

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes

April 1, 2014

Attendance: Ann Peters, Michael Peters, Carolyn Kasten, Misty Bates, Joanne Lake, Deb Dufresne, Sharon Kilduff, Barbara Burns, Bob Stepan, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Pauline Bourassa, Donna Demanche, Lori Vigeant, and Karen Martin .

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Ann Peters.

Welcome to members in attendance. No new members. Ann thanked everyone for coming out to our April meeting.

Approval of March Booster Minutes: The March minutes were presented for approval. Joanne made a motion to approve the March minutes and Barbara seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes except Robin DePaolo who abstained since she wasn't in attendance at the March meeting.

President's Report: Ann Peters

March was a quiet month. Ann thanked Eileen Hirsch for all her work on the logo for the NYC T-shirts and cinch bags. The bags are in and will be sold at the April 14th trip meeting.

The directors were given copies of the Texas Roadhouse dinner rolls fund raiser for the choral uniform fund and an email was sent out to subscriptions. Orders are due by April 10th. Ann will look into submitting this fund raiser in the general Nashua South announcements.

The Boosters will be providing concessions in the cafeteria for the Scottish Indoor Festival on Saturday April 5th from 8am-4pm. All proceeds go to the Music Boosters. Thanks to Kathleen Carlson who contacted Mr. Courounis to ask if we could provide this service for them and we thank Misty Bates who volunteered to shop and work the whole day. A signup sheet was sent around to get volunteers to cover sales throughout the day.

Ann did not receive an answer regarding the June Band camp meeting for incoming freshmen or the reschedule for push up day.

For Nashua Sings/Nashua Plays T-shirts, contact the directors. Mr. Boroskas still has T-shirts in his room from Nashua Sings and no order form was received from Nashua North for the Nashua Plays T-shirts (they will most likely be available for purchase at the event).

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6th**.

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Treasurer's Report: Robin DePaolo

There is no treasurer's report as the statement from the bank has not come out yet. A statement will be provided at the next meeting.

There is still a high number of students who are not paid up for the NYC trip. The directors will give a list of students who will not be attending. There is still \$13,000 outstanding to be paid. Final payment was due last Friday. There will be no refunds on the trip.

A senior student emailed a request to roll over her student account balance (about \$600) to the choral uniform fund. The request should be sent to the directors for approval.

Vice President Report: Deb Dufresne

The coupon books were found! There are no outstanding issues now and the coupon book fund raiser has been paid.

The last fund raiser of the year is the Texas Roadhouse rolls for Easter. The proceeds will go for the uniform fund.

Secretary Report: Sharon Kilduff

Sharon and Ann met to exchange paperwork from Sue Duby and reviewed the spreadsheet for the membership and volunteer list. Sharon updated the list based on the paperwork and we have 94 members and 66 volunteers for the 2013-2014 school year. This document has been uploaded in subscriptions in the Google Drive.

Thank you notes were received from Ann Peters & Donna Demanche for the edible arrangements sent in sympathy in the loss of family members. The cards were sent around for members to read.

Director's Reports: Adam Boroskas & Tony Courounis (via email)

Mr. Boroskas was unable to attend as he was out purchasing a case for the keyboard to take on the NYC trip. Collapsible music stands will need to be brought on the trip as well.

Medical forms were distributed in classes today and will be distributed in the remaining classes tomorrow. These forms are required to attend the trip.

Jazz Night is Monday, April 7th in the auditorium with guests from Fairgrounds Middle School Jazz Band and Nashua North Jazz Band.

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Tuesday, April 8th is **Nashua Plays** at Nashua North.

Thursday, April 10th students accepted to Classical All State will be leaving right after school on buses to Concord. Performance will be at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord on Saturday, April 12th. Mr. Boroskas & Mr. Courounis will be chaperoning throughout the duration of the event.

