

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
August 4, 2009**

Attending: Diane Duras, John Malboeuf, Heidi Boghigian, Julie Williams, Karen Martin, Carol Weeks, Pam Rausa, Gary DePaolo, Robin DePaolo, Laurie Heskett, Susan Winkler, Anne Neary, Sean Neary, Eileen Hirsch, Barb Young, Lori Lerude, Sharon Gray, Lori Frizzell, Christina Monaco, Phil Kasten, Christina Humber, Alex Humber, Susan Allen, George Allen, Tom Wendel, Donna Wendel, Kevin Boghigian, Deanna Harvey, Kim Spaziani, Rebecca Gagne, Shailah Gagne, Patty Brault, Cynthia Kelly, Barbara Griffey, Carolyn Kasten.

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

1. Carolyn introduced the Board members to the general membership.
2. Approval of minutes: Motion made by Christina Humber to accept the June minutes, seconded by Kevin Boghigian; motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report: Sharon Gray reiterated that the fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th. There has been a lot of activity due to student trip deposits; there were several bounced checks resulting in bank fees which Sharon is working to recover. High activity is also due to money going out for Awards Night, P.O. Box rental, taxes, last of the calendar raffle winnings, trip deposit and Sunshine Fund. A question was raised about viewing the tax returns; the ID# was given to view them on line. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report made by Lori Lerude; seconded by Kevin Boghigian; motion passed unanimously.
4. Vice-President's / Fundraising report: Christina Humber stated that a fundraising schedule was sent out with the Band packets but is also available on the Music Department's web page. Christina explained the difference between a student account fundraiser and a booster fundraiser. She spoke about the opportunities to volunteer at the concession booth at Stello's Stadium; if you are interested in volunteering at Stello's, please contact Christina at humberc@nashuasouthmusic.org. We have received two checks from Shaw's totaling \$275.94 from their Receipt Rewards Program; the program has changed so please visit the Shaw's website to sign up for the new rewards program. Once again, we have several BAE employees who could bring in \$500 to the Boosters; please contact Laurie Heskett at heskettl@nashuasouthmusic.org to register your hours or for more information. Carolyn brought up the idea of a program book; advertisements would be sold and the books would be printed all at the same time with the individual concert information printed as an insert; Carolyn

has volunteered to chair this committee so please contact her at kastenc@nashuasouthmusic.org if you are interested in helping out.

5. Membership report: Barbara Griffey reported that we have 62 members so far, thanks in large part to the Booster's web site and email address base. As a reminder, a Volunteer Assurance form must be filled out yearly before you can volunteer in any capacity; the form is available by link on the Volunteer Page of the web site.

6. Director's report: Mr. Courounis was at Band rehearsal but wanted to remind all Band members to make sure all of their Band forms are turned in.

7. Spirit report: Due to a variety of reasons, we have decided to use Red Brick for all of our apparel; we expect to enjoy exceptional customer service. We have also contacted our knitter from last year and will be ordering knitted items to sell at football games, concerts, etc.

8. Craft fair: Barb Young reported that everything is falling into place for the 5th annual craft fair. The date is Saturday, November 21 in the school cafeteria and lobby. Many of the past vendors have been contacted. Tables are available for \$35, \$5 extra for a table near an electrical outlet. Vendor form / contract can be found on the Booster web site. This has been a very successful Booster fundraiser in the past with a profit of \$3,000.

9. Yard sale: Barb Young reported that 48 volunteers have signed up so far for the August 22 yard sale (with a rain date of Sunday, August 23). It will be held in the front parking lot of the school from 9am to 2pm. There are 16 requests for spaces so far. Any early bird shoppers can enter at 8:30 for a \$5 donation. There will also be a barbeque, car wash and 50/50 going on at the same time. Signage is being worked on by the students; students who volunteer their time will share in the profits which will go into their account for the Florida trip. Help will be needed that Saturday morning getting the donated items to school. There is a promotional flyer available on the web site.

10. Citrus fund raiser: Lori Lerude reported that the citrus fund raiser will start in late September. The students can realize a 40% profit which can be used for their November trip payment. The city's 3 Middle Schools as well as Nashua North's Music departments will also be participating. It is expected that help will be needed when the product is delivered.

11. Yearbook: Carolyn Kasten reported that last year's yearbook was very successful with a profit of \$600. Next year's book will have 10 more pages to mostly accommodate the Disney trip. Pre-order forms will be available starting in September. If you take any pictures during the year, please consider contributing them; watch the web site for more information on this. And keep in mind that the Music Department's yearbook is only \$25 vs. at least \$68 for the school's year book and you'd be more likely to see your student in the Music Department book!

12. Sunshine Committee: If any of our students are seriously ill or injured, or if any of our members have a death in their family, the Boosters use the Sunshine fund to send some sort of acknowledgement. We sent gifts to 2 of our students this summer (and I am glad to report they are both doing well!). If you know of any of our members needing a little sunshine, please let a Board member know.

13. Unfinished business: Christina Humber reopened the idea of a home-based business web site for one-stop shopping with a portion of the proceeds going to the Boosters. A committee needs to be formed to iron out the details (probably someone who has their own home-based business). If you are interested, please contact Christina at fundraising@nashuasouthmusic.org.

14. New business:

- A proposed 2009-2010 budget will be presented at the September meeting.
- New expenses: Band camp BBQ - \$250; Band camp movie night - \$225; misc. Band camp supplies - \$150; motion to approve expenses made by Barb Young, seconded by Kevin Boghigian; motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Courounis requested the Boosters purchase a new Drum Major podium for \$263.80; this expense was approved by the Board.
- A motion to change the September meeting date to September 8th was made by Lori Lerude and seconded by Sharon Gray; motion passed by majority with 2 abstentions.
- John Malboeuf presented an idea for a poster which would spotlight the seniors in the Music Department; John is a professional photographer and the posters would include photos of the seniors as well as each group's performance schedule. He would also give each senior a poster free of charge. The Booster's by-laws need to be checked to make sure there is no conflict of interest; release forms need to be obtained by John; and the Director's need to give their approval. John will be doing his homework on this and it will be brought up again at our September meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:47 pm by Lori Lerude; seconded by Christina Humber. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
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