

# Nashua High School South

## Music Booster Minutes

### May 3, 2011

**ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Kasten, Julie Williams, Kevin Boghigian, Ann Peters, Laurie Heskett, Patty Brault, Donna Demanche, Lori Lerude, Gary DePaolo, Christina Humber, Diane Duras, Deb Dufresne, Eileen Hirsch, Karrie Benson, Phil Kasten, John Malboeuf, Anna Rausa, Jim Kelly

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Carolyn Kasten.**

**APPROVAL OF APRIL BOOSTER MINUTES:**

Motion by Gary DePaolo and seconded by Donna Demanche

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN**

Welcome new Nashua South Music Booster Student Liaisons, Karrie Benson and Anna Rausa; these students represent the Chorale and Concert Choir classes respectively and join Tejas Shroff as student representatives that attend Membership meetings and serve as an informational bridge between the Boosters and the music students.

**UNIFORM CAMPAIGN:**

The Nashua High School South Music Booster Board of Directors met with Tony Courounis last night to discuss progress made in fundraising for new band uniforms, feedback from the Booster community regarding uniform design specifics, a time frame for signing the order contract for the new uniforms, and current plans for continued fundraising for this purchase.

As a result of this discussion and to enable the new band uniforms to clearly represent Nashua High School South, the new band uniform was slightly redesigned by adding more purple to the front of the uniform and by incorporating a purple plume.

Fundraising efforts thus far proved successful, however, continued fundraising efforts are required to ensure that the Boosters have adequate funds to cover the entire cost of the new uniforms. Current monies available for the purchase of new band uniforms (as reported by Patty Brault) total \$32,445.00; \$21,145.00 in donations, \$1,300.00 due in corporate matches and \$10,000.00 donated by the Boosters.

Final cost of the uniforms is undetermined while Kevin Boghigian negotiates to reduce current bids. Without such reduction, the Boosters have to raise \$7,000.00 more prior to signing the new uniform purchase agreement.

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*Uniform Campaign Continued*

Students will tag again on the following dates:

JUNE 11, 2011: Market Basket (all 4 Nashua locations)  
Liquor Stores (Coliseum and DW Highway Nashua locations)  
Walmart (Hudson location only).  
Dunkin Donuts (109 DW Highway, Nashua)

JUNE 12, 2011: Walmart (Hudson and Amherst St. Locations)  
Dunkin Donuts (109 DW highway, Nashua)

Ault and student volunteers are needed for both tagging dates.

Funds raised by the Silent Auction and Silver Nights Baseball Fundraiser will benefit the Uniform Campaign.

Carolyn will e-mail Student Liaisons the details of upcoming restaurant fundraisers to assist them in reminding fellow students about these fundraisers.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER AND PATTY BRAULT**

Most funds in this month result from uniform fundraising and a small amount in from Baltimore donation(s).

Listed miscellaneous shown is product of "Dine Out" raffle tickets.

The Boosters incurred expenses associated with the Baltimore Trip, Spirit Wear and Nashua Plays as shown.

Currently, there is \$10,000.00 in Student Account money.

There is an (.87) cent processing fee associated with purchasing Music Department Yearbooks online and for some reason, this fee is only being applied to some yearbook orders. Phil Kasten is looking into this glitch.

The Boosters will file an extension for filing their 2010 tax return this year. This extension is penalty free and a result of the overwhelming time and effort absorbed by uniform fundraising.

Motion to accept Treasurers' report made by Donna Demanche and seconded by Ann Peters

**Secretary's Report:** No new news, only a reminder to submit volunteer hours to Julie by mid-day on May 9, 2011

## **DIRECTORS REPORT (TONY COUROUTIS AND SOPHIA SANTERRE)**

### **TONY COUROUTIS**

Thank you to the students and parents that attended the *Souhegan Jazz Festival last month*, it was a very successful, educational and enjoyable evening for all who attended. I hope to see all of you at the following music department events.

#### **Benefit Concert, Wednesday, May 11, 2010 7:00 pm Nashua South Auditorium**

Please remember that tickets are general admission with no assigned seating.

#### **Applebee's Breakfast, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Mad Express (Alpine Grove, Hollis, NH), Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm to midnight.** An evening of classic rock music and dancing. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.

**The Spring "Pops" Concert, Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm Nashua South Auditorium**  
Tickets (assigned seating) are \$5/adult and \$3/students-senior citizen, and children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased through Mrs. Santerre, Mr. Courounis or at the door.

