

# Nashua High School South

## Music Boosters Minutes

### September 6, 2011

**ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Kasten, Kevin Boghigian, Donna Demanche, Patty Brault, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Michael Peters, Kristen Madden, Karen Martin, Sue Duby, Barbara Burns, Diane Duras, Stephanie Duras, Carolyn Mahoney, Jim Mahoney, Misty Bates, Bob Vartabedian, Tejas Shroff, Christina Humber, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Joanne Lake, Lori Lerude, Laurie Heskett, Jim Kelly, Deb Dufresne, Carol Weeks, Barbara Griffey, Karl Puder, Lori Katsiaficas, Erin Slocum

**Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Carolyn Kasten.**

#### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST BOOSTER MINUTES:**

Motion made by Eileen Hirsch and seconded by Donna Demanche

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN**

Welcome to new members.

Julie Williams has resigned her position as secretary due to a new job out of town. Ann Peters, former Director at large, has filled the position of Secretary. Boosters also had a need to fill the Ex-Officio spot on the board. Kevin Boghigian, former Director at large, is now the Ex-Officio. With two Director at large positions empty, Donna Demanche and Robin DePaolo have been appointed to fill these spots.

Introduction of the current board to new members: Carolyn Kasten, President; Eileen Hirsch, Vice-President; Patty Brault, Treasurer; Christina Humber, Treasurer; Ann Peters, Secretary; Donna Demanche, Director at large; Robin DePaolo, Director at large; Kevin Boghigian, Ex-Officio.

Acknowledged Diane Duras for the \$250 donation to the Boosters from Walmart that was given in recognition of her volunteerism with the group. Walmart will donate up to \$1,000 per year so Diane has submitted a request for \$250 more for further volunteer hours.

Introduced student liaisons in attendance: Erin Slocum from Concert Choir and Tejas Shroff from Band.

Uniforms arrived during Band Camp week. There are some cosmetic problems with the piping on the uniforms (not uniform across the jackets). There was also a sizing issue for the drum line. The jackets were suppose to come 6 inches bigger to accommodate for their harness, but they did not. Final payment has not been made yet. The company is pledging to make everything right. We are using the jackets for this season and we will deal with issues after marching band season is over. Shakos and plumes look great!

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER AND PATTY BRAULT**

To date we have collected \$44,277.48 for the Uniform Campaign Fund. As of today, the cost of the uniforms has been fully funded in just 6 months. We will continue to accept donations to the uniform fund towards the purchase of rain gear. The Board of Education will recognize the Uniform Campaign Committee members for their efforts at their meeting 09-12-11 at 7:00 pm. Balance of \$22,000 owed to Fruhauf will be paid after all issues are resolved.

Almost \$3,000 was raised at the Silent Auction in August.

The Board is in the process of preparing the budget for 2011-2012. It will be ready for review at the Oct. meeting.

### **Approval of August 2011 Treasurer's Report:**

Motion made by Donna Demanche and seconded by Debbie Dufresne

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: ANN PETERS**

Nothing to report at this time – just started in the position tonight.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH**

Monthly fundraising opportunities have been set up to help the student's raise the \$800 necessary for the music department trip to be announced. Most of the fundraisers provide 40% profit to the students.

**Yard Sale:** To take place Sunday 09-11-11 from 9-2. It costs \$25 to rent a space. This event is well advertised and has had hundreds of shoppers in the past. Signs will be posted around the city. Please consider renting a spot to help your student fund raise for their trip. There will be an option the day of the event to deposit your proceeds directly into your student's trip account.

**Yankee Candle:** 40% profit to the students. Typically a very successful fundraiser. Packets will go home this week.

**Calendar Raffle:** Will take place in Nov. (sales in Oct.) and in Feb. The first \$25 (5 calendars) goes to the boosters to cover the cost of the prizes. After that 100% of the calendar money goes toward the student's account. Many parents like to spend the amount of that month's payment on calendar raffles, which allows the money to go right into their account and provides the opportunity to win some of it back from the calendar.

**Fair Trade Coffee, Teas, Hot Chocolates and Frozen Desserts:** November sales will allow for delivery before the holidays. Orders must be picked up right away since we do not have storage for frozen items. Date will be announced in advance.

**QSP Online Magazine Sale:** Normally this is a booster fundraiser throughout the year. Just for the month of December, students can earn 40% of magazine sales for their student account.

**Salsa and Spice Rubs Combination:** January fundraiser

**Gold Fundraiser:** Booster fundraiser to take place 10-20-11 @ 6:30 pm. We are still looking for an affordable location for this event. Security is an issue and the ability to serve refreshments is necessary. Joanne Lake to look into the club house at Westgate and get back to us.

**Barnes & Noble:** Booster fundraiser. Volunteers needed to gift wrap, greet, etc. Jazz Band, Honors Jazz Band, Small Ensembles and Choral groups to perform. Erin to look for involvement from vocalists in Concert Choir.

The boosters need everyone's involvement to make all of these events successful for the students. Please bring any new ideas you have to Eileen's attention.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT (TONY COUROUTIS):**

**Trip Meeting:** Thursday, 09-08-11 at 6:30 pm. Encouraging all students to attend with at least one parent. There will be lots of information provided and your questions will be answered.

Coffey Music will be holding an instrument rental for younger students on 09-12-11.

First Marching Band performance will be at the football game on 09-17-11 at 1:00 pm. Students need to arrive at 10:15 am due to group photo before the game. Looking forward to seeing the debut of the new uniforms. They will look good with the Color Guard uniforms.

