



## **General Membership Meeting Minutes December 2nd, 2014**

1. Meeting called to order; welcome new members
  - a) The December meeting of the 2014-2015 school year was kicked off with snacks and conversation. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Sharon Kilduff.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Approval of November 2014 Booster Minutes: The November minutes were presented for approval. Bob Stepan made a motion to approve the November minutes and Pam Dunhom provided a second. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.
3. Reports of Officers and Committees
  - a) Mr. Courounis' report
    - Mr. Courounis did not attend due to Godspel rehearsal.
  - b) Mr. Boroskas' report
    - Godspel rehearsal is under way. Boosters will host the concessions.
    - A number of students made All-State 16 All-state, 11 Jazz All-state and 3 students made All-Eastern. Most schools don't have any students that earn this honor. Jazz All-state costs \$165 and classical All-State costs \$185. Based on the budgeted amount and the number of students, boosters can help off-set cost by providing \$100 per student for classical All-state and \$90 for Jazz All-state. All-Eastern costs are not included in the paperwork received thus far but the fees need to be sent in by January 9. In the past boosters have paid a portion of the student fees for this event.
    - Adam has been talking to a professional seamstress in Manchester about having her serve as the department seamstress. She has the equipment to very efficiently make professional alterations on-the-spot. This would bring a level of consistency. Adam will look into the cost of doing this. We are investing a good deal of money in these uniforms and want to preserve our investment.

c) President's report – Sharon Kilduff

- Thanks to Andrea Reynolds for providing the health snacks this evening.
- Chorale gowns have been measured. Thanks to Deb Dufresne, Barb Hawkins, Andrea Reynolds and Renee Gardiner. There was an article in the Telegraph about the chorale uniforms and a community member was moved to donate \$200. Nice! We are doing concessions for Godspel later this week and the Granite Statesmen show on December 13 so those funds will go toward the chorale uniform fund. We should also ask for baked goods for Granite Statesman concert. Students have been asked to pitch in, too.
- Santa Fund—Anyone willing to help out that night with ushering and programs and tickets, please sign up or email Mr. Courounis. The first balcony and first 5 or 6 rows have already sold out. Misty Bates has been coming in each day to do tickets. We have two raffle baskets to sell chances for that night as an additional fundraiser. We typically do a 50/50 raffle as well.
- Ann Peters was not able to attend. She extends her thanks for the hard working volunteers who helped with the craft fair. This is a tremendous undertaking and the volunteers make it all possible. Vendors really appreciated the help hauling displays in and out. Friends, families, students and directors were thanked.

d) Vice President's (fundraising) report – Deb Dufresne

- Orange Leaf has been set up for December early release, during February vacation and April early release. These are all day fundraisers and we get 50%. They will promote on their Facebook page, too. Those present discussed whether this money should go toward a specific fund such as uniforms or all-state. Overall fundraising is down in every area.
- Texas Roadhouse Rolls forms went out and are due back by Friday. We didn't get much advance notice from the Roadhouse on this one but we are hoping for a positive response.

e) Treasurer's report – Robin DePaolo & Donna Demanche

- The October-November report was shared.
- The income from the craft fair was \$5,032. This is a little lower than in the past and the expenses are still rolling in. Other income and expense items were outlined. The Yankee Candle fundraiser was significantly less profitable than in the past.

- Pam Dunhom made a motion to approve the October-November Treasurer's Report and Deb Dufresne provided a second. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.
- f) Secretary's/Membership committee report – Wendy Stough
- Nothing new to report.
- g) Choral Uniform Fund – Andrea Reynolds
- Andrea Reynolds thinks that we need to add a fundraiser. We had hoped we'd be further along with the Nashua Education Foundation grant and Donor's Choose than we are.
  - Pam Dunhom and Adam Boroskas discussed logistics of the Donor's Choose points system. They hope to have the first projects up and running this week.
- h) Stellos Concessions – Sharon Kilduff
- We received a total of \$1,515.03 for the season. This is \$500 more than we budgeted and approximately \$300 more than last year.
- i) Craft Fair – Ann Peters
- Ann Peters was unable to attend tonight.
  - There are a few penny sale items that were not picked up in spite of a number of attempts to contact the winners. They will be rolled over into the Santa Fund.
- j) Nashua Plays/Nashua Sings – Lori Vigeant
- Lori is getting her files set up and prepared for the season to begin.
- k) Spirit committee – Robin DePaolo & Barbara Burns
- Nothing new to report.
- l) Restaurant Fundraisers – Andrea Reynolds
- Andrea Reynolds is calling several different places in an attempt to set up another fund raiser. Weather Vane has donated gift certificates for Santa Fund. Carrabba's and Chili's have been invited to donate. Those present suggested reaching out to Outback for a Santa Fund donation. They are owned by the same company as Carrabba's so this might be an easier way to do this.
- m) Yearbook committee – Donna Demanche & Sharon Kilduff
- The backup drive was brought to the meeting. Anyone who wants to download pics is welcome to take it.



#### 4. Unfinished Business

a) Tagging—In the past students have done it at Market Basket. At the liquor stores taggers must be at least 18. Maybe we can solicit the alumni to help out with this. Pam Dunhom and Andrea Reynolds will call and schedule over Christmas Vacation.

#### 5. New Business

a) Discussion of student liaisons for the Boosters

- Student Liaison's were used in the past. They typically came to monthly meetings and also acted as our liaison to the student group. Sophomore and Junior students are a nice mix of past investment in the following year and familiarity with the program. We maybe should develop a description of what we are looking for because the role might need to count as service hours for students in need of that. Expectations should be included. This is also a good position for anyone interested in scholarship.

#### 6. Adjourn

Bob Stepan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Donna Demanche provided the second. All present were in favor of adjourning the meeting and there were no abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Stough  
Secretary