

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
October 5, 2010

ATTENDING: Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Christina Humber, Kevin Boghigian, Heidi Boghigian, Barbara Griffey, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Julie Williams, Donna Demanche, Patty Brault, Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Carol Weeks, Laurie Heskett, Jim Kelly, Lori Lerude, George Sawyer, Karl Puder, Karen Martin.

1. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Changes to the September 2010 Booster Meeting on record: Should read 1) \$45,000.00 expected estimated cost for new band uniforms. 2) The Boosters voted to incur 50% of the cost to purchase new concert choir attire for this school year, Eileen Hirsch motioned for the Boosters to absorb 100% of the total cost of new concert choir attire if the remaining 50% is not alternately raised.

Eileen Hirsch voted to accept the September 2010 Meeting Minutes with these changes: Barbara Griffey seconded the motion.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

The membership was able to view the proposed water bottle example and discussed potential design ideas to incorporate music into the theme.

Volunteer Sign up sheet available for the Halloween Party (10-29-10 at 7pm). Costumes allowed and encouraged, and volunteers needed.

Please 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).

2. DIRECTORS' REPORTS: SOPHIA SANTERRE & TONY COUROUTIS as reported by Carolyn Kasten:

Jazz and Honors Jazz Bands began in early October.

The **Middle School Band Day** is scheduled for 10-22-10 with students from Fairgrounds and Elm Street Middle Schools expected at NHSS **after school**. The Band will have rehearsal at school prior to leaving for the game at Stellos Stadium that evening.

Mr. Courounis estimates that 250 people will attend the Middle School Band day at South and this number includes students and chaperones. Previously, the Boosters supplied food for those in attendance and mentioned the positive aspects of doing so, such as creating a sense of

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welcome for the middle school students. Previous cost of pizza and water was approximately \$480.00.

Patty Brault motioned to fund food expenses for Middle School Band Day again this year: motion seconded by Gary Depaolo.

The Boosters previously voted to fund a \$1,500.00 contribution toward new Concert Choir attire. Since then, NHSS Principal Jennifer Seusing pledged an additional \$1,000.00 for Concert Choir attire. An additional \$50.00 donation was given by Alec's Shoe Store of Nashua. The cost for new gowns is \$50-\$60 each, for approximately 30 girls; totaling \$1800.00. The gown is made of the same machine washable material that the current gowns are made of. Also planned is a new vest for the boys, with the estimated cost being less than \$1,000.00 total. Shipping and handling costs will also apply for the gowns, while vests and ties are generously being made by Kim Sapaziani.

Eileen Hirsch motioned for the Boosters to fund an additional \$500.00 (\$2,000.00 total) toward the cost of new concert Choir Attire: motion seconded by Ann Peters.

Lori Lerude discovered that the March 2011 concert date and teacher conferences are scheduled on the same day.

Current Performance Schedule:

Santa Fund 12-15 & 12-16

Spring May 26, 2011

March 3-16 (Snowday' 3-17)

3. TREASURERS' REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER & PATTY BRAULT

The treasurer's report provided an overview of what is budgeted for the month. For example, Craft Fair stipulates \$4,800.00 without knowing what is collected against that figure.

Also of note: Yankee Candle shows the money added to student accounts and although it is less than what was budgeted for, it reflects what is typical of a non-trip year.

To date, Checking and Savings accounts reflect approximately \$28,000.00

Motion to Approve the September 2010 budget by Gary Depaolo and seconded by Carolyn Kasten.

Bounced Check Fee:

The Boosters received a handful of bounced checks already this year. We previously charged the \$10.00 bounced check fee that we incur from the Bank, however, we incur additional financial loss considering the time, postage and paper used to recover our costs. Should we charge additional fee, over what the bank charges us for bounced checks? Is doing so legal?

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Additionally, we discussed the difficulty in recouping funds from families. What are the legal ramifications of garnishing students' accounts to recoup our funds when checks are bounced?

Moreover, is it fair to take student raised funds to cover parents' bad checks? Bank no longer allows individuals to check accounts for adequate funds prior to cashing/depositing a check.

New bounced check policy states:

Two bounced checks per family (lifetime): after that, the Boosters will accept cashier's check or paypal orders only for purchases and payments, and will offer the option of using "points" in the student account for payment/recovery of funds.

*This two bounced check policy is considered a "lifetime" policy; meaning, that once a family reaches the two bounced checks maximum, the privilege of making payments by check for anything is permanently revoked and checks will not be accepted from the party at any point in the future.

This updated check writing policy now in place, and Carolyn will facilitate notifying the membership.

Motion to institute a bounced check charge of (the bank fee + \$5.00) was made by Barbara Griffey and seconded by Karl Puder.

4. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Calendar Raffle Drawing takes place 11-10

Calendar price is \$5 per sheet with packets of 5 totaling \$25.

Students sell their first \$25.00 in calendar raffles with proceeds to benefit the Music Boosters, 100% of profit from calendars sold their after go directly to student accounts.

