

**Nashua High School South  
Music Boosters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
February 3, 2009**

Attending: Phil Kasten, Guy Griffey, Cathy Ringey, Lori Lerude, Sharon Gray, Barbara Griffey, Carolyn Kasten, Paula Hedrich, Christina Humber, Bob Stepan, Bonnie Cote.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Carolyn Kasten.
2. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve January's minutes made by Paula Hedrich, seconded by Lori Lerude; motion passed.
3. Treasurer's report: Sharon Gray reported that there has been a lot of income recently due in large part to yearbook orders. The last of the Stello's concession money has come in. The yearbook order has been paid in full; this allowed us a 20% discount on the total cost. Two scholarship invoices have been received recently and will be paid soon. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Lori Lerude, seconded by Cathy Ringey; motion passed.
4. Vice President's / Fund Raising report: Another \$3700 in Shaw's receipts have been received anonymously; Christina Humber reported that she has now received enough Shaw's receipts to send in the first batch; we should receive back 1% of eligible sales. The Chorus room container was full; the Band room container (which was in Mr. Courounis's office) had very few receipts; Christina will ask Christopher and Connor to place the container in a more visible spot in the Band room. A thank-you note will be sent to the Telegraph for publication to express our appreciation to our anonymous donors.
5. Secretary's / Membership report: A note from Christopher Humber was received thanking the Boosters for paying a portion of his All-State Festival fee. Christopher also encouraged us to "keep up the great work!!!"
6. Director's Reports: Neither Mrs. Santerre nor Mr. Courounis were able to attend this evening's meeting due to senior class play rehearsals. On their behalf, Carolyn reported that today, February 2 was the first ever elementary school push-up day and tomorrow, February 3 will be 8<sup>th</sup> grade push-up day for band and chorus students; another push-up day for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and a push-up evening for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be scheduled for May. This weekend is the NH Jazz All-State festival; Dan Alberts and Nate Chartier will be

participating; many thanks for the financial support for these individuals to participate. Concert band and marching band are back together; the Board of Education decided to put band back the way it used to be; the district's music faculty feel this decision is in the best interest of the students and the music program. Nashua Sings is Wednesday, February 11 with a snow date of Thursday, February 12; help is needed with ticket sales, programs, ushering and feeding our middle school students; please contact Mrs. Santerre. The jazz band and jazz choir will be performing at Empty Bowl on Wednesday, February 18.

7. Spirit Committee: Carolyn reported that the Nashua Sings t-shirts have been ordered; we received pre-orders for 146 shirts at \$10 each; we did order a few extras to be sold the night of the concert; there is a total potential profit of \$620.00; single carnations with ribbon will be sold at Nashua Sings for \$1 each with a potential profit of \$40. A February apparel order was discussed with possibly t-shirts, sweatshirts, Capri sweatpants, windbreaker; possibly send order forms home right after February vacation.
8. Yearbook Committee: Carolyn reported that we have ordered 100 yearbooks; by paying in full by January 15<sup>th</sup>, we saved 20%; the software for creating the yearbook is in hand and seems pretty easy to use; Entourage will design the cover; advertising is slow so far; we have a ton of candid photos and are now looking for volunteers to take a page in the yearbook and do the design and layout with the easy software provided to us; multiple copies of software is not a problem. 50 yearbooks have been pre-ordered, but we still need to sell 30 more to break even.
9. Citrus Fundraiser: Lori Lerude did a presentation at the district's music teacher's quarterly meeting; the music teachers must let us know by the beginning of April if they are interested in this fundraiser; if there is enough interest, Sophia will approach administration for approval. Profits to Nashua South from the sales from the other schools will vary; projected delivery date is the first half of December.
10. Scholarship Committee: Bonnie Cote reported that the committee members are Bonnie Cote, Barbara Griffey, Cathy Ringey, Barb Young and John Malboeuf; the forms are in Guidance and are due May 6, 2009; suggestion was made to add the form to the website as well as a link in the newsletter; the committee will meet after May 6, 2009.
11. Pizzeria Uno and Shorty's Fundraisers: Cathy Ringey reported that \$40 was raised at the first Uno's night despite the bad weather; a check from Shorty's usually takes 4-6 weeks and will hopefully be in by the next booster meeting; possibly schedule 2 more Shorty's dates.

12. Luau Party: Carolyn reported that North music students, faculty and parents have been invited and we are expecting 60 North students; set up starts at 5pm with a few of our students decorating; ID's will be required at the door; Angela Connolly is once again providing some awesome door prizes courtesy of Clear Channel; refreshments of cookies and water are to be donated by parents; DJ's extraordinaire Will Hedrich and Derek Byron will provide the music.

13. New Business:

Nomination Committee: Carolyn reported that our bylaws require us to form a Nomination Committee in March made up of 3 volunteers from the Booster membership. The duties are: make notice to the membership by email that elections are occurring and ask for nominations for the 6 Board positions available; ask potential interested members to run for positions; compile a list of nominees for each open position and present those lists at the April meeting for elections. You may sit on the committee if you are running for a position; you must be a booster member in order to run for a position. Please email [BOD@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:BOD@nashuasouthmusic.org) if you are interested in serving on the nomination committee.

Awards night costs: Bob Stepan made a sample of an awards plaque; he estimates the cost of the plaque with personalization to be approximately \$1.25 versus \$20.00 each. Options for wording and brass plates was discussed but can be finalized at a later date. Bob is willing to mass produce the plaques, but needs plenty of lead time. The sample, as well as cost comparisons will be presented to Mrs. Santerre and Mr. Courounis.

Carolyn opened a discussion regarding a letter received from a student requesting a monetary contribution to help defray the cost of an Honor Band European concert tour. Carolyn has contacted the Booster's accountant and is waiting to hear if the Booster's can legally contribute to an activity such as this. Discussion will continue when that decision is received.

The pep band (about 17 students) played at January 30<sup>th</sup> varsity basketball game vs. North; seemed to go well; no feedback from the coaches yet.

Open house is tomorrow night, Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>; consensus was that no Music Booster representation on "Main Street" was needed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 9:00pm by Bob Stepan, seconded by Christina Humber. The next Booster meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00pm. Future meeting dates are April 7 (elections), May 5 and June 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Griffey  
Secretary  
NHSSMBA