

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes

May 6, 2014

Attendance: Ann Peters, Sue Duby, Michael Peters, Carolyn Kasten, Joanne Lake, Deb Dufresne, Sharon Kilduff, Barbara Burns, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Donna Demanche, Lori Vigeant, Wendy Stough, Andrea Reynolds, Pamela Dunhom, Donna Kraus, and Diane Downie.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Ann Peters.

Welcome to members in attendance. No new members.

President's Report: Ann Peters

Ann thanked everyone who volunteered for the Scottish festival. We are hoping they will return next year and we can once again provide concessions. Ann also thanked all the chaperones and volunteers for the NYC trip. The students really enjoyed Les Miserables & the Broadway workshops! Ann posted videos on the NHSS Music Boosters Facebook page.

Ann contacted Sharon Gray to see if she is willing to run Stellos concessions next year. Sharon will get back to Ann on her decision, but she is happy to pass it off if anyone is interested. Please contact Ann Peters if you are willing to take on this task!

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3rd** in the cafeteria not the career center due to another organization needing the room.

Approval of April Booster Minutes: The April minutes were presented for approval. Robin DePaolo made a correction to the April minutes as she presented the treasurer's report, not Carolyn Kasten. Sharon Kilduff will correct this error. Carolyn Kasten made a motion to approve the April minutes and Deb Dufresne seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Robin DePaolo

Both the March and April reports were presented since the March report was not available at the April meeting as it was before the bank statement was received. The line items were discussed. The expenses reflected the final payment for the NYC trip, trip shirts/bags, DVD software purchase and the Texas Roadhouse Rolls payment. Income items reflected the remaining payments received from families for the trip, purchase of NYC trip shirts/bags, yearbook orders & fundraisers.

Ann requested that if possible, to have a budget vs. actuals report available for the next meeting. There were no questions about the reports. Barbara Burns made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports and Deb Dufresne seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approval.

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Carolyn Kasten took the opportunity to explain that per the by-laws an audit of the books is required each year. We were fortunate that a parent of a music student had graciously audited our books for free for the past few years. She no longer has a child in the music program and has offered to continue to do the audit for the Music Boosters but at a significantly reduced rate of \$250. Since this was not in the budget, the members need to vote to approve this expense. Joanne Lake suggested that we remember to put this line item in the budget for next year. Joanne then made the motion to approve the audit expense and Sue DUBY seconded the motion. There were 17 votes yes with no one voting against the proposal and no abstentions.

Vice President Report: Deb Dufresne

There is not much to report as the school year is winding down. Deb will be meeting with Cheryl in two weeks regarding fund raisers for next year and Deb is looking for ideas! If anyone has any suggestions for fund raisers, please send them to Deb. Mr. Courounis suggested that the committee look at the successful fund raisers this year and focus on those and do less of them as families are being tapped out. Ann Peters mentioned the Texas Roadhouse rolls fundraiser which was successful in the fall as a student fund raiser, but only had 6 students participate for the recent one for the choral uniform fund. It appears in general that the fund raisers are not as successful if they are just for the general music boosters as opposed to the student accounts. Pam Dunhom suggested that some of the fund raisers could be done 50/50...50% for the music boosters and 50% for the student accounts. This could be considered, it just would need to be advertised that way.

Secretary Report: Sharon Kilduff

There are no new members for the month of April. The membership stands at 94. Ann stated that she submitted the blue ribbon volunteer hours to Lisa Stemplar as required.

Director's Reports: Tony Courounis

Mr. Boroskas is sick and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Courounis discussed the remaining events for the school year and volunteer assistance needed.

May 20th Pops Concert at 7pm. The tickets have been delayed. Tickets will be sold at the door and they will need a few volunteers for this event. The seating is general admission.

May 26th Memorial Day Parade is a 10:30am start. This is a great parade and he encouraged people to come if they can.

