

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
November 2, 2010

ATTENDING: Carolyn Kasten, Ann Peters, Christina Humber, Kevin Boghigian, Barbara Griffey, Robin Depaolo, Gary DePaolo, Bob Stepen, Julie Williams, Patty Brault, Adrienne Marshal, Tony Courounis, Lori Katsiaficas, Laurie Heskett, Deb Dufresne, John Malboeuf.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Carolyn Kasten

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES: Eileen Hirsch voted to accept the October 2010 Meeting Minutes with motion seconded by Kevin Boghigian.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Please continue to help the music department raise funds through Clorox:

The Clorox Company is sponsoring a contest called "Power a Bright Future", that gives schools the opportunity to compete for scholarships.

<http://clorox.promo.eprize.com> (They offer up to \$50,000.00 in grants to schools and voting once per day is allowed).

Nashua High Schools North and South were named the beneficiaries of the benefit concert held at Martha's Exchange Restaurant serving to memorialize a former Nashua High School Music student. The event raised \$2,000.00 of which NHSSMBA will divide equally between both high schools.

2. DIRECTORS' REPORTS: SOPHIA SANTERRE & TONY COUROUNIS

At this time, The Nashua High South Football team is officially in the playoffs-if they win on Friday, then they will most likely be enabled to choose whether they play on Friday or Saturday for the following game. If they continue on, Band members will not be able to assist during the Craft Fair.

All State auditions are also held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 and take place at Memorial High School in Manchester, NH. Auditions take place from 8-9:30 am, which leaves these students available to volunteer for the Craft Fair on Saturday following these auditions.

Veterans' Day Parade committee typically rotates band order each year. Mr. Courounis is awaiting details of this year's line up.

Both Jazz Bands will participate in the annual Barnes and Noble Night this year; which will entail secular and holiday music as well as solo and Duo performances. Transportation for instruments is planned.

A special thanks to Donna Wendell, Eileen Hirsch and Kevin Boghigian for helping at jazz All State. Congratulations to Connor Humber, Connor Vigeant and Christina Tramack who will go on to the festival in Windham. Congratulations also go to Mike Hirsch who scored 3rd in the state on Guitar.

Spoke with Dale regarding band uniforms; creating a new uniform is a process and Mr. Courounis will speak with Dale again who will make a proof of the uniform's design and after the proof is approved an actual uniform sample is created. The hope is to create an up to date design, in core style with bib pant. Expected cost of new band uniforms is \$52,000.00 and is still planned as machine washable.

The membership reiterated the problems associated with replacing or adding individual band uniforms due to the associated costs of purchasing this way and dry cleaning, as well as having uniforms that no longer match due to fading.

Carolyn Kasten is establishing an "exploratory" committee to plan fundraising efforts specifically set for band uniform costs. Also under considerations is an "Alumni" fund; also a 501c3 that is separate from the boosters and maintains its own bank account. The current thought is to reach out to music department alumni through our existing database of 500 alumni. A list of contributing Alumni can also be published in the program book.

Bob Stepen motioned to form an alumni fund and was seconded by Robin Depaolo.

Other ideas for raising funds for band uniforms are to announce the need for them at concerts and events and pass around donation buckets.

The time between placing a band uniform order and its completion varies depending on when the order is placed. With winter being an off season, expected completion time is 90 days compared to 120 during busier seasons.

To ensure that this fund is represented appropriately, Patty Brault suggests that we use a more broad language to describe the fund. Alumni fund steering committee will commit to meeting prior to next membership meeting and will define the language that describes this fund.

Mr. Courounis thanks all that helped out at push-up day, the kids had a great time.

3. TREASURERS' REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER & PATTY BRAULT

The treasurer's report shows no income currently, however, more monies came in at the end of the month and are not included here.

The Boosters' new bounced check policy has been implemented.

Carolyn notes the cost of the Concert Choir attire and the sound system equipment, which was less than the expected cost.

The expenses from push-up day will not remain as a budget line item.

There is a plan underway for music parents to view their child's student account; Patty is planning a tabulated type of spreadsheet where parents can access only the tab associated with their child. This will be attempted in smaller scale for now by using this type of spreadsheet with those going on the Baltimore Trip next year.

Historically, Ms. Santerre automatically deducts fundraising points earned from student accounts to cover trip payments; because student accounts reflect points and not dollars, parent permission is not needed for the automatic deduction.

Patty and Christina indicate that no bank changes have been made at this time.

Motion to Approve the October 2010 budget was made by Ann Peters and seconded by Eileen Hirsh

4. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Eileen sends a big thank you to Margot Utterback for researching and reporting information about an online magazine drive as a potential fundraiser.

The membership discussed whether this should be a Booster, a Student or a combined Booster/Student fundraising event. Also in question are the potential issues of privacy and how renewals of magazine orders will be handled.

After discussion, the membership yielded to at least begin the online magazine drive as a student fundraiser. Advertising on the website, in the Booster Newsletter and in the program book are potential vehicles of exposure for this fundraiser.

Secretary's report indicates 102 members currently make up that the NHSSMBA

Spirit Wear: All spirit wear orders were distributed with a total of \$310.00 in profit.

Quilt: Barbara Griffey indicates that Jessie Sweeney will stitch the quilt at no charge. Hopefully the quilt will be complete in time to display at the Craft Fair. Total cost of the quilt is \$44.69.

Craft Fair: To date, 25 table and 6 checks in the mail for table rentals as opposed to a total of 39 rented at this time last year. Telephone messages were left for those contacted via mail or e-mail without response.

From those tables rented, 20 vendors have already committed to donating a penny sale item. We currently have one big ticket item; a \$150.00 gift certificate to Sterling Wear.

BAE: We currently have 3 volunteers but need 5 before the end of the year.

B&N: Eileen is working on vouchers and flyers. Transporters for equipment should arrive at the NHSS Band entrance at 4:45 on December 1. 6 closed vehicles will be used this year.

Year Book: Nothing to report

Program Book: Must have program book ads in no later than November 20, 2010: \$100 in ads still earns a free yearbook.

Concession: Christina reports that more money continues to come in from volunteer work at concessions. Total sales not indicated at this time, but tips equal \$44.00. November 5, 2010 is the next game and playoff schedule is undetermined at this time.

Restaurant Fundraisers (Donna Demanche as reported by Patty Brault): Last week's Texas Road House Fundraiser might have been mal affected by the powder puff game and other school activities.

Texas Road House gift card raffle: \$15.00

Unos: \$130.61 on 9-10-10

Unfinished Business:

Expect the traditional Turkey Bowl Senior Thank You to parents.

Carolyn will facilitate the exploratory and alumni steering committee.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 8:52 pm by Bob Stepen, with motion seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:00pm in the NHSS Career Center.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Julie Williams, Secretary
NHSSMBA