

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

March 8, 2022

Meeting Conducted via Hybrid

Present: 13

Last Name	First Name
Boccuti	Greg
Cudworth	Katie
Fasciano	Jen
Hopta	Charlie
Lipinski	Chris
Lipinski	Laura
McCormack	Jen
McDermott	Dana
Mitros	Diana
Patuto	Jen
Peterson	Heidi
Smith	Karen
Wintermute	Scott

Motion to open meeting at 7:06 p.m. made by Jen F; seconded by Jen McC. Motion to approve the February meeting minutes made by Karen; seconded by Jen McC.

Faculty Report – Heidi Peterson

- We have the green light to start a chapter of Tri-M, the National Honors Music Society, at NHHS. There are over 2,000 chapters in the country, and I will head it up. Already have a handful of kids who are committed to the idea, but we want to get more kids involved. There will be lots of small performance opportunities. The GPA requirement is an A in music classes and B overall, with discretion, and must be enrolled in a music class. Seniors can still join this year before they graduate.

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Faculty Report – Greg Boccuti

- Regional Jazz Festival
 - Deadline for registration is March 9; live auditions on March 14 at 4:00 pm at Piscataway High school. We have four students auditioning.
 - Regional Jazz Festival will be in May

Faculty Report – Katie Cudworth

- Regional Jazz Festival

Had a couple of students do a video choral audition, and we will find out by end of March if they were accepted
- All-State Chorus

A handful of students will be auditioning for this as well
- Prism Concert

Should have received an email last week on the concert with a lot of info included. We owe the remainder of the fee to the lighting company, so will need a check the night of the show. Also will need the cash tips for the workers the night of the show, as in years past.
- Music Festival

In an effort to do some proactive recruiting, we will have a festival of sorts on Saturday, April 9. We are inviting middle school students to come and learn and perform with some current high school students. The purpose is to get our potential MS students comfortable in this space and let them get to know current students. Strings, choir, and band will all be involved, and upper classmen will be leading this project on a volunteer basis. This will be a three to four-hour long day, probably from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and ending with a showcase performance where parents are invited in to hear the results. Can NHMA provide a snack for this event? Yes!
- Questions
 - Received a bag of (15) Prism posters. Will there be more? No.

Faculty Report – Charlie Hopta

- Winter Musical

Great success for all involved!!

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- St. Patrick's Day Parade
Still tentatively performing on Sunday, March 13. This Thursday will be the only rehearsal.
- Last Call - Membership Email
Didn't forward to concert band membership, so Jen will forward again. We will talk about it in class as well.
- Prism Concert
Call time is 7:15 pm sharp, as we will be taking photos for the yearbook. Concert begins at 8 pm. No live streaming this year. Can we push online pre-sales for tickets? Yes. Katie will send MS teachers the poster file and they can advertise for us.
- Questions
 - Any news on the Cabaret? More info tomorrow! Auditions will be soon, most likely the first weekend in May before spring concerts. Similar product as in years past.
 - What time do you need parents at school to load equipment for the parade?
Call time is noon on Sunday. We will be leaving by 1:45 pm, so 1:00 pm is good for parents to show up.
 - Do we have a date for the spring banquet and were rooms reserved? Banquet is usually the last Wednesday in May. There is nothing on the school calendar for it, so Katie will request and book May 25. Banquet is for all music department groups. Senior recognition and other awards are given out.
 - Can Mr. Boccuti confirm date of Jazz Picnic? June 11, probably from 2 pm to 6 pm – max of four hours.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Laura Lipinski

- Sent a thank you card to Joe Komarek for helping secure the \$150 donation from the Hunterdon Symphony Orchestra for borrowing one of our instruments.
- Will be sending a thank you and some complimentary tickets to the Prism concert to Alexa soon.

Treasurer Report – Jen Fasciano

- Musical concessions were fantastic this year – brought in \$3,167! Will need to make good notes for next year on what we did. Flowers were excellent and cheap as well. Maybe ordering candy from Amazon next year would also be cheaper. Karen talked

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to Boosters, and we could get bottles of water for nine cents from BJ's and for free from Silver Oak.

- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of March 8, 2022:

Checking	\$ 9,993.38
Gaming	\$ 306.44
PayPal	0.00
Cash on Hand	0.00
Total	\$ 10,299.82

Membership Report – Jen Fasciano

- Six new members from Katie's email. Yay!

Fundraising Report – Jen F for Dawn McGrew

- Flower Power
Started today!
- Employee Matching Grants
Please check your employers to see if they have this available based on volunteer hours
- Amazon Smile Program
Choose NHMA!
- Flapjack Breakfast
Harper's Table hasn't been real responsive to emails. Asked for May 14 or 15, but haven't heard back. We still want to do it, so Karen will take the lead on this. We can do a Sunday brunch March 27 or April 3.
- Clothing Drive
Jen will confirm date - April 30 is coming up. Clean out those closets!

Open/New Business – Susan Wallace

- Winter Newsletter
Will include both winter concerts, the musical, and St. Patrick's Day parade. Spring concerts, Cabaret, and the Memorial Day parade can be saved for our last issue.

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- Open Committee and Chairperson Positions for 2022/2023
Open positions include President, Vice President, Membership, Recording Secretary, Hospitality Coordinator, Concessions Coordinator, 50/50 Raffles
Need teachers' help in getting some names of parents who would be good candidates. Susan will contact each director and ask for help.
- Prism Concert
The target audience is the families of music students. A lot of work goes into attracting other folks who are not in the target audience. Some community people do come, but we really need to target 7th/8th grade parents and alumni parents. Katie has the contact lists. Advertising strategy should be revamped going forward. Laura only has to print up tickets and send out a volunteer sign up. Susan reserved the carts, and Jen will bring the water. We have a stripe account but need to test out the machine. Do we have any outstanding sponsor checks? Silver Oaks and Hunterdon Music, and Laura will confirm with them that the money is coming.
- Jazz Picnic
Jen McC reports that Finn Road Park in Union Township is the best option for a venue. It will cost \$100, but that fee may get waived. Jen will start the paperwork.
- Senior Signs/Acknowledgement
Will reach out to teachers to verify lists of seniors. Can work into budget for next year going forward.
- "Green and Gold March"
Jen P reports that the work commissioned for Vince Angeline can be released for commercial sale!

Upcoming Events – Jen Fasciano

- St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 13 at 3:00 pm
- Prism Concert – March 24 at 8:00 pm
- Clothing Drive – April 30
- Cabaret – First weekend in May
- Senior Banquet – May 25 at 6:30 pm
- Spring Concerts – May 12 and 19 at 7:00 pm

Motion to close meeting made by Jen P at 8:22 p.m.; seconded by Karen.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott

Next Meeting: **April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**
 Via Hybrid