

Nashua High School South

Music Boosters Minutes

September 4, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Eileen Hirsch, Ann Peters, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Donna Demanche, Michael Peters, Barbara Griffey, Diane Duras, Deb Dufresne, Joanne Lake, Sue DUBY, Bob Stepan, Mary Kelley, Sonia Marsh, Sam O'Clair, Patty Brault, Christina Humber, Adam Boroskas, Tony Courounis, Tara Simard, Barbara Burns, Lori Lerude, Donna Kraus

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

Welcome and introductions of the members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST BOOSTER MINUTES:

Motion made by Eileen Hirsch and seconded by Bob Stepan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROLYN KASTEN

Welcome to Adam Boroskas – new choral director at NHSS.

Thank you to all who helped with Band Camp this year. We are happy to report that there were no sunburns during that very sunny week. It was a very successful week following a busy month of uniform fittings and preparation for the upcoming marching band season. A big thank you to Tina Sawyer for altering over 50 uniforms! When alterations were made, it was discovered that the inside sleeve linings were not closed properly when Fruhauf fixed the uniforms that were sent back. Carolyn spoke to Dale (sales representative) and he is checking with Fruhauf for a solution.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CHRISTINA HUMBER & ROBIN DEPAOLO

Review of Profit and Loss statement for the period from July 1 to August 31st.
Uniforms are paid off.

Approval of August 2012 Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Donna Demanche and seconded by Susan DUBY.

Discussion of preliminary budget for 2012-1013. Scholarship amount represents money already awarded to students in May 2012. This money is already committed to these students. Money for this year's scholarships that will be awarded will be paid from the 2013-2014 budget. We are looking at awarding at least four this year. The final number will be determined in the spring after reviewing the budget at that point.

We will vote on this preliminary budget at the October meeting. There was a question about the line “music department support”. This is for miscellaneous items needed by the music department during the year. Bob Stepan suggested adding a line to the budget to start saving for future big ticket purchases (i.e. uniform fund) so that such a big fundraising campaign does not have to happen next time they are needed. We need to check on the 501c3 rules to see if we can do this.

Membership is asked to review the preliminary budget and e-mail any questions to Christina Humber, Robin DePaolo, and Carolyn Kasten before the next meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT: EILEEN HIRSCH

Review of the fundraising schedule handed out in August. The only change is that the tagging is being moved to the spring, potentially May 4th. We were unable to get the necessary locations on our available date in the fall.

Yankee Candle fundraiser is going home this week.

Reminders were made about our ongoing QSP.com and Amazon.com fundraisers. We need to try to raise awareness of these during the upcoming holiday shopping season.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: ANN PETERS

Please send in your membership forms and volunteer assurance forms. It is necessary for everyone to fill out new forms each year. We currently have 47 members.

Read a thank you note to the membership from Anna Rausa, one of the 2012 scholarship recipients.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: TONY COUROUNIS

This was one of the best band camp weeks ever. There was great weather and it was a great group of students to work with. The section leaders really stepped up and reached out to the incoming freshmen. Taylor Frizzell has done a great job with the color guard in a short amount of time. Thank you to all who helped with band camp and to Joanne Lake for arranging the pool party at the end of band camp.

Jazz band auditions will be September 10th and 11th. There will only be one jazz band this year. The first rehearsal will be on September 20th from 2:30 to 4:30.

Applications for Jazz All State are due by Friday, September 14th. Auditions will be on October 27th at Souhegan High School and the Jazz All State Festival will be February 7th, 8th, 9th at Pinkerton Academy.

Veteran’s Day parade – will check to verify that it is on Sunday, November 11th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: ADAM BOROSKAS

Thank you for the kind welcome. He has just seen each choral group twice so far. There are two freshman choir classes (52 total students). Choral has approximately 80 students and Concert Choir has 35 students. All students have received a handbook and tentative calendar with times to follow.

On October 12th Plymouth State choral students are coming to NHSS to do a clinic with our students. On October 26th the Concert Choir will travel to Keene to sing in the Cantate Choral Festival.

Jazz Choir auditions will be announced soon.

A reminder to students to return their All State applications and checks made out to the school.

Computers are fixed in the midi lab.

Future long range goals (one year or more) are to have gowns and tuxedos for members of each choral group. The gowns would be different ones than the Concert Choir. A suggestion was made to form a committee to look into this.

Spirit Committee (Robin DePaolo and Carolyn Kasten): Fall Spirit Order will be announced next week. All ordering will be done online. Students will receive a notice with a link to order sweatshirts, sweatpants (new design), jackets, and a new limited edition black t-shirt design. At games and events we will sell tote bags, two different cinch bags, stadium blankets, new water bottles, wrist bands, t-shirts, baseball caps and knitted caps. A suggestion was made to create a senior t-shirt for Choral members.

Silent Auction (Donna Demanche): There was a committee meeting before the general meeting tonight. It will be on Saturday, October 20th from 7-10pm. More donations are needed to auction off. Please bring a lottery ticket to the next meeting to create a basket to raffle off at the auction.

Restaurant Fundraisers (Donna Demanche): The first one is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th at Unos in South Nashua all day long. A voucher is needed. October 18th will be at Chile's. November will be at Texas Roadhouse and we will also sell the rolls as a fundraiser that month. In December we are trying to schedule an Applebee's breakfast. Also, a Five Below fundraiser will take place for 2 weeks in December.

Craft Fair (Ann Peters): The fair is on Saturday, November 17th from 9am to 2pm. Registrations are going well. We have approximately 15 tables sold so far. Things are progressing well and there will be a committee meeting next week. Anyone who has a potential vendor, please have them contact me for information.

Concessions (Christina Humber): We have four dates to fill for volunteers at Stellos Stadium during home games. Some have signed up, but many more are needed. We still need 3 more

people for this Friday. A total of 8 people are needed for each game. People can sign up by contacting Christina or signing up through Volunteer Spot.

Yearbook (Carolyn Kasten): They will cost \$25.00 and an order form will be out soon. Ads can be purchased for the back of the book by anyone. It is especially nice for parents of seniors to place an ad for the students.

Unfinished Business: There was a small refund from the bus company due to all of the problems on the trip to Williamsburg. One suggestion was to use this money to treat the music students to lunch and a movie at Chunky's. This could only be done on a week day afternoon and would cost a minimum of \$10.99 per person. This will add up to more than the refund we received. Another suggestion was made to use this refund money to help defray the cost of the Harbor Cruise that is being investigated for the spring. The cruise would cost approximately \$100 per person (including buses). Buses cost \$150 per hour, per bus. We would need them for 5-6 hours. The cruise is \$83 per person with a maximum of 220 people on one deck in the evening.

No resolution was made for use of the refund. Discussion is tabled until a future date.

New Business: Should we do a welcome Open House for new parents? Discussion tabled for a future date. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the Career Center.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 pm by Bob Stepan and seconded by Eileen Hirsch.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Ann Peters, Secretary
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