

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
December 7, 2010

ATTENDING: Carolyn Kasten, Ann Peters, Christina Humber, Kevin Boghigian, Barbara Griffey, Robin Depaolo, Gary DePaolo, Julie Williams, Patty Brault, Tony Courounis, Lori Katsiaficas, Laurie Heskett, Deb Dufresne, Lori Lerude, Phil Kasten, Eileen Hirsch, Karen Martin, Karl Puder, John Malbeouf, Laurie Keskest.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Carolyn Kasten

Change to November Minutes: Texas Road House Raffle raised \$52, not \$15.00

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES: Eileen Hirsch voted to accept the November 2010 Meeting Minutes with this change; Seconded by Kevin Boghigian.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Nothing reported

2. DIRECTORS' REPORTS: SOPHIA SANTERRE & TONY COUOUNIS

(As reported by Carolyn Kasten) Band uniform picture arrived last week and a sample uniform has been ordered. The department is awaiting approval of the uniform by Jennifer Seusing.

Santa Fund tickets selling quickly.

Some members of the concert band will perform for the National Honor Society Induction at Nashua High South.

3. TREASURERS' REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER & PATTY BRAULT

Current concern regarding tax filing: We received an e-mail on November 15, 2010 from Renee Lubinski, the Booster tax accountant; the e-mail stated that the Boosters' tax return from last year was not completed. This is very short notice for such a significant dilemma.

Renee did agree to drop her rate from \$600.00 to \$300.00, but we do not have enough budgeted currently budgeted to cover this.

Can we change the budget to reflect sufficient funds to pay for last year and for this year? Additional concern is that 501c3 must have certain paperwork to confirm status and is it necessary to use a CPA in the future.

Ann Peters motions to increase budget to \$650.00 to cover cost of having taxes completed: Motion seconded by Lori Katsiaficas.

Before the end of the year, treasurers want to change banks while ensuring enough funds remain in the current account to cover any outstanding checks/payments.

Treasurers' report contains \$5,000.00 from Baltimore trip payments.

130/\$1500 determines that the Boosters broke even on this fundraiser, with \$3,125.00 in student accounts for the students selling more than the initial \$25

The Boosters received several donations; our portion of funds from the Martha's Exchange Benefit in the amount of \$1,00.00 with the remaining \$1,000.00 sent to Nashua North's Music Boosters, and donations from Central Paper and Alec's Shoe Store create a total of \$2,150.00

The Quilt Raffle listed under Misc. generated \$19.00 in ticket sales to date. Phil Kasten also purchased the last piece of sound equipment for the sound system

The program book showed some profit this year with ad sales of \$1,465.00

Restaurant fundraisers totaled \$217.00 to date with the breakdown: \$132 Unos, \$52 Texas Road House Raffle, \$35 Texas Road House

\$1,300.00 was deposited from Stellos concessions funds

Basic expenses are currently \$5,700.00 with approximately \$38,000.00 remaining to date

Barbara Griffey motions to accept treasurers' report: Eileen Hirsch seconded the motion

4. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

(As reported by Patty Brault) The Boosters have a new "Dinner Out" basket fundraiser; consisting of one smaller basket containing 6 area restaurant gift certificates and valued at \$165.00 and two larger baskets with each basket containing 13 area restaurant gift certificates with each valuing \$350.00.

the smaller basket will be raffled off at the upcoming Santa Fund Concert and the other two raffled at music department concerts in 2011. Current ticket prices are as follows: 1/\$2 3/\$5 7/\$10.

Barbara Griffey will coordinate ticket sales at upcoming concerts and the two separate drawings for these baskets. Specific drawing dates will be determined based on participating gift card expiration dates, but draw dates are tentatively planned for February and in April or June; one adult and one student basket will be raffled per draw date.

Carolyn will ask Mrs. Santerre to announce raffle during Santa Fund Concert intermission.

Spirit Wear: No sales to report. Only Jazz shirts currently on order and Concert Choir shirts due next week. Ideas for Spring Apparel were generated by the membership and more to be finalized in January.