Jazz Band auditions will take place on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are 2:30 to 4:00 for Jazz Band and 4:00 to 6:00 for Honors Jazz Band. Mrs. Santerre will announce Jazz Choir auditions shortly.

The Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> football game versus North has been moved to Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm due to a Jewish Holiday.

Students working very hard on the 80's themed show. Upper classmen are very impressed with the new Freshman.

NHSS student section (jungle) to be moved next to the band (per Lauren Byers) to promote school spirit. Question as to where band parents will sit – will work through it and look at reserving a few rows.

Need accurate e-mail addresses to send out regular band announcements and information.

**Spirit Wear (Carolyn Kasten):** Fall Spirit Wear is available online. Cash orders can be accepted (see Carolyn). E-mail and notices sent to membership about sale. Orders due by 09-13-11. This will allow delivery of items before the North/South game.

There were a few mix-ups with band camp drill shirts. A re-order will be done to get those that are missing and for any others that want them. Thank you to Eileen Hirsch for the art work on the shirts.

Help is needed to work at the spirit wear table during football games. Please contact Robin at [depaolor@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:depaolor@nashuasouthmusic.org) if you are interested. We sell baseball hats, water bottles, t-shirts, sweatshirts, winter hats, and wrist bands at this table.

Starting tonight we also have new cinch bags available for sale at \$10 each.

**Silent Auction (Patty Brault & Donna Demanche):** Took place on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at Boston Billiards. Event raised \$2,881. Goal for next auction would be for more participation in order to make the event bigger. Looking for a new location for next time. Committee members will be needed along with more help in soliciting donations. Looking to schedule while school is still in session. Hope to have more students playing to display the many talented students in the music department. Thank you notes to go out soon.

**Restaurant (Donna Demanche):** Fundraiser that takes place at a different restaurant each month. The boosters get a percentage of sales based on each restaurant's rules.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first one at Uno's (Amherst St.). Fundraiser is all day and a voucher is necessary.

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> there will be an Applebee's pancake breakfast. Tickets will be sold in advance. Students serve breakfast.

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> will be at Texas Roadhouse from 4-10 pm. More info. to follow.

**Yard Sale (Carolyn Kasten):** Preparations are well under way. Currently 15 spots have been rented. People may rent a space right up until the day of the event. If people want to sign up tonight they can and pay the morning of the event. Students are needed to volunteer. They will be paid an hourly rate based on the total amount earned on the day of the event. More adult volunteers needed too.

**Concessions (Christina Humber):** Mark Dudley offered us the opportunity to work concessions for the BG vs. Pinkerton game and we earned approx. \$58 in tips. Thank you to the awesome volunteers. Christina needs all of the people who signed up to work concessions to commit to dates. It is OK to split a shift with someone else if she is notified ahead of time. Volunteers need to arrive at 6:00 pm for a 7:00 pm game, but if you are not committing due to the fact you can't get there until 6:15, don't worry about it. Just let her know and it will work fine. It is a busy job, but lots of fun! If band gets cancelled due to rain and the game is still on, people still need to go work concessions. Please wear a purple shirt to identify yourself when volunteering.

**Craft Fair (Ann Peters):** Craft Fair will be on Sat. 11-19-11 from 9-2. We have several vendors signed up so far, but are looking for more. Anyone who is a crafter or knows someone, is encouraged to sign up for a table. If interested please contact Ann Peters at [petersa@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:petersa@nashuasouthmusic.org). More information to follow.

**Yearbook (Carolyn Kasten):** We received the bill. There will be an option to buy a yearbook with the initial trip payment/deposit. The books are \$25 (sold at cost) and are full color with a lifetime guarantee on binding.

**Program Book (Carolyn Kasten):** Every year we put together a program book that is used for all of the concerts throughout the school year. We are looking for business ads for this book. Forms will be available at the next meeting and will be on our website soon.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

BAE employees are needed in order to receive the donation they make for their employee volunteer hours. We need 5 BAE employees to volunteer for 10 hours each during this calendar year in order to receive a \$500 donation. We will receive a \$250 donation for 3 people. Currently we have Laurie Heskett, John Malboeuf, and Guy Griffey. An e-mail will go out to the membership looking to see if we can find any other employees who have, or are willing to volunteer their time for this donation.

**Raincoats:** Dale (sales rep.) showed Tony, Carolyn and Eileen a couple options.

Option 1: Clear, heavy gage plastic which will keep them dry with a light rain. These cost \$10 each and we would need to order 120 of them. They come in sizes S,M,L,XL.

Option 2: Stadium coat that is thinsulate lined for warmth and will also protect from the rain. They are purple with a white hood (with screen printed logo) that lays flat on the back when not in use. These cost approximately \$65 each (approx. \$7,800 for 120 of them). The hood fits over the shako and the length is about to mid calf.

The coats would be stored at the school and given out for games. Option 2 would benefit in cold weather since under armor is not enough in those situations.

They would take approximately 6-8 weeks to come in when ordered.

Membership discussed whether or not to order. Members requested other bids (3 companies). Carolyn already checked with Red Brick and they do not have access to this type of item. Questions were also raised as to whether or not we could get the current bid discounted, as was done for the uniforms after negotiations. Tony is to check with a few of his colleagues for the cost of their coats.

Membership needs to decide whether to put off this decision or to vote to proceed with the order with a limit of up to a certain amount (providing we get other bids).

A motion was made by Kevin Boghigian to approve up to \$8,500 for stadium coats contingent on three bids (if available). Christina Humber seconded the motion. A vote was taken: 22 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 pm by Gary DePaolo and seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

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

