

Nashua High School South

Music Boosters Minutes

February 7, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Kasten (via video conference), Phil Kasten, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Donna Demanche, Danielle Demanche, Patty Brault, Christina Humber, Bob Stepan, Michael Peters, Barbara Griffey, Diane Duras, Stephanie Duras, Rosa Parsons, Lori Lerude, Sue Duby, George Allen, Kevin Boghigian, Margo Utterback

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Eileen Hirsch.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY BOOSTER MINUTES:

Motion made by Donna Demanche and seconded by Gary DePaolo.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Received e-mail from Ken Fruhauf regarding repairs to the uniform jackets. Carolyn wants to get this matter resolved by the end of the week. Tony wants to make sure that the jackets are fixed in time for the Memorial Day Parade. There should be a plan in place by the end of the week.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Calendar Raffle fundraiser is currently in progress. All sales are due by 02-24-12.

Eileen will send an e-mail reminder about the Amazon link. So far our percentage from purchases on the site has been good and we want to keep reminding people to use our link when they shop Amazon.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PATTY BRAULT AND CHRISTINA HUMBER

We have received \$434.32 from the Barnes and Noble fundraiser.

The proceeds from the Salsa/Spice Rubs fundraiser were disappointing. A suggestion was made to get student e-mail addresses at the time of uniform distribution in order to get information about fundraisers directly to the students. Another suggestion is to have student liaisons set up Facebook pages for each of the music groups and use that to get the information out.

There are still 20-25 students that are behind on trip payments.

Approval of January 2012 Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Donna Demanche and seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: ANN PETERS

We currently have 114 members. Members are reminded to fill out a volunteer log to keep track of their hours spent volunteering for the boosters. Please turn in to Ann periodically.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Reporting for Sophia Santerre: Congratulations to the four jazz all-state participants on a great job this past week-end: Michael Hirsch, Liam Collins, Kristofer Rosentel and Connor Vigeant!

The Music In Our Schools Concert is scheduled for March 21st with a snow date of March 22nd. Although there are no tickets to be sold, we would like a couple of parents at each door to pass out programs.

Sign-ups will be held soon for trip rooms and bus lists.

Reporting for Tony Courounis: Congratulations to Michael Hirsch, Liam Collins, Kristofer Rosentel and Connor Vigeant for their outstanding job at The New Hampshire Jazz All-State Festival this past week-end.

The Jazz Band and Honors Jazz Band will be performing at the "Souhegan Jazz Night" on Friday, February 17th. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Along with Nashua South, Jazz Bands from Alvirne HS, Souhegan HS, and Amherst Middle School will be performing that evening. The guest artist will be the Chris Humphrey Group.

On Wednesday, February 22nd the Jazz Band and Honors Jazz Band will be performing at the South Art Honor Society's "Empty Bowls" fundraiser. Proceeds to benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

Looking ahead, the Nashua South Concert Band will be participating at the NH Large Group Festival at Goffstown HS on Saturday, March 17th at 11:30 am. The band will depart from South at 8:00am. Details to follow.

By-Laws Committee (Bob Stepan): The committee met to review the By-Laws and made recommendations for changes as follows:

1. Eliminate mention of Dues.
2. Scholarship criteria is currently there and should be removed from the By-Laws and added as an attachment. This way the criteria becomes guidelines.

3. Allow elected Board to identify and appoint people to the Board as Director-At-Large positions by the October meeting. This allows for expansion each year based on need. If possible there should be a Freshman parent in one of these positions.
4. Discussion over removing one current Director-At-Large position in order to have an odd number of members on the Board.
5. Need to alter the language for Standing Committees.
6. There should be a Bi-Annual review of the By-Laws instead of Annual.

Bob will be putting together a new draft based on these changes and sending it to the committee to review. This will be presented to the membership in March and then voted on in April.

Spirit Wear (Carolyn Kasten, Robin DePaolo): Spring Spirit Store will be open online beginning Friday, February 10th. The last date for orders will be Friday, February 24th. Trip T-shirts are available along with sweatshirts, flannel PJ pants, Charles River spring jackets (men's and women's cuts), and spring weight vests.

Looking into doing a separate order for cinch bags for the trip with the Williamsburg Logo.

Restaurant Fundraisers (Donna Demanche): Unable to book Applebee's for breakfast. Uno's (South End) is booked for Thursday, February 23rd. The voucher will be available online.

Unfinished Business:

Need to form a Scholarship Committee. Kevin volunteered to Chair this committee. Please sign up on the committee sheet if interested. The committee will need to reevaluate the criteria and selection process and then meet to choose recipients. Meeting is set for February 21st at 7:00pm at Eileen's house.

Yard Sale – should we do it next year since it is a non trip year? The decision was yes. Since it is a non trip year, we will not be paying students to work at it. It needs to be on a Saturday to get more shoppers.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00pm by Bob Stepan and seconded by Michael Peters.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Ann Peters, Secretary
Nashua High School South Music Boosters