Quilt: \$19.00 in tickets to date with future opportunities to sell more tickets. If you're going anywhere that you feel presents an opportunity to sell quilt tickets, please contact Barbara Griffey to arrange taking the quilt with you.

Craft Fair: Still finalizing numbers but Vendor table rentals appear more successful this year. Rough number at this point is \$2969.38. Penny and Cookie Walk sales also successful this year and the 50/50 raffle generated more money than last year.

Booster Minutes Cont. 12-7-10

Ad sales for the event were larger than last year, but we did receive color ads free. Cannot get a true comparison with the significant change in the way the raffles were sold; this year, all items were included in the penny sale compared to having several more expensive raffle tickets available for purchase last year.

Only one vendor stated she would not return due to not making enough money in product sales. We received 3 table rental referrals from the Nashua Mothers' Club that filled last minute rental space.

Only few unclaimed penny sale items this year; one covered bridge print which the Boosters will donate to the Empty Bowls night for auction; one small stuffed dog and one necklace which will be donated to the Pastoral Care Center.

Salsa: Fundraiser launched, but student permission forms are not available this evening. Purchases do not have to be linked to a specific student, but can be linked to the Music Boosters instead.

Magazine: QSP.com requires students to be set up through end February 2011; fundraiser generates a 20%/20% student/Booster earning with this percentage split subject to change in the future.

5BELOW: dates are 12/10-12/14

US Borne Books: Carolyn suggests this as a potential New Band Uniform fundraiser; student participants earn pledges for reading books to younger children with ½ of the money pledged going back to participating schools for book purchases. A read-athon type of approach can also be taken

Carolyn will discuss the possibility of student "tagging" days at local stores with Tony and Sophia.

The "Exploratory" Committee for planning fundraising efforts specifically set for band uniform costs and other more general future needs was established and will begin meeting in January 2011. Eileen suggests that the Boosters establish an additional committee to generate more ideas for fundraising.

B&N: The students put on a great performance and all ran smoothly. Numbers are not yet concrete, but so far, the Boosters earned \$460.00 including \$40.00 earned in tips. The weather was stormy and might have impacted ability to earn more in sales.

Boosters booked the next B&N Night on Thursday, December 1, 2011.

Year Book: Order forms are here this evening and available on the website. Still \$25.00 for 70 pages with \$100.00 in ads earning a free yearbook.

Concession: Christina reports a season total of \$2,288.99 and adds that Turkey Bowl generated \$61.01 in tips, \$213.30 in sales.

Booster Minutes Cont. 12-7-10

Restaurant fundraisers (Donna Demanche as reported by Patty Brault) totaled \$217.00 to date with the breakdown: \$132 Unos, \$52 Texas Road House Raffle, \$35 Texas Road House.

Continued restaurant fundraisers are planned as follows with one per month through the winter and summer months:

Chilis: 12-14-10 Chick Filet: 1-13-11 Applebees: 2-19-11

Applebees detail: Breakfast tickets are sold prior to the date for \$5.00 per ticket with \$3.00 from each ticket going to the boosters; tickets that are sold, but not used generate the full \$5.00 for the boosters. There is a 350 maximum ticket availability per event. The breakfast runs from 8-10 am on a Saturday morning with students working to serve meals.

Potential fundraisers: Friendly's (May or June) Longhorn Dinner (March) Pheasant Lane Mall Dairy Queen: Runs every Tuesday for one month from 5-10pm with no voucher required earning 10% of sales.

Cookbook: Committee for this type of fundraiser needs establishing. It is inexpensive and can be set up for participants to go right into the Booster website and type in a recipe.

Secretary's report indicates 106 members currently make up the NHSSMBA

Unfinished Business:

SmugMug: Time consuming and expensive for a photo website- Will discuss and decide by next meeting if this site will be used.

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 8:56 pm by Robin Depaolo, with motion seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00pm in the NHSS Career Center.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Julie Williams, Secretary
NHSSMBA