

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes
November 4, 2014

Attendance: Sharon Kilduff, Andrea Reynolds, Joanne Lake, Gary DePaolo, Adam Boroskas, Wendy Stough, Carolyn Koss Kasten, Barbara Burns, Ann Peters, Donna Demanche, Scott Reynolds, Sue Duby, Bob Stepan, Pam Dunhom, Donna Kraus, Marie MacGregor, Sylvie Stewart, Mary Kelley

The November meeting of the 2014-2015 school year was kicked off with snacks and conversation. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Sharon Kilduff.

Approval of October 2014 Booster Minutes: The October minutes were presented for approval. Donna Demanche made a motion to approve the October minutes and Sylvie Stewart provided a second. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and there were no abstentions.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

- Director's Report--Mr. Courounis' and Mr. Boroskas—
 - Mr. Boroskas
 - Mr. Courounis is not here b/c he is voting. He lives a distance away and could not make it. He asked Mr. Boroskas to share that a letter is going to be sent home with the November and December schedule. All pertinent info will be on that letter. Volunteers have already been assigned for the Veteran's Day Parade.
 - Jazz All-state--16 students auditioned. 11 were selected. This is an all-time high for Nashua and South is 2nd in the state for the number of students who are participating in Jazz All-state. We will have over 50 auditioning for classical All-state.
 - The Santa Fund ticket order form is coming out online and a hard copy will be given to students on Monday before Thanksgiving. The Music Booster page will have a link as well. Seating is assigned. Last year Misty Bates worked on tickets for a couple of hours every day and that was a huge help. If

anyone can help with this, please let Mr. Boroskas know. Misty has offered to do so again this year.

- Concert choir did wonderful at Cantate Festival this year. The review indicated our group was top-notch. The group received a wonderful letter from Dr. Howard commending the students for their performance.
- Upcoming performances include All-state auditions, the National Honor Society induction ceremony, and the craft fair-- are all occurring in November. There are many events in December—too many to mention here. The students have all been given a detailed list of the schedule.
- It has come to the attention of the directors that there may be a bit of competitive comparison going on amongst those from the two different public high schools in town. The directors at both schools work hard for the kids. A few features unique to South include Jazz Night, Santa Fund night, eBlock sectionals, All-state help sessions, All-state materials provided instead of student purchased, Cantata Choral Festival, Manchester choral joint concert, Brandeis/Carmina Berana performance, singing for the school board, large group music festivals, hosting three Thrills and Trills events (big fundraiser too), a keyboard lab up and running, all tux's all have been replaced, dresses are being upgraded at both schools, benefit for NashuaCares (student run cancer charity), National Honor Society. We want to continue to increase All-state numbers. Purchasing acoustic shells for the auditorium and reoutfitting the music labs with Apple computers is a goal. Day and overnight trips will still be a goal and the directors want to make sure all is copasetic before we move forward with that.
- TriM—The directors looked at this last year. An April 30, 2014 letter from student Katie Frechette raised the idea. She is a senior this year and there were others interested. Mr. Boroskas has been researching the matter. North is talking about disbanding their Tri-M program due to lack of interest. In order to add one after school thing, we will need to take something away. It's a tough balancing act but Tri-M hasn't been forgotten.

- Performance Apparel—Tux's have been purchased. An example was shown at the meeting. A local drycleaner in Manchester has agreed to handle the hemming for \$3 each for the tux pants. They will also undo the hem when cleaning and then redo the following year. The gown example was shared. Many present were very impressed with the quality. Students are going to do some modeling so we can have an example to use with promotional material. Dress is \$61 but Mr. Boroskas got them down to \$60 which will save \$120. They will also take 5% off shipping. Total savings is \$264. If discontinued, the company will still make these for us. It's a part of their policy.
- Question about dry cleaning---The district pays for the band uniform dry cleaning. Will that same company handle the gowns? Mr. Boroskas thinks that the district will continue to pay for that. He can't speak to the logistics but it seems to get done every year.
- Mr. Boroskas applied for a grant through the Nashua Educational Foundation. Booster members suggested submitting a supplemental letter outlining more of the community based events that the group does every year. Any money that comes in from this will be earmarked for uniforms/performance attire.
- Pam Dunhom is working with Mr. Boroskas on Donor's Choose to help bring in supplemental funds for Concert Attire.
- President's Report – Sharon Kilduff
 - We met as a board yesterday. We discussed changes and how we want to approach fundraisers.
 - Walk-a-thon, Move-a-thon and other non-buying-stuff fundraisers are popular right now. Karaoke-thon, Dance-a-thon and Jam-a-thon were mentioned. The concept would be for students to get pledges and then do something.
 - We talked about making the yard sale an annual event in early may right after April vacation. It will be hard to avoid AP testing, prom and everything else going on that time of year.
 - Evening of Swing---Could we tack on a dollar or so to the ticket price as a kickback to the Music Boosters?