Other upcoming dates:

April 14th NYC Trip Meeting at 6pm in the auditorium

May 20th Pops Concert (the date in the Music in Our Schools Month Program was in error)

May 26th Memorial Day Parade

May 29th Awards Night 6:30pm in the cafeteria

May 31st An Evening of Swing with performances by the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir

Uniform Committee: Carolyn Kasten

Not much has changed...there still is around \$3,800 in the account so far. Carolyn had emailed Mr. Boroskas asking if he wanted make any purchases before the NYC trip, but did not receive a response. Ann shared that at Peter Pan, Mr. Boroskas told her that he wasn't happy with the tuxes from the original company they were working with and was still shopping around. Bob voiced a concern that it's important to keep the same vendor for all the tuxes if we purchase some now and some later so that they all look the same. In the future, it will be important to have a sign out form for the concert attire (including the pearls for the girls) as they do for the Marching Band uniforms in order to be sure all pieces are returned and students are financially liable for anything not returned or not returned in proper condition.

Spirit Committee: Carolyn Kasten

107 NYC trip shirts were ordered; 70 have already been sold. The remaining T-shirts will be sold at the trip meeting on April 14th. 125 cinch bags were ordered and will be sold at the trip meeting for \$5 (they cost \$3 to make). We will need a few volunteers to come to the trip meeting early to help distribute/sell shirts & bags.

Restaurant Fundraisers: Ann Peters

The **Texas Roadhouse restaurant fundraiser** is scheduled for **April 16th**. Donna will also look into booking a fund raiser at Longhorn Steakhouse in May (possibly on the May 14th early release day).

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Scholarship Committee: Carolyn Kasten

The scholarship form has been posted on the web site and delivered to guidance. Scholarships are due by May 9th. Carolyn asked that committee members stay after the meeting to discuss a date/time to meet once the scholarship applications are received.

Yearbook Committee: Sharon Kilduff/Donna Demanche

The yearbook has been updated with all events to date. We will need photos from Jazz Night, Nashua Plays, All State and then the NYC trip to complete the book. With the deadline of April 28th, we will be finishing up the NYC trip pages quickly and Mike and Ann offered to upload the photos at the hotel during their stay to make it easier to complete!

For the DVD, postcards were mailed out to all senior parents requesting a senior photo and baby photo. Photos are due by May 10th to have in time to complete the DVD for awards night. Sharon will request a list of seniors from Mr. Boroskas & Mr. Courounis so we ensure we get photos from each graduating senior.

Nominations Committee: Ann Peters/Barbara Burns

Ann stated that we are still short nominations for secretary and a second treasurer position. With that, Ann made a motion to postpone the elections until the May 6th meeting. Bob Stepan made the motion to postpone the election and Gary DePaolo seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions.

It was noted that the membership has gone down over the past 2 years. Part of that decline has been attributed to the fact that there is no marching band rehearsal in June with incoming freshmen (when we get a lot of new families sign up); we also have not had a table on Main Street during Open House in the past few years and should look into this for the upcoming school year. Bob Stepan mentioned that there used to be a table set up that ran the DVD from the awards night and they handed out business cards with the booster information on them at Open House. We need to investigate ways to increase membership in the future.

Ann asked that we all continue to reach out to other choral/band parents to encourage them to get involved and fill the open spots.

Unfinished Business: None

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New Business: Ann Peters

The **craft fair** date has been set for **November 22nd, 2014**. Ann has graciously offered to continue to chair the committee for the craft fair. Thank you, Ann!! Gary DePaolo, Misty Bates & Carolyn Kasten offered to sell the concessions again as well. Ann was unsure if Sue would be willing to organize the Penny Sale and will contact her about this. Ann will also get in touch with Sharon Gray about concessions and items needed to do this.

Misty Bates offered to run band camp this summer. Thank you, Misty! The dates of **band camp** are **August 18th-August 22nd**. August 26th is the first day of school.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:11pm by Bob Stepan and seconded by Mike Peters.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sharon Kilduff, Secretary
Nashua High School South Music Boosters