

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes

May 8, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Donna Demanche, Patty Brault, Christina Humber, Michael Peters, Barbara Griffey, Rosa Parsons, Kevin Boghigian, Jim Kelly, Stephanie Duras, Diane Duras, Deb Dufresne, Joanne Lake, Lori Lerude, Bob Stepan

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL BOOSTER MINUTES:

Motion made by Eileen Hirsch and seconded by Patty Brault.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Music Awards night is Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to help set up at 5:30.

Marching Band jackets are not back yet, but have been promised before the Memorial Day parade.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Nothing new to report. Fundraising is done for this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PATTY BRAULT & CHRISTINA HUMBER

The final payment for the Williamsburg trip was made. The travel company is trying to get us a small refund due to the bus problems.

Approval of April 2012 Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Donna Demanche and seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: ANN PETERS

Members are reminded to please tally up their hours spent volunteering for the Boosters. Please turn in to Ann ASAP so that we can give our total to the school for the NHSS Blue Ribbon Award. Current membership is 111.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Reporting for Sophia Santerre: 1. Many thanks to those who chaperoned the trip which was very successful: the choirs received 3 "superior" ratings: Jazz Choir took first place, Concert Choir took 2nd out of 3 (missed first place by 1.5 points) and Chorale came in 3 out of 5 – missed first place by less than one point (less than one point separated the 3 top choirs in this category!).

2. We are looking into some monetary reimbursement from the bus company for the inconveniences caused – the amount will be divided amongst the students once received.

3. We are looking for parents to sell tickets at the concert and assist with programs and seating, as we are using reserved seating tickets.

4. Tickets for the concerts are now available – the order form is on the Music Dept. website.

5. Awards have been ordered for the awards night.

Reporting for Tony Courounis: 1. I would also like to thank the parents who chaperoned the trip. I am very proud of all of the accomplishments from our music groups who participated in Williamsburg! The Bands who participated received 1 "superior rating" and 2 "excellent ratings". The Honors Jazz Band took first place in their division (no competition in their division, but scored a "superior rating") and they also earned "the Highest Score Award" for any jazz band in all divisions. The Concert Band took first place with an "excellent rating" (one other band in their division) and the Jazz Band took first place with an "excellent rating" (one other band in their division). Michael Hirsch was awarded the "Top Soloist Award" for all Jazz Bands and the Honors Band rhythm section was awarded the "Top Section Award" for all of the Jazz Bands.

2. Reminder that the Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 28th. Students are to arrive at 8:30 am at South. We will be collecting the uniforms after the parade.

3. The first rehearsal for the 2012-2013 Band and Color Guard will be on Tuesday, May 29th from 6 pm to 9 pm.

4. The Music Awards Night is on Thursday, May 31st in the South Cafeteria. Awards begin at 7:00 pm.

5. Graduation is on Sunday, June 17th. Details will be given to the students.

By-Laws Committee (Bob Stepan): Bob presented the revised By-Laws that have been posted for review since the last meeting. Thank you to Bob for chairing this committee. A vote was taken to accept the revised By-Laws and was passed with 23 votes to accept (3 of which were proxy votes from Alex Humber, Lori Katsiaficas & Larry Hirsch). None opposed and no abstentions.

Scholarship Committee (Kevin Boghigian & Carolyn Kasten): A meeting is scheduled for May 18th in order to review the scholarship applications and select recipients.

Spirit Committee (Robin DePaolo): New item idea: looking into cloth shopping bags.

Restaurant Fundraisers (Donna Demanche): South end Chili's is scheduled for May 30th. A voucher is needed and can be used all day.

Silent Auction (Patty Brault & Donna Demanche): Waiting on the football schedule to set a date. Committee members are needed. The goal is to raise \$6,000 to \$7,000 from this event.

Yearbook (Carolyn Kasten): They should be arriving any day now. We need to sell ten more to break even. We have until the end of May to lock in the same price for next year. A vote was taken and there were 20 votes to do this and none opposed. Part of this can be a 5 year non-binding agreement to lock in today's price.

In working on the DVD for awards night, so far only 13 out of 40 seniors have turned in their photos (baby & high school). They are due back by this Friday.

Unfinished Business: Gift for Sophia's retirement has been purchased. It is a digital picture frame pre-loaded with pictures from her years at South. The shadow box has been ordered and ended up costing \$800. It is 30x40 and will be enclosed with plexiglas. There will be a plaque inside commemorating the gift of new uniforms by the Boosters.

Elections: The following list of nominated candidates is presented by the committee:

President – Carolyn Kasten

Vice-President – Eileen Hirsch

Treasurer 1 – Christina Humber

Treasurer 2 – Robin DePaolo

Secretary – Ann Peters

Director At Large – Donna Demanche

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The floor is now open to additional nominees. Carolyn Kasten nominates Barbara Griffey as Director At Large and Barbara accepts. Patty Brault nominates Bob Stepan as a Director At Large and Bob accepts.

Motion is made by Kevin Boghigian to accept the list of nominated candidates and the motion is seconded by Gary DePaolo. There are 20 votes to accept, none opposed, and no abstentions.

New Business: Phil Kasten is looking for someone who is willing to work with him to learn how to do the booster website this year since it will be his last year with the organization.

Motion to go into private session was made by Lori Lerude in order to discuss the concerns of a parent. Motion seconded by Bob Stepan.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 pm by Bob Stepan and seconded by Michael Peters.