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May 29th Awards Night 6:30pm in the cafeteria. The DVD will start at 6:30pm and then the event will start promptly at 7pm. There is a conflict with opening night of Our Town. Several seniors and students will be missing.

May 31st An Evening of Swing includes the jazz band performing from 7-10pm. From 6-7pm, swing dancing will be taught by a teacher from NHSS and her husband. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for seniors/students. Tickets will only be sold at the door. Setup will be Friday right after school. Mr. Courounis has asked the students to stay until approximately 6pm. Ann will solicit additional volunteers to help with setup. The boosters will be providing concessions for sale (desserts & coffee). Mr. Courounis would like table cloths & centerpieces on the tables and will confirm the number of tables so the boosters can plan accordingly.

Graduation is set for Saturday, **June 14th at 3pm** at the Verizon Center.

Mr. Courounis sincerely thanked everyone on behalf of himself and Mr. Boroskas, who assisted on the NYC trip and for all the work the boosters have done throughout the year. He and Mr. Boroskas appreciate all the tireless hours spent supporting the music program at South.

Mr. Courounis also spoke about instruments and harnesses that are being purchased for the band and how there will be a need to continue to fund raise for these items in the future. Donna Kraus is a board member on the Nashua Education Foundation and explained how the NEF helps Nashua schools purchase items that are not covered by the budget. A letter needs to be initiated by a teacher, but Donna felt that they should be able to provide grants for the choral uniform fund and band instruments. Mr. Courounis thanked Donna for the information and will follow up as we plan for next year.

Carolyn Kasten asked Mr. Courounis if he and Mr. Boroskas could announce the deadline for the scholarship forms to their students which are due Friday, May 9th. The directors will be announcing the scholarship forms and the senior/baby pictures for Awards Night.

Ann asked Mr. Courounis if there will be a marching band meeting in June for the incoming freshmen. Mr. Courounis said that he just received his roster and that this is tentatively planned for June 11th. The boosters would like to provide information to new parents at this meeting to encourage participation/membership.

Uniform Committee: Carolyn Kasten

Nothing to report. Robin DePaolo shared with Mr. Courounis that a senior music student who did not attend the NYC trip, but has money in her student account, has requested that her account

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balance be transferred and donated to the choral uniform fund. Mr. Courounis approved this request and asked that an email with the student's name be forwarded to him.

Spirit Committee: Carolyn Kasten

A few additional trip shirts were sold and it was suggested that the shirts could also be sold during the spring Pops concert.

Restaurant Fundraisers: Donna Demanche

The **Longhorn Steakhouse restaurant fundraiser** is scheduled for **May 21st**. Donna will forward the voucher to Ann as soon as she receives it.

Scholarship Committee: Carolyn Kasten

We are waiting on applications. The scholarship committee will be meeting Monday, May 12th at 6pm at Carolyn Kasten's home to view the applications & make the selections.

Yearbook Committee: Sharon Kilduff/Donna Demanche

The yearbook has been submitted to the publisher and the expected date of receipt is May 21st. Sharon used the 10 design points to obtain 5 yearbooks for free. The DVD for awards night is being assembled. We are still in need of senior/baby pictures for the show.

Nominations Committee: Donna Demanche

Since there are only 3 Member at Large positions available, Barbara Burns withdrew her nomination. Per the by laws, the new board may meet after the June meeting to add additional Member at Large positions.

The following slate was presented to the members present at the meeting:

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

Since each position is running unopposed, the board positions can be voted on as a slate for the 2014-2015 Music Boosters. The positions were put to a vote and all 17 members present

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approved the new board. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The new board takes affect at the end of the June meeting. In July, the old and new board will meet to discuss the budget. The first official booster meeting of the 2014-2015 school year will be in August. Congratulations to the new board members!

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Ann Peters

No new business.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:19pm by Gary DePaolo and seconded by Mike Peters.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sharon Kilduff, Secretary
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