

Nashua High School South  
Music Boosters Minutes

June 3, 2014

**Attendance:** Ann Peters, Michael Peters, Carolyn Kasten, Joanne Lake, Deb Dufresne, Sharon Kilduff, Barbara Burns, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Donna Demanche, Lori Vigeant, Wendy Stough, Pamela Dunhom, Karen Martin, Tricia Glastetter, Mark Pederzini, and Tara Simard.

**Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Ann Peters.**

**Welcome to members in attendance. No new members.**

**President's Report: Ann Peters**

**Approval of May Booster Minutes:** The May minutes were presented for approval. Joanne Lake made a motion to approve the May minutes and Gary DePaolo seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.

Ann thanked everyone who helped with all the various activities in May – the Spring Pops concert, the Evening of Swing & Awards Night. The uniform collection went well after the Memorial Day parade and all the absent uniforms came in.

Ann stated that Sharon Gray will not be able to be the coordinator for the Stellos concessions for next season. She will volunteer when she is available, but her work commitments have increased and she does not have the time this year. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please let the board know. The coordinator works with Mark Dudley at Stellos and this activity brings in about \$1,000 to the boosters each year as a source of income. We need to get someone in place as soon as possible; no later than August.

Ann congratulated everyone on a successful year. She also thanked her fellow board members for all their help and support.

**Treasurer's Report: Robin DePaolo**

The bank statement just came in, so there was not enough time to prepare the treasurer's report for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Robin verified with Donna Demanche the restaurant fund raiser checks that have come in. Donna will also check with the main office to see if any checks were delivered to them. It's important that all correspondence state "Music Department" to ensure the checks go to the right place.

Robin stated that the budget versus actuals report will be available at the budget meeting over the summer.

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**Vice President Report: Deb Dufresne**

Deb will be contacting Orange Leaf to follow up on an email that was sent to us about fund raising. If possible, she will set up a fund raiser during the last week of school after finals and she will also inquire about using Orange Leaf for band camp. Deb also has a few new ideas for fund raising for next year. She will be receiving a catalog from Carruth Studios which include home/garden products.

**Secretary Report: Sharon Kilduff**

There are no new members for the month of May. We need to remind parents that it is important to renew membership each year and to fill out new volunteer assurance forms. Tara Simard asked the difference between being a member and a non-member. Basically, the difference is the ability to vote at the board meetings. Tara wanted to be sure parents who were not members were still receiving our announcements/newsletters. Ann assured her that we have more than 400 people on our distribution list which includes both members and nonmembers.

**Director's Reports: Tony Courounis**

Mr. Courounis stated that both he and Mr. Boroskas still do not have their rosters for next year. There have been many issues with scheduling this year. The first rehearsal for the marching band and color guard will be taking place on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. There are currently 90 band students and 15 color guard students signed up. Marching Band rehearsals will take place Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup> with camp taking place August 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. The theme this year is Disney's Fantasmic. Mr. Courounis thanked everyone for their support at the Evening of Swing. The jazz band really enjoyed it and received such a positive response from the public. The students enjoyed everyone dancing to their music! The intent is to go forward with the event again next year and get the publicity out sooner. It was a good start and Mr. Courounis & Mr. Boroskas want to expand on it next year to include vocalists.

Mr. Boroskas stated that there are no choral rehearsals for the end of the year. He is planning on doing a 25 movement popular work with the choirs that would be performed in the March timeframe in partnership with Brandeis University. Mr. Boroskas plans to ask former students and even staff members to join in on the music and the movement can incorporate dance too. Mr. Boroskas also wants to revamp Nashua Sings/Plays (South is hosting next year). So some exciting changes are going to happen. Regarding music courses starting this fall, there are some classes that may not run next year, but the administration is not communicating this to students. Parents offered to contact the guidance department, Mr. Richard & Mr. Conrad to encourage

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these classes to be held. Mr. Boroskas did state that they will be offering 4 sections of keyboarding classes starting in the fall. The district has invested in a new Mac keyboard lab. They have already received 2 Macs this year and the district will invest more money over the next two years. Recording studio equipment is also being purchased. Mr. Courounis also added that he and Mrs. Olsen are pushing to have a wind ensemble at the high school to provide band students more choices.

Mr. Boroskas mentioned that he has chosen a company for the choral uniforms – Southeastern Apparel. He wants to start by replacing the tuxes. The tuxes are \$200 and include a thicker jacket, adjustable waist pants and the company does the altering. Mr. Boroskas is still working on selecting the dresses which will cost around \$59-69 each. Since the concert choir students wanted a way to distinguish themselves from the rest of the choirs, Mr. Boroskas is considering a satin purple dress for the freshman choir and chorales. He is looking into something to replace the pearls since they keep breaking and go missing. The company will guarantee 100% match for the dresses when orders are placed in the future. The men will purchase their own shirts. As far as fund raising for the choral uniform fund, they are pursuing a grant through the Nashua Education Foundation (NEF). Pam Dunhom also mentioned Donor's Choose as another option for funding and she is willing to help with this.

**Spirit Committee: Robin DePaolo**

Robin already has some ideas for the band camp/drill shirts based on the Disney Fantasmic theme. Barbara Burns & Pam Dunhom are also interested in helping with this.

**Restaurant Fundraisers: Donna Demanche**

There currently are no restaurant fund raisers scheduled in June; although Deb Dufresne is going to pursue the Orange Leaf fundraiser idea for the last week of school. Donna also will be handing off her duties as restaurant fundraiser coordinator as she steps into the role of Treasurer. Donna has a lead on a parent volunteer and will have someone in place for next year.

**Scholarship Committee: Carolyn Kasten**

The scholarship committee met and reviewed 12 applications. This was an open application process. The committee decided on awarding five scholarships this year which will be officially given out at senior awards night on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The students will receive their checks the second semester of their freshmen year. Carolyn thanked the scholarship committee for their efforts.

**Yearbook Committee: Sharon Kilduff/Donna Demanche**

Yearbooks and DVDs were distributed and sold during Awards Night and the directors are continuing to sell them in their classes. For next year, it was discussed to have photography

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students at the high school become involved in covering our music events. Sharon will contact Andrea Fisher, instructor of the digital photography class, to see if there is interest. We also may want to involve more parents (or get a photography committee together) to sign up to cover events.

**Unfinished Business: Ann Peters**

Ann stated that the board needs to approve the money for the band camp expenses now which will then be incorporated into the budget over the summer. Barbara Burns made a motion to allow up to \$1,000 to be allotted for band camp expenses. Carolyn Kasten seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the money for band camp. There were no abstentions. The motion was approved. Misty Bates, Pam Dunhom, Robin DePaolo and Deb Dufresne will help with the Band Camp barbeque and Sharon Kilduff will do photos during band camp.

Ann introduced the new board for 2014-2015:

President: Sharon Kilduff

Vice President: Deb Dufresne

Treasurer 1: Robin Depaolo

Treasurer 2: Donna Demanche

Secretary: Wendy Stough

Member at Large: Lori Vigeant

Member at Large: Gary Depaolo

Member at Large: Pam Dunhom

The Nashua South Music Boosters web page will now be maintained by Sharon & Kevin Kilduff.

**New Business: Ann Peters**

No new business.

**Motion to adjourn** was made at 8:35pm by Donna Demanche and seconded by Lori Vigeant.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sharon Kilduff, Secretary  
Nashua High School South Music Boosters