

NHSS Music Boosters
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Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes
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Attendance: Barbara Burns, Deb Dufresne, Tricia Glastetter, Darie MacGregor, Donna Demanche, Shawna Dulleve, Markus McMahon, Donna Kraus, Wendy Stough, Allyson Breen, Angela Reynolds, Joanne Lake, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Pamela Dunhom, Tara Simard, Scott Reynolds, Sylvie Stewart, Lori Vigeant

The first meeting of the 2014-2015 school year was kicked off with a 30-minute social hour with snacks and conversation. The group moved into the chorus room for the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Sharon Kilduff.

Welcome was extended to all those in attendance. The new board of directors were introduced to the membership.

President	Sharon Kilduff
Vice President	Debbie Dufresne
Secretary	Wendy Stough
Treasurer	Robin DePaolo
Treasurer	Donna Demanche
Director at Large	Barbara Burns
Director at Large	Gary DePaolo
Director at Large	Pam Dunhom
Director at Large	Carolyn Koss Kasten
Director at Large	Lori Vigeant
Director Ex Officio	Ann Peters

Members were encouraged to contact any board members with any concerns or questions.

Paperwork, permission slips and forms were offered to those present. This packet was also mailed to families earlier.

Meetings will occur the first Tuesday of each month in the Career Center. Music directors asked the boosters to consider holding meetings at an earlier time in the evening due to the lengthy commute they both have. Those present thought it might be workable but were concerned about making the meeting in time after work. 6pm was too early but 6:30pm might work. Donna Demanche made a motion to try 6:30pm time. Pam Dunhom provided a second. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.

Snacks for the evening meetings are not a part of our budget. A sign-up sheet for those willing to provide something was offered. Reminders will be sent out. Water and light snack are recommended—just something for those coming straight from work to nibble on.

Approval of June 2014 Booster Minutes: The June minutes were presented for approval. Deb Dufresne made a motion to approve the June minutes and Pam Dunhom provided a second. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

- President's Report--Sharon Kilduff
Thanks to Robin DePaolo for all her work in preparing the budget.

Student fittings for uniforms will begin tomorrow. Several individuals have signed up to help with this task on Wednesday. Thursday the team is short and several additional people present at tonight's meeting volunteered.

Supplies will be ordered for band camp by Robin DePaolo and Misty Bates.

Drill Shirts—The band roster has been received and was shared with Robin DePaolo at the meeting tonight. Eileen Hirsch once again agreed to design the logo and it was shared at the meeting. We are grateful for her help and support. All agree, the design is pretty and striking.

The Band Camp Show set for Friday @ 7:00 sharp. Plans for a pool party following the show are in the works. The management company at the condo complex where the party was held last year hasn't responded regarding our request for this year's event. The committee will continue to attempt to reach the management company. It was suggested by those present we add \$50 to last years' amount when planning for costs.

The next Orange Leaf fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 from 5-9 PM. Thanks to Deb Dufresne for arranging that. We earned \$110 last time. Orange Leaf is also donating and serving ice cream for the Wednesday pizza party during band camp week.

The Amazon.com fundraiser is active. 4% of sales will be donated back to boosters so all are encouraged to use this link. The link is on our webpage, has been sent out several times and the link can be shared with family and friends.

Upcoming events include the annual and ever popular Halloween party which is scheduled for Friday, October 24 @ 7 PM. The annual Luau will be held Friday, January 30 @ 7 PM. The Craft Fair is scheduled for November 22.

There will be a district wide music fundraiser, Broadway in Nashua, held at Elm Street Middle School on April 4, 2015. It was a great success last year. Those who attended last year spoke very highly of it, especially the VIP tickets. Pam Dunhom suggested raffling off VIP tickets, possibly at the Penny Sale. Great idea!

The Board of Directors has spoken with Music Directors Mr. Boroskas and Mr. Courounis about possibly allowing students to use funds in their student accounts to buy other items such as apparel, all state fees and yearbooks. They agreed this is a good idea. It is hoped this will increase student fundraising and help families by offsetting cost.

- Treasurer's Report--Treasurers Robin DePaolo/Donna Demanche

The May and June reports were presented. The line items were discussed. The Amazon income is just from people using the link--we didn't have to do anything for that and it is a substantial amount. The money from yearbooks and DVD's sold at awards night is included in that line item. On the expense side, awards nights costs are represented and licenses and fees for tax/501c certification are included. The tax prep and audit, which was previously approved, are in that category. As Sharon Kilduff mentioned, the board met last week and we have a preliminary budget. The budget will be presented at an upcoming meeting for approval.

Barbara Burns made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports and Donna Demanche provided a second. All present were in favor of approval.

- Vice President Report/Fundraising--Debbie Dufresne
The previously mentioned Orange Leaf fundraiser is on the calendar. The company would like to hold a second, more family oriented event that would include pizza and music. Ideally Orange Leaf would like current students or alumni to perform but it is not clear if that could be arranged on such short notice. The date would be in the second week of band camp. The proposal came from a different email than the one Deb was previously working with so she is going to request clarification on the event.

Information about a possible fundraiser with Smart Cell rechargeable cords was shared. The charging cords are longer than normal. We are considering it but several questions arose. Deb Dufresne will look into it and will get the details to us once she receives them. This would be a student fundraiser.

