

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
December 1, 2009**

Attending: Barbara Griffey, Carolyn Kasten, Barb Young, Adrienne Marshall, Cathy Ringey, Lori Lerude, Rosa Parsons, Laurie Heskett, Robin DePaolo, Julie Williams, Gary DePaolo, Cindy Kelly, Jim Kelly, Eileen Hirsch, Jill Wood, Tome Wendel, Christina Humber, Rick McCabe, Bob Stepan, Kevin Boghigian.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm by Carolyn Kasten.

1. Approval of November minutes: After an amendment to the Citrus Fundraiser paragraph, a motion was made by Barb Young to accept the November minutes, seconded by Eileen Hirsch; motion passed unanimously.

2. Mrs. Santerre announced the students who made NH All-State: Orchestra: Anand Sastry on violin and Carolyn Regula on Cello; Band: Dalton Ringey; Women's Chorus: Caitlyn Despres, Ashley Perry and Jessica Williams; Mixed Choir: Ruth Wendel (who also made the top soprano score), Amy St. Louis, Taylor Morrow, Connor Vigeant, Dan Alberts, John Cunningham, Connor Humber, Liam Collins, Nathan Utterback and Kristofer Rosentel. Chorus students will be caroling on December 7, 16 and 22 at different locations in the city. Help is still needed for the Holiday Concerts; contact Mrs. Santerre. There is no flight information as of yet for the Florida trip.

3. Mr. Courounis reported that the Chamber All-State Festival will be held on a Saturday in January possibly at Bow High School; the students participating are Ruth Wendel, Dalton Ringey and Anand Sastry. Many thanks to the Boosters for all of their hard work throughout the marching season; despite the weather, the season was very successful. The Barnes & Noble fundraiser on Thursday, December 10 will have many band performing groups.

4. Treasurer's report: Carolyn reported for Sharon Gray that there is a lot of activity on the monthly report due to trip payments and fundraisers. Sharon is currently working on the year-end report. A motion was made by Barb Young to

accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bob Stepan; motion passed unanimously.

5. Vice-President's / Fundraising report: Christina Humber expressed thanks to every Stello's Concession volunteer, especially those who stepped up for the Turkey Bowl; we are waiting for 1 more check and then the final total will be announced. Contact Christina if you would like her to sign you up for the Shaw's fundraiser program; checks are sent quarterly. Because of the Florida trip price increase, a March fundraiser may be necessary; some of the ideas brought to the table include Sees Candy, The Goodies Factory, Fun Pasta Fundraising, gift cards, Niagara Chocolate and year-round magazine subscriptions; this will be discussed again in January unless the Board needs to make a last minute decision.

6. Spirit committee: Barbara Griffey reported that there will mostly likely be a January apparel order with items such as sweatshirts, sweatpants, nylon jackets, etc. A suggestion was made by a student to sell lower priced items such as earrings and key chains at the football games; this suggestion will be looked into.

7. Craft fair: Barb Young reported there is a potential net profit of \$3400; not all of the receipts are in yet and there are still 17 wreaths to sell. The penny sale and vendor raffle was a learning experience, but will be repeated next year. Thank you notes will be sent to all corporate sponsors via The Nashua Telegraph.

8. Citrus fundraiser: Lori Lerude reported that Indian Grove sent an extra 40 lbs of oranges and 40 lbs of grapefruit to cover any damaged fruit. After covering these damages, the extra produce will be given to Law Trucking in appreciation of their help to make this fundraiser successful.

9. Program Book committee: Carolyn Kasten reported that over \$1500 in ads have come in. Ace Printing is charging us a greatly reduced rate, so the Boosters will give them a free ad in the book. We made approximately \$700 in profit.

10. Barnes & Noble fundraiser: Eileen Hirsch reported that there are many performers slated to perform on Thursday, December 10; advertising signs will be posted around the school; vouchers will be give out to the music students. The vouchers can be used at any Barnes & Noble. We do need to reach \$3500 in sales or we may not be invited back next year.

11. Restaurant fundraisers: Cathy Ringey reported that we have made \$104 from our Uno's nights. We should be receiving a check soon from Shorty's. There will be a fundraiser at Pizza Hut on Monday, December 7, from 4pm until 8pm; this includes dine-in or take-out; a voucher must be presented and is available on the Booster's website. Cathy is looking into a Chipotle fundraiser.

12. Modell's fundraiser: Lori Lerude mentioned that she had a problem with the vouchers printed from our website; if you are going to use one of these vouchers, write the barcode number on the voucher; Robin DePaolo will check into this as soon as possible. Robin has a few ideas for distributing vouchers next year.

13. PayPal trip payments: Carolyn reported that our PayPal ability should be up and usable in time for the January payment. There will be a very small user fee assessed for each transaction but this will solve the bounced-check issue and save the Boosters money.

14. Scholarship committee: Carolyn gave a brief overview of this committee's duties: scholarship forms will be available in the Guidance office; the forms, along with an essay, are submitted to the Director's, who black out all of the identifying information; the forms and essays are read and voted on by the committee. Monies are given during the 2nd semester of the freshman year. Forms and essays are due at the beginning of May and the scholarships are announced at the awards night.

15. Luau party: Carolyn said plans are under way for the second annual Luau party; the Nashua North music department will once again be invited. The tentative date for the Luau is January 22.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:05pm by Bob Stepan. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7pm in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
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