#### **Carolyn Regula Recital, May 27, 2010, 7:00pm Nashua South Auditorium**

Admission is free to Carolyn's Cello Recital

#### **Memorial Day Parade, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Students meet at South at 8:30 am and travel by bus to Holman Stadium where they line up for the parade which begins at 10:30am. Following the parade, students return to South where uniforms will be collected.

Parent volunteers are needed to assist with uniform collection, please notify Mr. Courounis if you are available to help.

As always, "I am grateful for your continued effort and time, and thank you for your dedication to the South Music Department".

### **SOPHIA SANTERRE (AS REPORTED BY TONY COUROUTIS)**

*Sophia Santerre Continued.*

The list of awards for the annual Music Department Awards Night was created and items will be ordered soon.

Music Directors will be announcing the bi-annual Music Department Trip in June this year.

We hope to see you at the Spring Concert.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH**

Eileen received feedback regarding the booster fundraising programs used this school year; including, but not limited to, feedback regarding ease of use, variety of product, value, and overall success of current fundraisers that will be used to select future fundraising programs.

Lori Lerude attended the Concert Choir's Baltimore Trip this year and offered information regarding the vendors she saw at the Educator's Conference. She specifically noticed the Bridgewater, Massachusetts based *Fair Trade Company's* display of coffees and chocolates where 97% of the profit goes back to the country that produced the product.

Fair Trade appears to do a lot of work; they pre-wrap chocolates, provide participating agency logo stickers for future bagging by the fundraising organization, and offers a 40% return to the fundraiser.

This is best as a winter fundraiser as the chocolate must be kept at temperatures below 70 degrees.

Nashua Silver Nights Baseball fundraiser: The band will be performing at the game on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Monies earned marked for new uniform fund. The kids must collect money from ticket buyers prior to receiving a ticket voucher so Eileen is creating a receipt for students to offer those purchasing tickets.

Deb Dufresne spoke with Lauren Byers regarding the music students selling Silver Nights tickets during lunches; Music Directors will have sign-up sheets for those students wanting to sell tickets at lunch time on May 23-27.

**Spirit Wear:** Spring apparel was delivered and there are still extra hats and shirts for selling at the May 11<sup>th</sup> concert.

**Cookbook:** Nothing new- still planning the Annual Craft Fair as time frame for kick-off.

**Restaurant:**

Applebee's May 14, 2011: Determining theme for the morning and sign-up sheets are on their way to the band and chorus students.

Pizza Hut in April 2010, generated approximately \$96.00

Boosters are considering a June Restaurant Fundraiser at this time.

The Boosters offered feedback on participating restaurant fundraisers this year and offered suggestions such as Chunky's, Panera Bread, Denny's, and Burger King as potential venues for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Yard Sale:** Meetings continue and the rain or shine date is set for September 11, 2011. The Boosters are teaming up with Lauren Byers at Nashua South and offering school student organizations free tables at the yard sale.

Similar to last year, there will be food, a car wash and a need for parent/student/community donations of items to sell at the yard sale. As always, the Boosters will offer a receipt for items donated that can be used for tax purposes.

A call for yard sale donations will be posted on Craig's List one week prior to the yard sale.

The Student Liaisons will assist the Boosters in reaching students for their support with the yard sale over the summer; this may be through face book, twitter or otherwise.

**Silent Auction: August 19, 2011 Boston Billiards:** (hours of 7pm-10pm currently planned)

Boosters currently have two Club Casino Tickets, art and trinket items for the silent auction.

The Boosters still need a substantial amount of items to make the auction successful. Student Liaisons will approach music students to request donation items to create large raffle baskets such as other organizations do around the holiday season

**Yearbook:** In production and will be completed by June 1 which will make limited quantities of the yearbook available for purchase at Awards Night.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Student Liaisons will speak with senior music students regarding the Awards Night DVD; reminding them that the Boosters need one baby and one current picture for the DVD.

*Unfinished Business Continued.*

Posters for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Benefit Concert are complete and need to be posted at the feeder schools and around Main Street.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lori Lerude asked about auditing; discussions and plans for independent auditing are already underway.

Boosters are looking for a large raffle item such as a television or a digital camera and Diane Duras will request this donation from Walmart.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:43pm by Lori Lerude and seconded by Ann Peters

Respectfully Submitted By,

Julie Williams, Secretary  
Nashua High School South Music Boosters