

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
December 2, 2008**

Attending: Laurie Heskett, Sharon Gray, Kevin Boghigian, John Malboeuf, Barbara Griffey, Lori Lerude, Alex Humber, Christina Humber, Bonnie Cote, Ann Marie Cotreau, Paula Hedrich, Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Carolyn Kasten.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November's minutes made by Bonnie Cote, seconded by Kevin Boghigian; motion passed.
3. Treasurer's report:
Sharon Gray gave brief explanation of items on report. Net income from the Craft Fair so far is \$1700; there are still a few pending items. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Lori Lerude, seconded by Alex Humber; motion passed.
4. Fundraising report:
 - Christina Humber reported that we have received 4 out of 5 checks from Mark Dudley for Stellos concessions; the first 4 check total \$684.95 and the 5th check will be reported at a later date. Christina wanted to thank all of the volunteers; securing dates this year was spotty and hopefully next year, we will know more in advance. There was a suggestion made that we may get more volunteers if the dates were not South games; opinions went both ways.
 - The Shaw's receipt program package has been received. The Directors will put boxes in the Band room and the Chorus room for the receipts. This is an ongoing program. Please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers. A letter has been sent to Chris's Mailbag requesting receipts from the community. Any personal information on the receipts can be blacked out.
 - Home-based business fundraiser discussion has been tabled until the beginning of the year due to the many fall fundraisers.
 - The Hot Diggity Dog fundraiser at Sam's Club is on hiatus for the winter but will be looked into again in the spring.
 - Calendar raffle sales will take place in April with drawings during the merry month of May.

5. Membership report:

Barbara Griffey reported no new members this past month; we hope to sign up many new parents (especially Chorus) during the Holiday Concerts.

6. Director's reports:

- Mrs. Santerre expressed appreciation for a great start to the year. Thank you also for the financial support for Jesse Parent and Amy St. Louis for All Eastern Honors Choir; Mrs. Santerre gave a brief explanation of how students are chosen for this program. Holiday Concert ticket sales are going well; good response from city officials and Central Office for tickets; assigned seating is on a first come, first served basis and seems to be very successful so far. At least 8 volunteers will be needed each night. Discussion was had in regards to filming the concert and selling copies as a Booster fundraiser; Mrs. Santerre expressed a concern about copyright issues; Phil Kasten will look into this to clarify. **If December 17 is a snow day, there will only be one concert on December 18. There will be no assigned seating and when the auditorium is full, the doors will be closed.**

- Mr. Courounis thanked all of the parent volunteers for all band related chaperoning and volunteering for football games, band camp, uniform fitting, etc. Mr. Courounis apologized for all of the confusion with game cancellations, postponements, etc. Many thanks for the gift he received from the Senior class on Thanksgiving Day; this gift was a small token to mark the end of marching season. There should be 5 or 6 small groups performing at Barnes and Noble Monday evening, December 8; please stop by to support these students. (Mrs. Santerre is hopeful that some concert choir students will come forward now that they have started working on Christmas carols.) On Tuesday, December 9, Fairgrounds Middle School jazz band will be performing at their fundraiser at Barnes and Noble; also performing will be Mr. Courounis, Paul Santerre and Dan O'Donnell; please stop by. New Hampshire All State selections have been made; many congratulations to the following students: Nate Chartier for Jazz Honors Choir, Dan Alberts for Jazz Choir, Christopher Humber and Marjorie Kasten for Band, Carolyn Regula, Ambica Sastry and Anand Sastry for Orchestra, John Adie, Nate Chartier, Shaun Marshall, Jesse Parent, Ashley Perry, Glenn Sweeney and Ruth Wendel for Choir, and Alice Antunes for Women's Choir.

7. Yearbook report:

- Carolyn Kasten reported that we can still receive the preferred pricing until the end of the year, but we must purchase a minimum of 100 books. In addition to an order form being sent home, there will also be a table set up during the Holiday Concerts for orders.

If the minimum order is not met, all money will be returned. Advertising will be sold so that the cost of the yearbook can be kept down.

8. Policy and Procedure report:

- John Malbeouf reported this is still a work in progress; no new procedures submitted.

9. Craft Fair report:

- Reported by Carolyn Kasten for Sue Major. Huge thank you's to the many volunteers. Sue has received excellent vendor feedback; they were especially pleased that all of the vendors were crafters. Raffles were down, probably due to the economy. Thank you to Santa for stepping up at the last minutes. John Malbeouf would like to express to Santa that it was a pleasure working with him.

10. Spirit report:

- Barbara Griffey reported that sales of spirit items are going well. At the Craft Fair, sales totaled \$306. And at the Turkey Bowl, sales totaled \$149. Thank you to Angela Connolly for working the table at the Turkey Bowl. We have reordered some items to be able to sell at the Holiday Concerts. We have plenty of teddy bears and panthers available.

11. Pre-concert Dinner report:

- Lori Lerude and Christina Humber reported that the dinner will be Wednesday, December 17; ticket price has been set at \$6 and orders are due by 12/10. Students will have a chance to enjoy the dinner after the concert. Costco and BJ's have been contacted for donations. The Spartan's Drum Corps is willing to let us use their food truck, but we need to arrange transportation; if anyone has access to a cab/tractor to pull a trailer of this size, please let us know as soon as possible.

12. Barnes and Noble report:

- Reported by Carolyn Kasten for Barb Young. Volunteers are still needed. New this year is cheesecake sampling. The school library will be asked for a wish list. Don't forget your vouchers; maybe make copies of them and hand them out to everyone you know.

13. Nashua Sings:

- Report given by Carolyn Kasten. Nashua Sings will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. We will be selling commemorative t-shirts as a fundraiser. The t-shirt will have the Nashua Sings logo on the front, all of the Nashua schools on the back as well as all of the participating student's names on the back. The Director's have chosen a gold t-shirt

with black lettering. The selling price is still to be determined. A similar t-shirt will also be planned for Nashua Plays. The Boosters will also be selling single carnations so that friends and family may present it to their performers at the end of the evening.

14. Seat Cushions:

- Lori Lerude reported that the Athletic Boosters were approached about the possibility of sharing sales of purple and white blow-up seat cushions. They felt that the only feasible market was at football games. They will discuss the possibility and get back to Lori.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:38 pm by Bonnie Cote, seconded by Lori Lerude.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
NHSSMBA

Happy Holidays to All!