- Tagging at Market Basket—Can someone call to schedule a date? The Liquor Store and Walmart are good too. We also need to make sure that students can do the actual tagging at the liquor store. Marie MacGregor volunteered to do this.
- Treasurer's Report – Robin DePaolo & Donna Demanche
 - No update.
- Vice President's (Fundraising) Report – Deb Dufresne
 - Per Mr. Boroskas, when asked about fundraising students voice dislike for selling things and a desire to do more “music-y” things.
 - Deb Dufresne was not able to be present due to illness. Orange Leaf has been scheduled for early release days.
 - Yankee Candle orders are in and students should pick them up from the classroom if they already haven't.
- Secretary's/Membership Committee Report – Wendy Stough
 - No update.
- Stellos Concessions – Sharon Kilduff
 - Concessions—This Saturday, November 8 we are scheduled to work the concession stand. Any volunteers?
- Choral Uniform Committee
 - See the director's report.
- Craft Fair – Ann Peters and Donna Demanche
 - Request letters were passed out. We have 30 donations so far. Our goal is a minimum of 50 items plus what the vendors donate. Please consider helping the Penny Raffle in the following ways:
 - Bring the donation letter with you to hair appointments, kids' lesson/classes, stores you frequent, dry cleaners, butcher shop, coffee house, etc.
 - Ask friends that have businesses if they'd like to donate.
 - Post on social media. You can copy Sharon's or write your own.
 - Search online for businesses that make donations and fill out info online. Example: Loon, Gunstock. All info you need is on the donation letter.
 - Do you teach lessons or tutor? Can you donate a lesson or two?

- Do you have a craft or hobby that could turn into a donation? Woodworking, jewelry making, Christmas decorations, sewing project, knitting/crochet project.
- Kid friendly items like board games, toys, outdoor games and other things tweens like.
- Mr. Boroskas will send the letter of request for items to South staff.
- Cookie Walk—We need donors. It is a huge source of stress because it often looks like we won't have enough donors. If you plan on donating, please sign up. Cookies don't have to be individually wrapped. Label any potential allergens. Nuts are fine, just mark the packaging. Carolyn suggested that the email be sent out a couple of times per week so people will be reminded. This has increased participating in the past.
- A sign-up sheet for set up and take down was passed.
- The number of booths sold is somewhat lower than in the past. It's not clear why but other fairs are reporting similar experiences. Those present brainstormed ideas on how to spread the word. It's also posted on Craigslist.
- We are advertising in the Telegraph. Yard signs will go out once political signs are taken up. A few people present asked for flyers to hang up at their workplace. We are authorized to hang the flyers in other schools.
- Nashua Plays/Nashua Sings – Lori Vigeant
 - No update.
- Spirit Committee – Robin DePaolo & Barbara Burns
 - No update.
- Restaurant Fundraisers – Andrea Reynolds
 - Texas Roadhouse is set up for November 18. We can't do the rolls because someone else grabbed that date. We are trying to get Christmas.
 - Pizza Hut won't do lunch and will only do dinner on certain days so that didn't work out.
- Yearbook Committee – Donna Demanche & Sharon Kilduff
 - Pictures are needed. Send in via link on webpage or we can use a flashdrive.

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Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- none

The next meeting will be December 2 @ 6:30 in the Career Center.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:51pm by Bob and seconded by Donna Demanche.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Stough, Secretary
Sharon Kilduff, President
Nashua High School South Music Boosters