

**Nashua High School South  
Music Boosters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
February 3, 2010**

Attending: Carolyn Kasten, Ramesh Vaswani, Sarita Vaswani, Cathy Ringey, Ann Peters, Adrienne Marshall, Guy Griffey, Kevin Boghigian, Sean Neary, Gary DePaolo, Jill Wood, Rosa Parsons, Lori Lerude, Julie Williams, Cindy Kelly, Cindy Jacques, Sharon Gray, Rich McCabe, Lori Frizzell, Laurie Heskett, Tom Wendel, Barb Young, Phil Kasten, Bob Stepan, Barbara Griffey.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

1. Approval of January minutes: A motion was made by Sean Neary to accept the January minutes, seconded by Ann Peters; motion passed unanimously.

2. President's Report: Carolyn thanked everyone for once again making the Luau party a success. About 90 kids attended, including some students from North. Special thanks to Phil Kasten who DJ'ed and Margo Utterback who donated the grass skirts for the tables.

3. Recap of the Board of Education's public session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010: Freshman and sophomore credits would be cut to 7 per year with mandated study halls. Two resource officers will be cut from the high schools. Mrs. Santerre proposed several options which would allow students to still take music class instead of the study hall with no added cost to the district but they have not had any signs approval so far. Parents must raise their voices so the BOE will consider this change. Music is a sequential learning experience which cannot be easily picked up in the Junior year. If the music parents wrote letters to the BOE, the city's Aldermen, the school principals, etc., we could make change. Letters can also be sent to the Nashua Telegraph for publication. It could also be quite powerful for our music students to let their voices and concerns be heard. Lots of ideas, more information to follow.

4. Treasurer's Report: Sharon Gray presented the income/expense report for January. A motion was made by Sean Neary to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Adrienne Marshall; motion passed unanimously.

5. Vice President's / Fundraising Report: Carolyn reported for Christina Humber that the Genevieve's frozen food order is in. March raffle calendars are now being sold; this will be the final fundraiser for the year.

6. Director's Report: Mr. Courounis would like to remind everyone that the Jazz Band and Honor's Band have 3 performances this month: Souhegan Jazz Night on February 12; Push-up Day on February 16; and Empty Bowls on February 16.

7. By-laws Committee: Bob Stepan discussed the proposal to add a second

Treasurer position; the duties and how they are assigned would be approved by the Board. Some changes have been made to the current by-laws to make the wording more consistent. A tie vote breaker has been defined. A motion to move forward with the By-Laws vote in March was made by Sean Neary and seconded by Cathy Ringey; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Spirit Committee: Carolyn Kasten reported that the Nashua Sings commemorative tee shirts -- with over 300 names on the back -- will be delivered February 4; extra shirts have been ordered and will be sold the night of the concert as well as carnations; we should see a profit of over \$700 from the tee shirts. Spring apparel forms will go home soon and are also available on the website; there is a commemorative Disney tee shirt also available on the form.

9. Yearbook Committee: Carolyn reported that the yearbook may be purchased using Paypal (with a link on the Booster website). One hundred yearbooks have been pre-purchased. Orders will be due by April vacation.

10. Restaurant Fundraisers: Cathy Ringey reported that we have a check coming from Pizza Hut for \$79 as well as a check from Uno's for \$89.26. There is a Shorty's night on February 4.

11. New Business: Lori Lerude brought up a scheduling conflict on April 6 with both a Booster meeting as well as Nashua Plays; the Booster meeting has been changed to the following night, Wednesday, April 7.

At the March meeting, there will be a vote on the by-laws change; proxy votes will be accepted. Also, a nomination committee must be formed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:53 pm by Lori Lerude. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7 pm in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Griffey  
Secretary  
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