit it in for this year.

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- When can we send the Marching Band uniforms out for dry cleaning? Charlie will research that, and Karen noted that in the past it has been done after March.
- Has there been any thought to coordinating a band trip for next year? Charlie contacted Vicki at Short Hills Tours and asked her to look for a similar trip to what we had planned at Williamsburg. This would be for the spring, before AP testing in early May and done over a long weekend (Thursday through Sunday).
- Has there been any guidance from the State for how you are currently playing/singing due to Covid? Not really. We ask that students are masked when not playing, they use bell covers for the instruments, and that they space themselves out fairly reasonably at three to six feet per person if unmasked (less if masked)
- Would you be willing to send out one more plug for membership via email? Yes! We like to have a deadline, esp. for seniors.
- Has there been any chatter about streaming the Musical performances? No discussion yet on that front. It gets tricky with copyright restrictions, and we are charging admission so that may present some difficulty. We will be reaching out to publishers once we finalize our repertoire.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Laura Lipinski

- Nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Jen Fasciano

- We are in pretty good shape financially!
- Under budget on Marching Band costs and over budget for Scholarships and Awards. It will all work out in the end.
- GoFundMe still has \$351.41 in the accounts, and we have paid for everything except a frame for Mr. Andrews' score. The remainder of the money will go for scholarships. We should close the accounts now.
- Received check from Flower Power but not Wreath sale yet. Dawn said it might be around \$416.

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- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of January 11, 2022:

Checking	\$ 4,037.06
Gaming	\$ 306.44
PayPal	0.00
Cash on Hand	0.00
Total	\$ 4,343.50

Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- We are stuck at 61 current members. If we can just get that one last push from an email from the directors, we might get a few more. The number of families has gone down in the past several years.
- (Joe) When do you start scheduling for 8th graders? Today and tomorrow, there is an 8th grade orientation in the building, and Concert Choir and String Orchestra performed for the schools that came. A little bit of outreach will be done while the kids are in the building. Membership has been really good from this year's Freshman class.
- (Anna) One family that came to 7th/8th grade band night got the feeling that Marching Band was a HUGE commitment. We need to let them know there are only twice a week practices after school plus football games.

Fundraising Report – Susan for Dawn McGrew

- Musical Concessions Sales
How big are they for us? Haven't been done for a while. Last time was in March 2020 and we made \$600, mostly from flowers. Need chairperson for this position. Used to be done by Jen Molzen, and she got inexpensive flowers and did a lot of the arranging of flowers herself. Laura is her neighbor and will ask her if she would share all the inside details. This mostly involved getting candy and drinks, bringing it all to school, and coordinating volunteer help. Susan will handle the paperwork needed and reserve the lobby spot.
- NHTO Fundraising Help
Susan has been in contact with Karen Ellis, and they are trying to figure out how NHMA can help the theatre organization with their fundraising. They have some great ideas. Makes sense to work together because both organizations have a lot of

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the same kids/families, and the departments work closely together throughout the school year.

- Jazz Concert/Picnic

This idea needs flushed out more. Allison noted that the rental fees are lower over at Heritage Park in Bethlehem Township. It is a nice facility and covered in case of rain. Susan will request that Mr. Boccuti come to our February meeting.

Updates and Information – Susan Wallace

- Winter Musical March 4 – 6. Need to plan for the concessions.

GUEST VISIT BY VINCE ANGELINE!!

I want to express my gratitude for the commissioned piece "Green and Gold March" and its world premiere! I am humbled and forever grateful and thankful for your part in making that happen. Secondly, I would like to endow a new NHMA scholarship in the amount of \$500 annually and in perpetuity. This scholarship is to be based on student leadership to be determined by music faculty and given to either a vocal or instrumental student.

I had hoped to be subbing in the department, but the rules don't allow for that until March 1. The College of NJ has hired me as an adjunct faculty member, starting in February. I will be working with student teachers, which has always been one of my special interests. I will continue to support the North Hunterdon music program wherever I go and whenever I can!

Jen explained about the GoFundMe account and how many people contributed.

Open/New Business – Susan Wallace

- Prism Concert

Laura has \$1,750.00 in donations secured. Another \$500 is awaiting approval. Gina Holliday is also working on this with Laura to get sponsors. Lights alone cost \$4k, so the more we bring in from donors, the better. Alexa's notes say that \$2,000 is the goal, and we are on track for reaching it! Need to complete the Facility Use form, ask for tables and chairs, complete fundraising forms for

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ticket sales and concessions, and email Mrs. Cudworth about the inserts in the musical program to advertise it. The insert is more noticeable than a full-page ad in the program. Susan suggested talking with Dawn regarding all the required forms, because they are more complicated now and she has done it recently with fundraising. Susan will email Steve Halldorson to update the website. Also still need to set up Thundertix (we've been paying \$10 a month to keep Thundertix going) and will need to talk to Jen when ready because she has Alexa's log-in info. Silver Oaks and Dr. Cassity are the two premier donors. We also do a banner for the concert through PolyTech.

- Succession Planning

We all need to encourage new people to join the group! Start putting a bug in someone's ear. Jen: Could the directors email music families or recommend particular parents who might be willing to help out? Susan will check into this.

- Flapjack Fundraiser

Harper's Table never confirmed March 12, but is that the best date? Do we want to stick with flapjacks OR do a Sunday Brunch like the cheerleaders did? Could we still have kids play their instruments? Brunch looks good, but it's only on Sundays. Simple might be the way to go. Karen will reach out to Harper's Table. Spring break is April 15 – 24. Maybe do the first weekend of May? Discussion to be continued...

Motion to close meeting made by Jen P. at 8:38 p.m.; seconded by the other Jens 😊

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: **February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**
 Via Zoom