

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
September 7, 2010

ATTENDING: Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Christina Humber, Kevin Boghigian, Barbara Griffey, Guy Griffey, Sean Neary, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Deb Defresne, Tracie Brann, Lorraine Alfred, Karen Martin, Lori Katsiaficas, Julie Williams, Diane Duras, Stephanie Duras, Donna Demanche, Patty Brault, Amy Hagen, Jim Kelly, Bob Stepan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES: A motion to accept the August Minutes as posted was made by Eileen Hirsch and seconded by Ann Peters motion passed unanimously.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Carolyn thanks all of the band camp volunteers for their hard work in making camp a success again this year.

A special Thank You goes to Tina Sawyer; she is the dedicated parent volunteer that took on extensive band uniform repairs and special sizing orders required this year.

Membership voted and approved a special gift card purchase for the upcoming month; motion made by Ann Peters and seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

2. DIRECTORS' REPORTS: SOPHIA SANTERRE:

The Chorale Department is in good shape this year with 75 students comprising the Freshman Choir, 95 comprising Chorale and 45 comprising Concert Choir, out of which 5 students also participate in Band.

Ms. Santerre is working on two changes: 1) Creating a Performance Calendar using Google to provide greater access to event scheduling for parents that is updated throughout the school year.

2) In conjunction with the typical Santa Fund and Spring Concert, a concert has been added to March 2011 agenda in celebration of "Music in Schools Month". This is a special performance designed for students that demonstrate a specific "readiness", that is determined by his or her music teacher.

Current Performance Schedule:

Santa Fund 12-15 & 12-16
Spring May 26, 2011
March 3-16 (Snowday' 3-17)

The Concert Choir will travel to Baltimore, Maryland from March 31- April 3, 2011 for participation in a competition hosted by the "National Music Educators" Conference. This is a highly selective event and the NHSS Concert Choir is currently the only group from the East Coast currently chosen for competition. In addition to their participation in the musical competition, NHSS Concert Choir has the opportunity to view exhibits and different instruments while at the conference in Maryland.

There is a mandatory Concert Choir Parent meeting immediately following the NHSS Open House; the meeting will include information pertaining to this trip such as expected cost, travel itinerary and lodging.

UNIFORM CHANGES: Freshman Choir and Chorale students must wear floor length black skirts or long pants with Black shirts.

The Concert Choir Gowns and Tuxedos are reportedly 12-25 years old, respectively. With that and in considering the upcoming Concert Choir Performance in Maryland, Ms. Santerre is planning to update these uniforms. 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. Ms. Santerre is approaching the School Department in hope that it will fund 50% of the total cost to update the Concert Choir Uniform.

Sean Neary motions that the Boosters cover 50% of the total Concert Choir Uniform cost of \$1,500.00. Eileen Hirsch motions that the Boosters cover 100% of Concert Choir Uniform cost of \$3,000.00. Robin Depaolo moves to motion that the Boosters revisit this next month: Motion seconded by Debbie Dufresne.

MR. COUROUTIS:

Mr. Courounis reiterates that band uniforms are 12-13 years old. It was previously necessary to add to the total number of band uniforms, which was significantly costly. It was still difficult to appropriately size students this year with the band uniform selection. Not only are the uniforms fairly worn out, but we also needed a significant amount of larger sizes than what is on hand. It is costly to order individual uniforms when compared to ordering in bulk. In considering all of this, Mr. Courounis is creating a proposal for new band uniforms with a new design. Additionally, unlike current band uniforms that require costly dry-cleaning (\$8 per uniform), the new uniforms will be machine washable and made of a more durable poly-blend material; current estimated cost of new band uniforms is \$45,000.

The band grew this year and Mr. Courounis hopes to maintain 2 Jazz Band Ensembles this year.

Concert Band Uniform: Long or Short sleeved black, collared shirt with floor length skirt or slacks for girls and white collared shirt with black pants for boys.

3. TREASURERS' REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER & PATTY BRAULT

Christina and Patty provided a print-out example of two existing ways of printing the treasurer's report for monthly meetings. Although both examples provide the same information, one format is more complex in providing the smaller details. The consensus among those present was in favor of the shorter form; motion to accept the shorter format made by Bob Stepan- Motion seconded by Barbara Griffey. Those that want a longer form can e-mail Christina or Patty prior to the meeting.

Reiterating from last month's meeting, treasurer's note that "Office" is a new category on the report and includes all paper supplies, making the category a bit more consolidated.

When we look at Profit vs. Loss, we need to consider two additional variables: 1) What we were aiming for to start with and 2) Is this a trip year, which has a significant effect on fundraising efforts.

An effort was made to separate out Student vs. Booster expenses on the current form.

*Please note:

- Donations listed include BAE, but not restaurant fundraisers.
- Jazz All State amount is \$0 because NHSS is not hosting this year.
- \$2,504.80 is added to the statement to cover cost of extra yearbooks.

DJ Services (i.e. radio/equipment) are always borrowed for use at our parties. Will The Boosters consider purchasing DJ equipment either new or used for future use since it is confirmed that The Boosters do not have access to such equipment through the music department. Estimated cost for said equipment is \$300.00

Sean Neary motioned to accept to add \$300.00 to this budget for this equipment purchase; motion seconded by Tracy Brann.

Ideas to increase scholarship budget from the current \$2,000.00 are on hold for now in considering the expected incurred expense of new music uniforms.

Jazz Allstate and All State student fees will again be partially covered by the Boosters this year. In addition, there are 2 students who are under consideration for All-Eastern.

There is a consistent trend of rising costs to support the Music Department Awards Night, which is consistent with the growing number of music students.

Eileen Hirsch motioned to accept the amended budget: Motion seconded by Phil Kasten

4. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Salsa Fundraiser: Cost \$3/sell \$6 with 19 flavors. Questions regarding price and if too expensive- Possibly 2/\$5 instead. Company states gluten free and offers ingredient lists for consumers. January 10, 2011 is the order deadline for Super Bowl delivery.

Donna Demanche is taking on facilitating Restaurant Fundraising efforts, with the first occurring on 9-30-10.

Current ideas: Chick File, Uno's, Applebee's pancake breakfast

Committee Reports:

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. 3 people are currently soliciting corporate donations. Contact Ann Peters or Julie Williams for any Craft Fair information.

Barnes and Noble: Committee forming to organize the annual café performances on the evening of 12-1-10. Vouchers handed in with purchases throughout the entire day earn % of sales for NHSSMBA. Volunteers needed in all capacities including, help with gift wrapping and serving on the committee.

Spirit Wear: Robin Depaolo

Jackets, sweatshirts, pants, and warm up jackets are on sale in September with name embroidery available.

Robin is always looking for volunteers to help with sales at games and other school events. Currently considering adding water bottles with NHSS Music Logo to items sold. This is an estimated \$200.00-\$300.00 commitment with the 200 bottle minimum order.

Yearbook: Paid, but not started yet

Program Book: Not started yet. A committee is needed and those interested in serving on this committee should contact Carolyn Kasten. \$100.00 in ad sales earns a free yearbook.

Concessions: Percentage of sales for the first night of Stellos Concessions is undetermined at this time; tip earnings of \$63.07 gives the boosters a good start.

Unfinished Business

As of today, 79 people have RSVP'd for the Family Barbeque. Guy Griffey will staff the Booster Table during NHSS Open House.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 9:15 pm, by Gary DePaolo.

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7:00pm in the NHSS Career Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams, Secretary
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