

Nashua High School South
Music Booster Minutes
April 5, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Kasten, Guy Griffey, Julie Williams, Kevin Boghigian, Ann Peters, Laurie Heskett, Patty Brault, Donna Demanche, Lori Lerude, Lynn Morrow, Gary DePaolo, Robin DePaolo, Karen Martin, Christina Humber, Lori Katsiaticas, Stephanie Duras, Diane Duras, Tejas Shroff, Deb Dufresne, Eileen Hirsch, Joanne Lake

CHANGE TO MARCH MINUTES: **Nashua Plays** and not **Nashua Sings** will occur on April 12, 2011 at 7:00pm. Second change, Andrew Cote will play at the **Uniform Benefit Concert** held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Nashua South and not at Alpine Grove.

APPROVAL OF MARCH BOOSTER MINUTES with above recorded changes:
Motion by Donna Demanche and seconded by Eileen Hirsch

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Welcome new members and a special welcome to Tejas Shroff; Tejas is a Nashua High South Band member and will represent the band at Booster Membership Meetings as 1 of 3 selected Booster-Student Liaisons. In his new role, Tejas will attend Membership meetings and serve as an informational bridge between the Boosters and the music students. Two additional Booster-Student Liaisons will be introduced at future meetings.

Please Note: Patty Brault reminded Mr. Courounis that the Boosters have no preference as to which class year the student liaisons belong. There was brief discussion regarding the Directors' preference for choosing student liaisons from the Junior class specifically. It was noted that the Boosters would like this restriction lifted next year, thus, making all music students eligible.

Parent volunteers are still needed for Jazz night; cookie bakers and volunteers to help facilitate dinner for the students are needed between 5:30-6:30

UNIFORM CAMPAIGN:

Tagging earnings from April 2, 2011 generated \$3127.86 toward the uniform fund.

Music students continue to tag as means of generating uniform campaign funds; next tagging dates are as follows:

JUNE 11, 2011: Market Basket (all 4 Nashua locations)
Liquor Stores (Coliseum and DW Highway Nashua locations)
Walmart (Hudson location only).

JUNE 12, 2011 Walmart (Hudson and Amherst St. Locations)

Both, adult and student volunteers are needed for both tagging dates.

Uniform campaign continued

Band Director, Tony Courounis sent an e-mail to district staff to announce upcoming events and providing information about the uniform campaign.

During the past month, the department raised over \$14,000.00 toward the uniform fund.

Potential means of exposure for the Uniform Campaign:

Newspapers: Broadcaster, Hippo Press

Panther Prints and the District Parent Alert System announcing the concert

Face book Alumni Page and Face book "Causes" / Twitter

Parenting NH Magazine

Radio Stations

Eileen Hirsch will contact the Newspapers; Kevin Boghigian will contact magazine and radio, while Tony Courounis contacts Mike Brindley of The Nashua Telegraph to provide information about the Benefit Concert. Tony Courounis will also look into utilizing the Nashua Education Page.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Nashua Silver Nights Baseball fundraising opportunities: Students sell advance game tickets for \$5 per ticket and keep \$3 per ticket sale. The game date for this specific fundraiser is June 23, 2011; currently the last day of school and "Purple" Day.

Students provide consumers with a ticket voucher at the time of sale, which is created by Silver Nights and redeemed for admission at the gate on June 23, 2011.

May 24, 2011 is deadline for turning in advance ticket sale earnings to Silver Nights.

The **cookbook** is still in progress; looking for approximately 150 recipes to finish this item sooner.

Silent Auction: August 19, 2011 Boston Billiards: (hours of 7pm-10pm currently planned)

Auction Continued

Boosters are looking for ideas and contacts for auction items with sensitivity, as not to exhaust funding resources. In addition to the auction items, the Boosters will have raffle baskets.

Boston Billiards remains open to the public during this time with a DJ that typically promotes other events occurring at the venue.

Those interested in joining this committee should contact Patty: braultp@nashuasouthmusic.org

Restaurant:

Pizza Hut April 12, 2011

Applebee's May 14, 2011

Yard Sale: Meetings continue and date is still undetermined, but ideally will take place immediately following Labor Day so as not to interfere with Marching Band commitments.

Latest possible date for event is September 11, 2011 with efforts to gain access to inside of the school as well. Tony Courounis is checking availability on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Spirit Wear: In tomorrow- Ordered extra hats and t-shirts.

Nashua Plays t-shirts currently being printed 85 on hand for event and an extra 15-20.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER AND PATTY BRAULT

Spring fundraiser yield was good for a first time event.

Uniform Campaign generated over \$14,000.00 dollars this month.

