

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
June 1, 2010**

Attending: Kevin Boghigian, Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Christina Humber, Barbara Griffey, Barb Young, Jill Wood, Debbie Dufresne, Carol Weeks, Laurie Heskett, Cathy Ringey, Julie Williams, John Malboeuf, Patty Brault, Ann Peters, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Eileen Hirsch, Larry Hirsch, Lori Lerude, Bob Stepan.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

1. Approval of May's minutes: A motion to accept the May minutes as presented to the membership was made by Christina Humber, seconded by Patty Brault; motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report: Sharon Gray reviewed the preliminary final budget explaining that not all of the expenses have been paid, nor is all of the income in yet. The final budget for next year will be posted on the Booster's website and will have much more specific categories. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ann Peters and seconded by Phil Kasten; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Vice President's Report: Christina Humber reported that Carolyn met with Sophia Santerre regarding next year's fundraising. Mrs. Santerre would like to see only three or four student fundraisers for next year, keeping in mind that it is a non-trip year.

Possibilities include Yankee Candle, Citrus sales, calendar raffle and frozen foods.

* One of the larger booster fundraisers will be the Craft Fair on November 20; Julie Williams and Ann Peters have stepped up as chairs; please contact them if you are interested in helping out.

* There were mixed feelings regarding doing the Citrus fundraiser again; a motion was made to allow the Board to make the final decision over the summer by Christina Humber and seconded by Phil Kasten; the final vote was 18 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions; the motion carries.

* The yard sale discussion was reopened; it was decided by the membership to make it a bi-annual event to coincide with the Music Department trip.

- * A frozen food student fundraiser would possibly happen in January.
- * The Super Bowl Subs fundraiser was brought up with the possibility of combining efforts with Nashua North; this will be looked into further in the fall.
- * The Shaw's program has completely ended; thanks to all for their participation.

4. Secretary's Report: Barbara Griffey reported that the Music Boosters submitted a total of 6212 volunteer hours to the Volunteer Coordinators at South; that is almost three times as many hours as were submitted last year; kudos to every single Booster member; this number also emphasizes the need to keep track of all volunteer hours. As a reminder, a new membership/volunteer form and a new Volunteer Assurance form must be submitted every school year; these forms will be posted on the Booster's website. A discussion was started on how to be more effective in getting Booster information to not only Chorus parents, but upcoming Middle school parents. The Boosters will set up a table at the High School's open house in the fall as well as at the Middle School Spring Concerts; Carolyn will talk with the Directors about setting up a Booster information table during class schedule pick up.

5. Director's Reports: Carolyn reported that events are wrapping up for the year but that both Directors send huge thanks for all the efforts on everyone's part in making this such a successful year in the Music Department. Sophia entered the Concert Choir into a competition and, if they win, they will be going to Baltimore at the end of March 2011. Two upcoming events include Awards Night on Wednesday, June 2 and Greeley Park on Thursday, June 3.

6. Spirit Committee: Carolyn reported that the optional Band apparel forms have been included in the Band packets; the drill is entitled "Mangione Magic" and the commemorative shirt will reflect that name; payment can now be made with PayPal for an additional nominal fee.

* Mrs. Santerre expressed to Carolyn her concern about the negative comments at competitions about the on-stage appearance of the choral groups. Mrs. Santerre would like to see consistency in the student's dress which would include black slacks for all students with a purchased white, button down shirt for the boys and possibly a lilac colored tunic for the girls. Will the Boosters foot the bill for a stock number of tops for any student who may not be able to afford one? Options will be explored and the discussion will reopen in August.

7. Yearbook Committee: Carolyn very proudly announced that the Music Department's 2nd annual yearbook arrived today and will be distributed at Awards Night. There are 20 extra copies which will be on sale that same evening. If there are any left after Awards Night, they will be available for purchase from the Directors. A discussion was started as to whether to continue the yearbook next year; the sooner the contract is signed, the more options we get; the membership felt we should do the yearbook again next year.

8. Restaurant Fundraisers: Cathy Ringey reported that the last restaurant fundraiser of the year will be Monday, June 7 from 4 pm til 8 pm at Pizza Hut; a voucher must be presented and can be found on the website; it is good for eat-in or take-out. Cathy also announced that we have earned approximately \$500 for the year.

9. Scholarship Committee: Carolyn reported that all winners have been chosen and they will be announced at Awards Night. Many thanks to the members of the committee for all their help.

10. Awards Night: Christina announced that Awards Night is Wednesday, June 2, 2010 and set-up will begin at 5:30 pm. Water and baked goods will be available and we will be recycling the water bottles.

11. New Business:

* Expenses for the Band Camp have been figured according to the money spent last year as well as the projected number of students. A total of \$925 has been requested, which will cover movie night, the Friday afternoon BBQ and miscellaneous expenses. A motion was made by Bob Stepan to support this amount, seconded by Eileen Hirsch; the motion passed unanimously.

* A request has been made by Mr. Courounis to purchase a new podium for the Marching Band at a cost of \$275. A motion was made by Bob Stepan to approve the expense and seconded by Sharon Gray; the motion passed unanimously.

* Christina Humber suggested that a family BBQ some time during the first few weeks of school might be a good alternative to the bonding experience of the yard sale; a sign-up sheet was sent around to figure interest.

* Christina mentioned that a member is having surgery soon and the membership voted to send flowers.

* Carolyn offered an alternative to burning CDs of the Orlando trip. There is a photo sharing website called Smug Mug. It is password protected and will be available after the yearbook is distributed. A motion to approve the \$40 cost was made by Robin DePaolo and seconded by Ann Peters; the motion passed unanimously.

12. Carolyn wished to thank everyone for all of their help, especially the Board members. The Booster organization has gone from asking **if** we could get something done to asking **how** to get something done. It's been an amazing year due to the membership and the Board. Gifts were given to all outgoing Board members.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:05 pm by Bob Stepan. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
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