Yankee Candle fundraising paperwork will go out the first week of school. This is a student fundraiser.

Deb Dufresne hopes to have a master schedule of fundraisers for the next meeting.

Mr. Boroskas suggested considering an ad book. His previous school had success with this. It was a great connection between the school/music program and the community and printing was done in-house by the Manchester School of Technology. They charged for ads and the ads totalling about 35 pages were included at every performance the department gave. This is great advertising and many businesses were eager to do it. Rates were in the neighborhood of \$100 for full page, \$150 for the back cover, \$55 for ½ page, \$40 for ¼ page and \$20 for a business card sized ad. A list called "Honor Court" was available where people have their name or business included in a typed list for \$20. Students received 5 ad order forms with cover letter. They approached businesses. Camera ready ads and a check were received from those purchasing. 80% of funds went to the student account and 20% went to printing cost. Some companies even put in cut out coupons. The membership present noted the hockey team has tried something similar but had a hard time finding a printer. A class did it previously but printing was extremely expensive. An inside source helped secure a substantial discount via family connections but it was still costly. The boosters also did this in the past but once we couldn't use the school to do the printing it got too expensive. Mr. Boroskas will get more info about costs from his previous school.

The calendar raffle for student accounts was discussed. Costs and low levels of participation leading to dwindling student profits are a concern. Several ideas for increasing participation were discussed. The group also wondered if students being able

- Secretary Report--Wendy Stough

New members will be entered into the database over the coming weeks.

Thank you letters from scholarship recipients were read aloud. Alex Lake, Jean Colley, Riley Bates, Alexander Peters and Patricia Mahoney all wrote lovely notes thanking the boosters for their support, the opportunities and fond memories made at Nashua High South.

- Director's Reports—Mr. Tony Courounis and Mr. Adam Boroskas

Music directors asked the boosters to consider holding meetings at an earlier time in the evening due to the lengthy commute they both have. Any shift to an earlier time slot would be greatly appreciated. The shift would make such a difference to them and increase the frequency and amount of time they can participate in meetings.

A music theory class will be offered in the coming school year. Mr. Boroskas will teach it 2nd semester. It is a regular, non-AP class. A week or two ago a call went out to students who had expressed an interest. Many students signed up. A piano class is also being offered and new equipment is en route for that. All of this is very exciting. No word has been received on a wind ensemble. In lieu of that, there is a second band class being offered that will be a beginning step of fulfilling the goal of having a wind ensemble class.

Freshman choir has grown. Carmina Burana will be featured this year. It will be performed collaboratively with Brandeis Wind Symphony. It will be performed at Brandeis and here in April. They would like the boosters to do a shirt.

The drama department did a great play at the end of the year, Our Town. It was the night of our awards night so some might have missed it. Some students asked if Mr. Boroskas would help direct if they did a musical this year. It would be a great collaboration. The show will likely be Godspell and will be performed in the fall.

The music department is in the midst of transitioning from PC's to Mac's. The first work station has been received and is installed in the classroom. This is very exciting. Maybe the department will be able to offer a recording class in future year.

A parent asked about Tri M society. It is essentially a national honors society for music. North has one and they kind of used it as the Jazz Choir. A south student put together a proposal last year. They are getting some student support and Mr. Boroskas and Mr. Courounis will meet with those students, talk about it and determine what the next step

would be. It's pretty labor intensive process and requires a high level of commitment from students and teachers. We have several parents, including a parent who is also a music director from within the district, who are extremely excited about this and eager to help out.

- Stellos Concessions—President Sharon Kilduff
If anyone else wants to take the lead on this let us know. Mark Dudley has been contacted and gave lots of info on how it works. National Honor Society has been contacted and is eager to help out but we need mostly adults. It's on volunteer spot and a sign-up sheet was passed at this meeting.
- Craft Fair—Director Ex Officio Ann Peters
Ann Peters is working on uniforms this evening but sends word that forms are being sent out to vendors. The date is set for November 22. The committee is seeking donations for the Penny Raffle. Anyone interested in being involved in this is encouraged to sign up for the committee.
- Halloween Party—Treasurer Donna Demanche
The date is set for October 24. Students are encouraged to sign up to decorate before it starts. The room is reserved and we are ready to go.
- Nashua Plays/Nashua Sings—Director at Large Lori Vigeant
There are no updates at this time. Lori was thanked by all present for taking this on. South is hosting and will handle the t-shirts.
- Spirit Committee—Treasurer Robin DePaola and Director at Large Barbara Burns
The list of names to go on drill shirts has been received and the order will be placed soon. Student accounts can now be used to pay for this but most students probably won't have much money in those accounts right now in light of the trip last year.
- Restaurant Fundraisers--Treasurer Donna Demanche/Andrea Reynolds
No updates at this time. Donna is stepping down from this but will still help and Andrea will take over.

The Texas Roadhouse rolls fundraiser will be held in November to take advantage of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

- Yearbook Committee—Treasurer Donna Demanche and President Sharon Kilduff
If anyone takes photos, please submit them via the link on the main page of the band boosters website. Please share so they can be used in the yearbook.

There are still some yearbooks from last year available for purchase.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was brought up.

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New Business:

No new business was brought up.

The next meeting will be September 2 @ 6:30 in the Career Center.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm by Donna Demanche and second was provided by Barbara Burns.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Stough, Secretary
Nashua High School South Music Boosters