

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes

March 4, 2014

Attendance: Ann Peters, Michael Peters, Carolyn Kasten, Misty Bates, Joanne Lake, Deb Dufresne, Sharon Kilduff, Barbara Burns, Bob Stepan and Gary DePaolo.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Ann Peters.

Welcome to members in attendance. No new members.

Approval of January & February Booster Minutes: The January and February minutes were presented for approval. Carolyn Kasten made a motion to approve the January minutes and Deb Dufresne seconded the motion. All present were in favor with one abstention (Joanne Lake who was not present at the January meeting). Joanne made a motion to approve the February minutes and Carolyn seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

President's Report: Ann Peters

Ann thanked Sharon Kilduff for stepping in as secretary so quickly and taking minutes on the first day. Sue Duby could not make this meeting.

Ann mentioned that there is a conflict with the award's night on May 29th. This date is opening night for the Our Town drama production and several band and chorus students are cast members (and many parents would also want to attend). Ann will notify the directors to see if the award's night could be moved to June.

Ann was asked to publicize the district wide fundraiser, "Broadway in Nashua" which is taking place on Saturday, March 22nd at 8pm at the Keefe auditorium. Ann will send out a notice via email, the booster Facebook page and put a notice on the webpage. The fund raiser is intended to raise funds for students who need instruments, concert attire, etc. An article should be appearing in the paper soon.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Kasten

Carolyn presented the treasurer's report (Robin DePaolo was home sick). The second payment of \$45,000 was made in February to the trip company for the NYC trip. A status of student payments was briefly discussed. There are a significant number of students who have only paid the first month's payment for the trip. The directors have sent invoices home to those families who owe money from the trip. Misty asked if a parent/student has additional funds above the cost of the NYC trip if it is possible to donate this extra money to another family to use for the trip. Carolyn said that could be done and to send an email to the directors offering to transfer

this money to another student and the boosters can then update the accounts.

The boosters took in money for the spring fund raiser, the concert recording for the Santa fund and also the candy bar fundraiser. The Hebert candy fundraiser total amount is not a multiple of \$52 (which is the amount each box was worth). Carolyn emailed the directors as it appears that 17 students have not yet paid for their box of candy. Since the box cost the boosters \$26 to purchase, this amount will be debited from the student account if it is not paid. Carolyn emphasized how it is really important to write checks for the fund raisers since it is traceable and the correct accounts can be credited.

\$525 was sent in for the choral uniform fund from the flyers that were distributed at the Santa Fund Concert.

Barbara Burns made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Misty Bates seconded the motion. All present voted and accepted the report.

Vice President Report: Deb Dufresne

Fund raising is winding down for the year. The last fund raiser of the year is the Texas Roadhouse rolls for Easter. The proceeds will go for the uniform fund. The kick off will be March 24th and orders will be due by April 9th for a Wednesday, April 16th pick up date prior to Easter.

We are not doing another calendar raffle since the previous one cost the boosters money. The candy bar sales were handled by the directors, and for the coupon book sale, there are still coupon books unaccounted for.

Ann thanked Deb for all her hard work this year with fund raising. It has been a difficult year with the economy as it is and with it being a trip year, and Deb did a great job organizing and running the fund raisers. A brief discussion was held about the fund raisers that have brought in the most money. The craft fair earns the most money overall for the organization; otherwise, Yankee Candle brings in the most money since we get 40% of the sales. The Texas Rolls fund raiser also does well when sold around the holidays.

Secretary Report: Ann Peters

The membership is at 74. Sue Duby will be providing the membership sheets to Ann and she will meet with Sharon to review the membership list and update the list appropriately before the elections in April.

Director's Reports: Adam Boroskas & Tony Courounis (via email)

Tony Courounis asked the boosters if they might be willing to provide food for the NH Indoor Games Competition of Bag Pipe Bands & Drums on Saturday, April 5th. 100% of the money would go to the boosters. The event is from 9am-5pm. The estimate was that over 600 people participate in this event. This could be a great money making endeavor, but Ann will clarify from Tony if the participants stay all day or perform and leave since this would affect how much food would be purchased during the event. We need a volunteer to be the lead on the event. Joanne and Misty offered to help. Ann will send out an email with more information after discussing these questions with Tony.

Ann went over the schedule for March and April:

Music in our Schools – March 18th at 7pm. The event is free and no volunteers are required.

Jazz Night – April 7th at 6:30pm in the auditorium. No refreshments are necessary.

Nashua Plays – April 8th at 7pm at NHS North

All State – April 10-12

Trip Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14th at 6pm in the auditorium

The Evening of Swing – Saturday, May 31st at South Cafeteria. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students/seniors. The boosters will be providing refreshments at the event. Swing dancing will be taught from 6-7pm followed by live music & dancing.

NHSS will not be participating in the Large Group Festival this year.

Uniform Committee: Carolyn Kasten

As mentioned at last month's meeting, \$3800 has been taken in so far. There is no commitment for a meeting with Adam Boroskas yet. The money currently coming in are random checks from the flyers distributed at the Santa Fund concert. Being a trip year, it has been difficult to get donations from the membership. This committee must be a team effort between the boosters and directors in order for us to proceed and successfully complete the campaign. Bob Stepan suggested that at the meeting with the directors that a new goal/date be set for completion of the campaign (perhaps December 2014). In the meantime, the money collected to date could be used to replace the tuxes that are in poor condition.

Spirit Committee: Carolyn Kasten

The cost for the NYC T-shirts designed by Eileen Hirsch will be \$12 per shirt and includes 4 colors on a black t-shirt. The ordering cannot be done on-line as they cannot do bulk ordering this way. We will collect order forms and have the t-shirts ready for the Trip Meeting on April 14th. T-shirt orders must be in by March 31st. Ann will also talk to Eileen about the cinch bags and see if we can have those available to purchase at the trip meeting as well.

Restaurant Fundraisers: Ann Peters

The Margarita's restaurant fundraiser is scheduled for March 26th and the Texas Roadhouse restaurant fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for April 16th.

Scholarship Committee: Carolyn Kasten

Nothing to report. Carolyn will send an email out soon to discuss criteria for the scholarship & seek additional volunteers.

Yearbook Committee: Sharon Kilduff

Sharon has drafted 50 pages for the yearbook of events that have occurred so far this school year. The directors will be providing their yearbook messages and the formal photo student names this week. The deadline for shout outs/senior ads is March 31st. Carolyn will send out a constant contact email regarding submission of the shout outs. Carolyn & Sharon will meet separately to discuss the software to use for the DVD.

Nominations Committee: Ann Peters/Barbara Burns

Ann sent out an email regarding nominations for next year's board. The goal is to present the nominations at the April 1st meeting. Please pass the word on and think about running or nominating someone to run.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Ann Peters

Joanne asked if the boosters could request Tony to hold the June rehearsal for the marching band that was done in years past. It has not been done in three years. Tony would need to order music and CDs in time to host a June Marching Band rehearsal which includes incoming freshman. This would be a perfect opportunity to encourage parents to join boosters at this meeting/rehearsal. Several people asked if push up day had been rescheduled. Course selection is the end of March and it's unfortunate that students will not have had a push up day to drum up interest.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 1st.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:17pm by Bob Stepan and seconded by Gary DePaolo.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sharon Kilduff, Secretary
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