

NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION Minutes

September 11, 2018

Present: 11

Last Name	First Name
Adams	Suzanne
Angeline	Vincent
Beswick	Pam
Chen	Donna
Fasciano	Jennifer
Johnson	Paul
McDermott	Dana
Parliyan	Alexa
Parliyan	Nisim
Romano	Jeffrey
Rys	Connie

PTSA Guests

Amy Barro
Faith Truppi

Motion to open meeting made by Jen at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Dana.
Discussion of new online approval of minutes in order to be more cost effective and efficient vs. printing them and taking meeting time to review and approve.

Faculty Report - Mr. Angeline

- Start of school year has gone very smoothly with all ensembles up and running except Jazz Ensemble, which is still conducting auditions.
- Marching Band
 - Thanks for all of the parent assistance during Band Camp with the pizza party, refreshments, new parent night, and the first performance after Camp.
 - We had a pain-free uniform distribution (old ones) and all students were fit for our first performance at opening football game.
 - Upcoming Events

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- ❖ Next game this Friday at home. We have found out that someone is videotaping all home games, and it will be nice to be able to view performances.
- ❖ The following week's (Saturday) game at Summit. Afterwards, we will go bowling or play laser tag at Branchburg Sports Complex.
- ❖ Freshman Tea, which will showcase vocal and instrumental performances. All freshmen and parents are invited!
- ❖ Very busy October coming with the Columbus Day Parade, Phillipsburg Festival, State Festival.
- **New Uniforms Update**

They are not here and we are not sure when they will be here, as we've had no communication from the company. Original time frame was between 150 and 210 days. Hoping to debut for Columbus Day Parade, but it may be the Clinton Christmas Parade.
- Questions
 - Jen: Any ideas for Master Classes this year?
Mrs. Cudworth is in charge. Jen will reach out to her.
 - Mr. A: Helmet boxes and instrument cases concern at the game. Students are carrying them in the cases to the games because they need protected when not in use. New helmets will be done the same way.
 - Nisim: Need another stand for clarinet. Hole in ground at the gate between football field and band practice field is causing potential damage to the command center, which is already on shaky ground.
 - PTSA Reps: We would like to invite all current and former music students to come to pasta dinner before Homecoming. \$4 for music students, \$5 non-music students, \$10 parents. There are 75 current band students and four directors. Also, Night of the Arts/Battle of the Bands date will be January 25, with a snow date the following Friday. How can we include more music students without competing with Prism? This is another opportunity to perform. We are hoping for better communication with music teachers, as this is more of a service rather than a fundraiser. Would teachers perform? We would really like the event to be promoted as much as possible. Mr. A will help advertise it!
 - Alexa: How many band concerts this year?
Two concerts in winter and two in the spring.

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Corresponding Secretary Report – Sue Adams

- Thank yous were sent to Metropolitan Seafood and Frank at Dominick's Pizza for the food for spring banquet.
- Jen read a thank you card from Linda Garvey for the bracelet given to her last spring.

PTSA Request – PTSA Reps

A new fundraiser opportunity of a discount card was presented. Sample card was passed around to see if we want to partner with them. Benefits are raising \$ and sharing with the school community. No upfront costs – we would just sell for \$15 per card and we would make \$6 for every card sold. PTSA will give us the number of cards we want, and there is an on-line store as well. Jen: we could sell at football games, Freshman Tea, and give some to students to sell. Connie: we need to talk to music student council members. Sue: can we sell these at our concerts? Yes. This is completely up to us how we market it. We will inform Mr. A to keep him in the loop, and we will need to process a fundraiser facility form. Motion to participate was made by Jeffrey with Sue seconding. Jen – we will take 100 cards. Alexa – we could ask NHMA membership to sell it and students could take orders on a form. Band officers could be in charge. This fundraiser is ideal to push through the kids.

Treasurer Report – Connie Rys

- Budget format: only change this year was to split out Discretionary Spending into two separate categories – Discretionary Spending and Master Classes.
- Order of 150 seat cushions will be in this Friday. We are selling them for \$8 each and will make \$5 per cushion. We have a few new sponsors for a total of \$600 income, which will offset the cost of the 150 new cushions.

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- **TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE** as of August 31, 2018:

Checking Account: \$2,832.13

Gaming Account: \$2,209.94

Savings Account: \$4,249.30

Total: \$9,291.37

Fundraising Report – Jen Fasciano

- Current Fundraisers

- Stadium Seat Cushions
- PTSA Discount Card Sales
- Homecoming Coat Check

Last year we made \$150 and needed only a couple of volunteers. Homecoming this year is October 6. Alexa, Connie, and Pam will do it. We need to advertise this ahead of time and get it into the school announcements for students to bring some cash to the dance. Jen will check with Maren to get a blurb out there on the announcements. Could also go out in the weekly calendar updates.