Deb Dufresne is researching umbrellas as a new product for the Music Boosters to sell at games and events. She brought two different sizes for pricing and example points. The umbrellas would be purple and white, and potentially incorporate a music themed design.

Red Brick Umbrella quotes:

Small: with 8x7x11 logo -Purchase 48-143 umbrellas for cost of \$12: Sell for \$15-\$16 equates a 30-40% profit

Large: with Purchase of 48 costs 18.50 each: Sell for \$25 equates a 25% profit.

Proving more affordable, the small umbrellas will be part of the spring Spirit Wear order and can also be sold at upcoming spring concerts. In considering that games are pretty much done for the season, any leftovers can be sold at games next fall.

Since Carolyn coordinates our relationship with Red Brick, she will follow up.

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Spirit Wear: Ear warmers will be sold for same price as last year at the games. Spirit Wear Gray colored fleece is darker than previous years and is why the embroidery writing was done in white rather than purple, which would not stand out as clearly.

Craft Fair: 6th annual Craft Fair planning still underway and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 9-2pm. Help for set-up the night before, the day of, as well as clean-up is still needed.

Tables are still available and Penny Sale Donations are still needed. New items, as well as gift certificates in any amount are good for this sale and Table Rental fee is set at \$40.00. 12 tables are rented thus far with several more verbally confirmed to date. This is typical for where we were in rentals at this time last year.

Please send penny sale donations to school with your child or bring donations to the next booster meeting at the latest.

Deb Dufresne and Lori Katsiaticas are still working on corporate donations for the penny sale.

Quilt Committee: Barbara Griffey is forming a committee to create a quilt and to sell raffle tickets for the quilt at Booster events. Only basic sewing knowledge is required.

Last year's music themed, wall hanging sized quilt raffle was displayed for only a short time and generated \$249.00. This year's quilt is larger, more general in theme and will be raffled at music events throughout this school year.

Barnes and Noble: (12-1-10) First committee meeting is scheduled for 10-29-10. There are changes to the B&N fundraiser this year. First, Music Booster associated online purchases made between 12-1 and 12-6 generate 10% of the sale for the Boosters. Second, Nook and all Nook related products generate 5% in sales for the Boosters. Volunteers are still needed

Yearbook: This year's pictures are accruing and no other changes to date.

Program Book: Committee met last month. The Ad form is available at all Booster meetings and online. 100.00 in ad sales earns a free yearbook.

Concessions: Although historically speaking, we saw a decrease in tip profit last week with tip earnings of \$22.75; we also saw historically high tip profit with previous week tip earnings of \$63.07 and \$52.25.

Mark Duffey requested either Booster parent and/or music student concession help on 10-10-10 from 11am-4pm, which Christina is coordinating.

Concession Volunteers still needed on 10-22 and on 11-25 (Turkey Bowl)

Total concession percentage of \$608.82 earned thus far.

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Family Barbeque: Kevin Boghigian reports that 150 people attended the annual family barbeque, which generated \$47.00 in donations.

Restaurant Fundraisers: Next one is 10-26-10, from 4-10pm at Texas Road House, which earns the Boosters 10% and also provides a raffle table at and a \$30.00 gift card for The Texas Road House. Donna mentioned adding a NHSS Music Dept. water bottle and t-shirt to the raffle. Donna will also request permission to advertise our craft fair via flyers on the raffle table. If so, Eileen proposed that we list all of our events on the flyer and add a coupon for a free page of penny sale tickets at the fair.

In considering the busy-ness of restaurants and the DW Highway area during the Holiday season, the Boosters decided to continue restaurant fundraising efforts during that time.

Unfinished Business

Phil Kasten: Last month The Boosters approved spending up to \$300.00 for a music/PA system for use at music events. Phil purchased a system for \$160.00; necessary cables were generously provided by Phil's friend but a stand for this unit is still needed. Phil is working on potential donations from Ted Heberts.

Advertising in the Booster Newsletter: Membership discussed the differences between advertising for businesses and advertising for private sellers. The Booster website will be fitted with a new Market Place Section, with design and intent to serve various selling and purchasing needs of music families.

No New Business

Miscellaneous:

Friends of a late and former Nashua High School music student will hold a benefit at Martha's Exchange Restaurant on 10-22-10, with all proceeds going directly to the Music Department. Because at the time of this student's attendance, Nashua had just one high school, Mr. Courounis believes that the proceeds from this benefit should be divided equally among Nashua South's and Nashua North's Music Departments. With that, NHSS Music Boosters will generate a check equating 50% of the proceeds to be paid to Nashua North's Music Department.

Carolyn Kasten signed up for "smug mug" in late August 2010, but is hesitant to send the link booster wide; if you have music event pictures to share, please approach Carolyn. Please note, chorus student/event pictures are greatly needed.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 9:05 pm by Gary DePaolo, with the motion seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 7:00pm in the NHSS Career Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams, Secretary
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