

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
January 4, 2010**

Attending: Eileen Hirsch, Barb Young, Lori Lerude, Guy Griffey, Bob Stepan, Julie Williams, Laurie Heskett, Ann Peters, Gary DePaolo, Robin DePaolo, Cathy Ringey, Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten, Barbara Griffey, Tony Courounis, Sharon Gray.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

1. Approval of December minutes: A motion was made by Bob Stepan to accept the December minutes, seconded by Lori Lerude; motion passed unanimously.
2. President's Report: Carolyn thanked the entire Booster membership for all of their fundraising efforts so far this year. The Boosters have raised more money so far this year than all of last year and all of our bills for the year are paid.
3. Director's Reports: Mr. Courounis thanked all of the Santa Fund Concerts volunteers on behalf of Mrs. Santerre; the first night was close to a sell out and the second night was a sell out; the Music Department was able to donate \$4500 to the Nashua Telegraph Santa Fund. Nashua Sings is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, with a snow date of Thursday, February 11; if you would like to help out, please contact Mrs. Santerre.

Mr. Courounis reported that the Honors Band will be participating in the New Hampshire Band Director Association's festival on Saturday, January 23 at Hollis-Brookline High School; further information will be coming home. On Friday, February 12, the Jazz Band will be participating in the Souhegan Jazz Festival; tickets are \$10 at the door and further information will be coming home. Push-up day for grades 5 and 8 is Tuesday, February 16 with a snow date of Wednesday, February 17. Empty Bowls is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 with a snow date of Thursday, February 18.

4. Spirit Report: Barbara Griffey reported that a profit of \$410 was made so far this year from the sale of spirit items. Spring apparel forms will be available next week.
5. Yearbook Committee: Carolyn reported that the order forms are ready; the cost of the yearbook is \$25 and it is 10 pages longer than last year's. One hundred books have been ordered with an option for a reprint. All ads will be due the beginning of April. If you have pictures that you would like considered for the yearbook, watch for a "Yousendit.com" link on the Booster website.
6. Program Book: Carolyn reported a net profit of \$700. Thank you notes and a sample program book have been sent to all advertisers.
7. Sponsorship Page: Carolyn reported that there is now a link on the Booster's website that contains corporate web sponsor links. The links were sold for \$25 as part of the Program Book ad campaign, and companies can sign on in the future for \$50.00.
8. Barnes & Noble Fundraiser: Eileen Hirsch reported a profit of \$751.88 plus gift-wrapping donations of \$86. We have been invited back for next year with a date of Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Many thanks to all of the volunteers, especially the student musicians.
9. Restaurant Fundraisers: Cathy Ringey reported that a check from Shorty's for \$89 is expected soon. Uno's night is Thursday, January 7. Cathy is waiting to confirm the next date with Pizza Hut. All dates are posted on the Booster's website.
10. Modell's Fundraiser: Robin DePaolo reported that we realized a profit of \$60. It has been recommended that we plan this fundraiser during the back-to-school shopping time. Information and vouchers could be sent out with the Band information packets.
11. Nashua Sings: Carolyn reported that we will again be offering commemorative tee shirts to all participants; the shirts will be maroon with white lettering and will cost \$10; extra shirts will be ordered to be sold the night of the concert; we will also

be selling carnations at the concert. The concert will be held Wednesday, February 10 with a snow date of Thursday, February 11.

12. PayPal trip payments: Phil is still working out the glitches. A link will be posted on the Booster's website when this is ready.

13. Luau party: The date has changed to Friday, January 22. Many of you have already responded about baked goods and water. Nashua North will once again be invited.

14. Treasurer's Report: Sharon has produced the monthly report with a new and improved format. She will also try to come up with a format for fundraisers to see trends and to determine if certain fundraisers are worth repeating in the future. A motion was made by Cathy Ringey to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ann Peters; motion passed unanimously.

15. New Business: Carolyn started a discussion regarding possibly creating a second Treasurer position to share all duties required by that position. There seemed to be 3 options: 1) convert one of the At-Large positions to include Treasurer duties; 2) create a new Treasurer II position, which would necessitate a change to the By-laws; or 3) leave all Board positions as is. A motion was made to hold a vote to convert the At_Large Position to Treasurer II, and then amended to include the three voting options above. The vote was as follows: Convert an At-Large position to include Treasurer duties – 2 votes; Create a new Treasurer II position – 11 votes; No change – 1 vote; Abstention – 1 vote. Motion to create a new Treasurer II position accepted.

16. By-Laws Committee: Bob Stepan will chair this committee; please contact him if you are interested in working on this committee. The new Treasurer position will be added to the By-laws with a General Membership vote to be held in March.

17. BAE Volunteers: Laurie Heskett presented a check to the Boosters in the amount of \$500; this represents the stipend that BAE offers to non-profit organizations when their employees volunteer for that organization. Many thanks

to Sue Major, John Malboeuf, Jim Kelly, Kristin Paradis, Kristin Charlton, George Sawyer, Guy Griffey and of course, Laurie Heskett.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:04 pm by Lori Lerude. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7 pm in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
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