- Past Fundraisers

- Florida Fruit Association

(Sue) We've done this two years. First year was great (it was well talked up and we were able to keep reminding kids to get forms turned in). Last year was not good (did not make minimum amount needed to ship, distribution site didn't work well, storms in the south resulted in some quality issues). This is a lot of work! Made \$2,000 first year, \$875 last year. **Vote taken and decision was made to discontinue this fundraiser.**

- Yankee Candle

(Connie) Did very poorly. **Discontinue.**

- Bucket Drive – Clinton Bagel and ShopRite

Didn't do this at all last year. In the past have made approximately \$100. NHHS does not want students out there asking for money, so parents could hold the buckets and students could entertain with instruments and also include some choir students as well. We could count it for service hours. Definitely more do-able than some of the other ideas. Claire has a connection at Clinton Bagel and

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Donna noted that Just Chill is always very supportive of our efforts. Jen will check with them.

- Chocolate Bars
Kids can't sell during the day now. **Discontinue.**
- Applebee's Flapjacks
Kids get service hours for playing and serving the food. Made \$678 last year. Parents/families come and eat and enjoy the music. Connie will call and find out if they still have dates open. Worth it to try again, although the biggest challenge is getting kids to perform.
- (Jen) Mr. A talked about having one big fundraiser right before Prism with a dinner served, etc. Also mentioned getting rid of lighting budget and moving concert into the auditorium. Students could play in the cafeteria while parents serve food. This needs more discussion and we need more info from Mr. A and if we will have the manpower to do this.
- Poinsettia Sales at Christmas
Easy to do and Claire has the connection with Lehigh Valley Greenhouse. Will continue to do this one!
- New Ideas
 - Mums at football games?
 - Antique show – some groups make thousands of dollars
 - Cash for Gold (Jeffrey) – did it once and made \$5,000. Could probably be done only once, but it would be worth it. Used Old Time Watch and Clock Shop in Allentown, PA
 - Shredding?

Membership Report – Alexa Parliyan

- We have 49 members with everyone paid up except Giordano (?). We should have \$250 in cash and checks, \$748 in PayPal for a total of \$998.
- Need to get list to Maren to go out to all music parents for membership. Connie noted that memberships will continue to trickle in over the next several months. Reminder that parents of seniors need to join by 12/31/18 in order for their senior to be eligible for scholarships.

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Sue: can't hear the national anthem at football games - band needs speakers!

Updates and Information – Jen Fasciano

- 50/50 Raffle Football Dates: October 12 and 26
- Volunteer HIB Training: <http://goo.gl/forms/0YiEbxFOW6>
- Silver Oak Water Bottle Donations

We will use them for the spring musical. They are kept in the Snack Shack.

- Important Dates
 - Freshman Tea – September 24
Stacy-Ann James will organize and send out signup sheets.
 - Columbus Day Parade – October 8
 - NJ State HS Band Festival – October 20
 - Phillipsburg Band Festival – October 27
 - Marching Band Banquet – November 28
 - Clinton Christmas Parade – December 7
 - Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser – TBD
- Meeting Dates
 - **2018: 9/11, 10/2, 11/13, 12/11 (?)**
 - **2019: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/7, 6/3**

Open/New Business – Jen Fasciano

- Volunteer Status
 - Band Operations
Shirts are ordered.
 - 3rd Quarter Snacks
Donna: Basil Bandwagon will donate something and we received \$500 from Shop-Rite.
- Open Committee and Chairperson Positions 2018/19
 - Banquets - 11/28/18 and 5/22/19
Connie, Alexa, Jeffrey, Jen have volunteered to help out
 - Fundraising – Throughout the Year

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- Raffles – Band Camp, one to two football games, some paperwork
- Fall Newsletter

Jen will talk with Kathy to see if she is still doing that

Recent Events – Jen Fasciano

- Marching Band Camp
 - Pizza Party, Refreshments, Band Aides, Friday Performance, Raffle
- Marching Band Uniform Distribution
- Meet the Teachers Nights

Upcoming Events – Jen Fasciano

- Upcoming Football Games
 - Friday, September 14 – Home
 - Saturday, September 22 – at Summit
 - Friday, September 28 – at Warren Hills
- Freshman Tea – September 24
- Homecoming Coat Check – October 6
- Columbus Day Parade – October 8
- 7th & 8th Grade Band Night/Senior Night/50/50 Raffle – October 12

Open Forum/Roundtable

- Master Class Funding

Budget going forward is \$1,000. As a group, we would like to see both more and different students benefit from these classes. Jen will reach out to Mrs. Cudworth.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018

7:00 pm, Choir Room (Room 131)

Motion to close meeting made by Connie at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Sue.

Minutes prepared by: Dana McDermott