

North Hunterdon Music Association

Meeting Minutes

2/7/2022 at the NHHS Band Room

ATTENDEES

1. Laura Lipinski
2. Karen Smith
3. Jen Patuto
4. Bonnie
5. Jen Fasciano
6. Charlie Hopta
7. Mary Hopta
8. Kathleen Walton
9. Anna Shustack
10. Susan Wallace

Note: Motions are highlighted in yellow.

INTRO

- **Open meeting @7:02pm**
 - **Motion by Jen Patuto**
 - **Seconded by Karen Smith**

Approval of January 2023 meeting minutes

- **Motion by Jen Patuto**
 - **Seconded by Karen Smith**

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FACULTY REPORT by Charlie Hopta

Les Miserables (March 2, 3, 4, 5)

- Email went out to NHTO to promote NHMA memberships
- No one volunteered to do the flowers, so there won't be any this year
- We'll seek volunteers to help with concessions during the shows
- May need \$ for a bass clarinet stand

Marching Band – St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 12)

- We will have lunch for the kids (thanks to BigPaul) before the parade

Prism Concert (March 23)

Finances

- We're waiting on sponsorship \$ from Shop-Rite (*edited to add: we got \$250*)
- We have \$2,000 donated so far with a total \$4,900 bill to cover
- We were able to purchase the last music piece for the show

Event Details

- **ThunderTix** will be set up this week
- **No concessions** planned
- **Dress rehearsal** is March 22

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Event Chair for Next Year

- Someone is interested in doing fundraising & Prism next year, so Jen Fasciano will be working with her to get her up to speed

Berks Jazz Fest

- Registration cost \$300,
- Mr. Boccuti signed up with his own \$
- Hopta & Boccuti area asking us to consider **reimbursing the \$300** ([also mentioned in the Treasurer Report](#))
- **On Hold:** We will have to wait and see how next month's events/fundraisers shake out; we'll have a better idea then if we can cover the \$300

Future Lions – April 1 (Saturday)

- Kids will get lunch
- Concert will be at either 1pm or 2pm
- Last year, Jen Patuto sat at a table outside the theater with programs & had info on NHMA; we also provided snacks
 - Jen dropped off water & snacks in the morning & then returned an hour or so before the concert to staff the table
 - She had old Prism concerts running on a laptop so parents could see and hype up the event
 - There were music dept. newsletters on the table for parents to review

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Department Trip (end of April)

- Because the number of students attending the trip is less than anticipated, there's enough room on the bus (and in the storage compartment underneath) to transport all the music equipment
- There will be **three performing groups**:
 - Marching band
 - Trip band (consisting of students from concert band, marching band, string orchestra, & jazz ensemble)
 - Trip choir
- There will be rehearsals for each group & uniforms will be packed
- **Final payment remains the same**
 - Everyone was quoted at quad occupancy
 - If any students want to stay with less people, there will be a surcharge
- There's a **trip-specific Google Classroom and email list**, so parents can join & stay up to date on trip info
- **Tentative itinerary** is on the trip dept website

Pep Band

- Next Thursday, the Pep Band will perform at the North basketball double-header
- Mrs. Peterson will be there that night

Miscellaneous Notes

Finn Park Jazz Picnic (June 3/Rain Date: June 10)

- Mr. Boccuti, Leila Zengel, & Jennifer McCormack have met to plan this event.
- Jen M. is booking the park/pavilion and is going to reach out to the NHMA re: insurance.
- We'll use the same promotional materials as last year (with updated dates).

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- Mr. Boccuti will reach out to sending districts and a few other local jazz directors this week to invite them to participate.
- Another planning meeting to determine next steps will happen soon.

Corresponding Secretary Report

- No correspondence to report

Treasurer Report

Budget Notes

- We have \$7,500 allocated for scholarships & awards

Monetary Requests

- **Berks Jazz Fest Registration Fee (\$300)**
 - As noted in the [Berks Jazz Fest section of the Faculty Report](#), Mr. Boccuti's request for reimbursement of the **\$300 festival registration fee** is on hold until next month, after we reassess our financial ability to cover it
- **Student Needs Help with All-Eastern Fee (\$695)**
 - Mrs. Cudworth has a choral student who qualifies for All-Eastern but doesn't have the **\$695** required to pay for expenses
 - Can't commit to covering this right now, since we have quite a few expenses coming up
 - We will check with the school to see if they have allocated funds to cover situations like this

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Fundraising

Spring Clothing Drive (April 29)

- We will set up in the scoreboard lot

Amazon Smile

- This program is ending as of February 28

Raise Right

- We can set up Raise Right gift cards as a general fundraiser for NHMA (vs. for individual kids for the dept. trip)

Closing

- **Motion to end the meeting by Jen Patuto**
 - **Seconded by Karen Smith**

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2023