\$1300.00 more is due in from corporate match donations.

Baltimore trip is now paid in full.

Awards Night: Music Directors are budgeted \$2200.00 for awards night expenses. Historically speaking, awards night expenses exceeded the budgeted amount.

Remaining within the budgeted amount for awards night expenses is imperative considering the goal of purchasing new marching band uniforms.

Funds in result from band uniform fundraising, Baltimore trip payments, Nashua Sings t-shirts, and restaurant fundraisers.

There were minimal expenses this month; purchases of flowers and t-shirts only, which in turn generated \$200.00 and \$1300.00, respectively.

Treasurers' Report Continued

Motion to accept Treasurers' Report made by Eileen Hirsch and seconded by Alex Humber

DIRECTORS REPORT (TONY COUROUTIS AND SOPHIA SANTERRE)

Mr. Courounis spoke with the middle school music directors and received permission to send an informational Band Uniform Campaign letter to parents of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade band members.

The ***Annual Nashua Plays Festival*** takes place at Nashua North on Tuesday, April 12th. Select Band students participate at the festival during the school day. Students typically bussed to school are required to be both, be dropped off directly at North in the morning and picked up at North after school; students who typically drive themselves to and from school are permitted to drive to North and park for the day. Students should arrive at back at Nashua North for 5:45 pm, concert at 7:00pm; tickets are \$5.00 and are available until Monday through Mr. Courounis or purchased at the door on April 12.

The ***South Jazz Night*** takes place in the Nashua South Cafeteria on Wednesday, April 13th at 7pm. Admission is free. The evening features the Fairgrounds Middle School Jazz Band, The Nashua South Jazz Band, The Nashua South Jazz Choir, and the Nashua South Honor's Jazz Band.

South's Jazz and Honor's Jazz Bands will participate at the ***Souhegan Jazz Night***, which takes place at Souhegan High School Thursday, April 21st. Concert 6:00pm, tickets \$10/ adult and \$8/ students and are available at the door. Students leave from South at 3:30 and stop for dinner.

The ***(Uniform) Benefit Concert*** takes place at the Nashua South auditorium on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and are through Mr. Courounis and at www.nashuasouthmsuic.org. All proceeds donated to the Band Uniform fund.

The ***Mad Express Benefit Concert*** takes place at The Alpine Grove Function Hall, Hollis, NH on Saturday, May 14th from 8pm –Midnight. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Thursday, May 26th is the "Spring Pops Concert" which takes place at 7pm with assigned seating. \$5.00 adults/\$3.00 students and senior citizens. Children under 5 are free, but must have ticket.

Monday, May 30th **Memorial Day Parade:** Students meet at South at 8:30am parade begins at 10:30am.

Thursday, June 2nd **Music Awards Night:** 7pm in the South Cafeteria

Tuesday, June 14th Band and Color Guard rehearsal for 2011-12 begins. (6pm-9pm) South HS

Saturday, June 18th **Class of 2011 Graduation:** 2:00pm at Manchester Verizon Wireless Arena.
Band meets at South at 12 noon.

SOPHIA SANTERRE (AS REPORTED BY TONY COUROUTIS)

The Nashua South Concert Choir did an outstanding job at the Music Educators' Conference in Baltimore last month. Numerous people approached Mrs. Santerre regarding the students' performance to let her know that it was, "The best they ever heard".

A video of the Concert Choir's performance is available on utube; the link will be sent to everyone.

Secretary's Report: it is time to submit our annual volunteer hours tally- please forward to Julie.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Booster Board Member elections

Nominations for President = Incumbent, Carolyn Kasten

Nominations for Vice President = Incumbent, Eileen Hirsch

Nominations for Treasurer 1 = Incumbent, Patty Brault

Nominations for Treasurer 2 = Incumbent, Christina Humber

Nominations for Secretary = Incumbent, Julie Williams and Ann Peters

Nominations for At-Large= Incumbents, Ann Peters and Kevin Boghigian, and Donna Demanche

Request to Withdraw from Secretary Nomination = Ann Peters

Request to Withdraw from At-Large Nomination = Donna Demanche

Membership voted unanimously to accept the remaining nominations.

NHSSMBA Board members for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

President, Carolyn Kasten Vice President, Eileen Hirsch, Treasurer 1, Patty Brault, Treasurer 2, Christina Humber, At-large, Ann Peters and Kevin Boghigian Secretary, Julie Williams

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Individuals do not need to have a child in the group to attend the New Hampshire All State Performance.

A motion to Adjourn was made at 8:50pm by Robin DePaolo and seconded Lori Katsiaficas.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Julie Williams, Secretary
Nashua High School South Music Boosters

