

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Minutes
October 4, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Kasten, Kevin Boghigian, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Kristen Madden, Karen Martin, Sue DUBY, Barbara Burns, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Joanne Lake, Jim Kelly, Deb Dufresne, Barbara Griffey, Lori Katsiaficas, Rosa Parsons, John Parsons, Phil Kasten

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER BOOSTER MINUTES:

Motion made by Eileen Hirsch and seconded by Lori Katsiaficas

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Welcome to new members. Introductions made by all members present.

Music Department Halloween Party will be on Saturday Oct. 29th from 7-10:30 pm in the NHSS cafeteria.

Things are moving along well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GIVEN BY CAROLYN KASTEN FOR CHRISTINA HUMBER AND PATTY BRAULT

Reviewed profit and loss statement for September.

Approval of September 2011 Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Kevin Boghigian and seconded by Debbie Dufresne.

Presented 2011-2012 Budget. Amounts are approximate based on past trip years. An explanation was given of what Booster income versus Student Account money is. Booster income represents what the Boosters are taking in and paying out. Student account money is money earned by students on individual fundraisers that stays in an account for them to be used in a trip year.

Based on this proposed budget, the Net Income is projected to be \$12,430.00. An addendum needs to be added for the \$8,500 coat expense that will be incurred for the coats ordered to wear over the marching band uniforms.

Approval of 2011-2012 Budget:

Motion made by Eileen Hirsch to approve with the addendum of the \$8,500 expense for coats and was seconded by Gary DePaolo.

Parents should be watching for a spreadsheet to arrive by e-mail soon with detailed information about each student's trip account. We are still waiting on some e-mail addresses to get this out.

A concern has been raised by the treasurers about the vast amount of checks that come in for fundraisers on a trip year. The net result is many bounced checks that are very often from customers of our students that are very hard to track down. We charge a \$15 fee for a bounced check, but the inability to get these funds recouped results in approximately \$500 lost by the Boosters each year. A suggestion was made by the treasurers to accept only one consolidated check from each student for each fundraiser – they would collect cash or checks made out to them for items and then write one check to the Boosters. After much discussion among the members present, it was determined that this might be a problem for some students trying to sell items. The solution for now is to strongly suggest that fundraisers be paid for with one check, but not require it. Eileen will stress this in the paperwork going out with the fundraisers and Tony will encourage students to do it this way when possible.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Asked for any questions regarding the fundraising schedule handed out at the trip meeting.

Reminder that the Sell Your Gold Party will be Friday Oct. 21st at 6:30. This event will take place at the clubhouse at Westgate Village. They very generously waived the fee for use of the room. Thanks to Joanne Lake for arranging this.

Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser will take place Oct. 29th from 8am-10am. Forms will be going home this week. Students will be needed to volunteer to serve at this event.

Review of our current Home Based Business policy. There was a lot of discussion as to whether or not we should amend this policy. A decision was made to leave it as is for now.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: ANN PETERS

We currently have 93 members. If anyone needs to fill out a membership form, they can see Ann or go online to renew membership. This must be done every year. If you are not sure if you did this, check with Ann and she will let you know if you are on this year's list.

DIRECTORS REPORT (TONY COUROUTIS):

Reporting for Mrs. Santerre – Jazz Choir tryout results have been posted. Concert Choir students need to turn in their \$20 to order polo shirts by Thurs. She is looking for parents to help with fitting the Concert Choir tuxes and gowns on Oct. 18th, 20th, and 24th from 2-3pm.

The trip deadline has been extended to Thurs. by 2:00pm. Chaperones will be decided by the end of the following week.

Thursday's game versus North will be at 7:30pm. Students are to arrive at 5:15pm to be ready to start warm ups at 5:30. A letter will be coming home with detailed information about the Salem Band Show. Students need to arrive at 4:00pm in regular clothes and should bring a coat. The band will be performing at 8:20pm (2nd band after the intermission). Students will eat, watch the first half of the show and then go change for their performance.

The football game on Friday Oct. 28th will be Middle School push up night. Students will arrive early to do a clinic with Middle School students, have pizza for supper, then change and march down for the game. Middle school students will march down with the band and sit with them during the game.

After reviewing the two options for coats to wear over the uniforms, it was decided that the ones from Red Brick (same cost as the other option from Dale) were warmer and more comfortable. They are black and will have screen print on the back with a logo and lettering. They come in a full range of sizes up to 4X. The students will be sized on Thurs. when they have uniforms on before the game. It will only take 2 weeks to get the coats from Red Brick so they should be in just in time for the cold weather.

Spirit Wear (Carolyn Kasten, Robin DePaolo, Lori Katsiafikas): We made \$144 from spirit wear sales at the yard sale, \$128 from sales at the first game, and over \$100 during the preview show at the end of band camp week. Fall spirit wear will arrive tomorrow. The re-order of the drill shirt should be in shortly.

Yard Sale (Carolyn Kasten, Kevin Boghigian): Anyone who picked up signs can get them back to Kevin or bring them to the school to put in the band closet. The students ended up earning \$5.45 per hour for their work that day. The Boosters donated all expenses from that day so that the students could maximize their earnings for the day.

Craft Fair (Ann Peters): The 7th Annual Music Boosters Craft Fair will take place on Nov. 19th from 9-2. So far we have 19 vendor tables reserved and are advertising and soliciting more vendors. Anyone interested in a table can check the web site for forms or contact Ann at petersa@nashuasouthmusic.org. The committee heads have met and will contact volunteers for help in specific areas. Our greatest need right now is donations for the Penny Sale. Examples are unused items that you may want to re-gift, gift baskets, gift cards, etc. A letter is available to use when soliciting donations. Please contact Ann if you would like a copy.

Yearbook (Carolyn Kasten): There is an option to order one on the trip form. By adding this in with the cost of the trip, you won't need to order one at the end of the year. Look for an e-mail later in the year about putting a personal ad to your student in the back of the book.

Program Book (Carolyn Kasten): Forms for advertisements will be going out ASAP.

Restaurant Fundraisers (Carolyn Kasten for Donna Demanche): Applebee's pancake breakfast coming up Saturday Oct. 29th from 8-10am.

BAE Report (Barbara Griffey): Explanation of the program. So far we have 4 definite employees that meet the criteria. We have 4 other possible people that would need to get in the 10 hours of volunteer time before the end of the calendar year. We need 5 people to volunteer for 10 hours each in order to qualify for the \$500 donation.

NEW BUSINESS: The by-laws need to be reviewed and revised. Potential change to be made is the number of board members. If you are interested in helping with this please sign up for the committee.

Also, a committee needs to be created to revise the Scholarship Application. Please sign up for this if you are interested in helping with this revision.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 pm by Barbara Griffey and seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Ann Peters, Secretary
Nashua High School South Music Boosters