

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
May 5, 2009**

Attending: Christina Humber, Alex Humber, Sharon Gray, Carolyn Kasten, Bonnie Cote, Laurie Heskett, Carol Weeks, Lori Lerude, Barb Young, Bob Stepan, John Malboeuf, Guy Griffey, Phil Kasten, Kevin Boghigian, Barbara Griffey, Tony Courounis, Sophia Santerre.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Carolyn Kasten.

1. Approval of minutes: Motion made by Christina Humber to accept the April minutes, seconded by Guy Griffey; motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's report: Sharon Gray gave a brief explanation of the monthly report; the Misc. item is broken down in the Treasurer's records; motion made by Kevin Boghigian to accept the April Treasurer's report, seconded by Lori Lerude; motion passed unanimously.
 - Sharon reported that she has met with our accountant and our taxes are being prepared and are due to the IRS by May 15.
 - Awards night was discussed. Sharon stated that the spending for last year's Awards night was over budget by about \$600; this was due to the large number of graduating seniors last year. The Directors felt that the budgeted amount of \$1500 should be enough for this year. While acknowledging that Bob's idea to put together the plaques ourselves would save money, the Directors felt that the plaques made by the award company were more in keeping with the tone and tradition that has been set over the years. Mrs. Santerre said that she would do some price shopping to try to find a product that matched the quality at a lower cost. A suggestion was made that Sharon meet with the Directors before any work is done on next year's budget to get an idea of projections for next year.
 - Sharon has also received a tuition bill from James Pater, one of last year's scholarships recipients.

3. Vice-President's / Fundraising report: Christina Humber reported that Angela Connolly presented a Monarch's fundraising opportunity; this would involve game ticket re-sales as well as a National Anthem performance; more details to follow.
 - The Craft Fair has been booked for Saturday, November 21; Sue Major has passed along vendor information; Barb Young has stepped forward to chair the Fair; thank you, Barb.
 - Christina and Lori have decided not to put on the pre-concert dinner for the Spring concert. If another motivated individual would like to step up and gets it going, please let Christina know.
 - The Boosters have received several emails looking for the winners for the calendar raffle. Because of the timing of April vacation, the decision had been made to give the kids

more time to sell calendars and therefore drawings did not start until May 4. As well, from this date forward, Mrs. Santerre will also post the winners on the Booster's calendar.

4. Membership committee report: Bob Stepan reported that the Boosters will have a table at the Upcoming Freshman Orientation night; the event is from 6:30 until 8:00 pm; Barbara Griffey and Sharon Gray will help Bob man the table.

- Barbara Griffey reported on two articles in the Nashua Telegraph – one about Dalton Ringey's selection to perform this summer with The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus. The second article was about Christopher Humber's New Hampshire representation at the 79th annual National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to them both.

5. Director's reports: Mrs. Santerre reported that is has been an extremely busy spring for all Chorus students. Please check the Music Department's website for recaps. Jazz night was a huge success and ideas for next year are already being entertained. Volunteers are needed for the Spring Concert (an email will be sent out); there will be no advanced sales and all seats are general admission; admission prices are \$3 for seniors and students and \$5 for adults; also admission if free for any military member with ID.

- Plans are in the works for a Stanford Larsen Memorial Bench with the dedication on Wednesday, June 3 at 6 pm just prior to the Music Awards night.

- Due to budgetary issues, a music teacher position has been cut from Elm Street Middle School; however, with some creative scheduling, the music groups should be able to meet every day, all year long; select groups will meet after school.

- Mr. Courounis reported that the informational packets for next year have been sent out. The Jazz Band's performance at Souhegan went very well; the Plymouth State concert got great reviews; the Jazz Band will be performing at the District's Recognition banquet on May 20 at Nashua North; on May 23, the Jazz Bands from both South and North will be performing at a fundraiser for Jazzing up the Courtyards at Elm Street auditorium; the Memorial Day parade is on target with a rehearsal on Wednesday, May 13 from 2:30 until 3:30 pm. Band enrollment for next year is up.

- The Directors also discussed next year's Music Department trip to Orlando. The dates of the trip are April 21 – 26, 2010. Some of the highlights include: student cost is \$1065 and chaperone cost is \$785; a non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due by June 5, 2009; trip includes round-trip airfare, 4 nights, meal plan, and theme park admission. There will be a trip meeting in early September.

6. Spirit committee: Barbara reported a total profit of \$430.29 from Nashua Plays tee shirts and flowers. Spring apparel has been delivered. Summer apparel order forms have been sent out with all band packets; we are again offering a tee shirt with a drill design and student name roster on the back as well as shorts with a logo on the front left leg. Barbara also reported that the Boosters have changed vendors; we are now using Red Brick Clothing.

7. Yearbook committee: Carolyn reported that the yearbooks have been received and delivery has started. All yearbooks will be delivered just before the Spring Concert. The accompanying DVD will be delivered when completed. The yearbook received very positive feedback from the members present at the meeting. Carolyn offered that we would receive significant discounts and upgrades if we sign now for next year. A motion was made by Kevin Boghigian to re-sign a contract with Entourage Yearbooks for the 2009-2010 school year Music Department yearbook; seconded by Bonnie Cote. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Scholarship committee: Bonnie Cote reported that 5 applications had been received so far and the committee will meet next week to select the recipients.

9. Year-end DVD: Carolyn reported that only 17 out of 38 baby pictures for the seniors have been received so far. Many emails have been sent out.

10. Web site updates: Phil Kasten has offered to continue as web master for the upcoming school year. Phil also reported that the web site domain host will renew our domain registration for next year. The Boosters have free domain hosting for life.

11. Scholarship guidelines: The Boosters accountant, Renee Lubinski, has reviewed our by-laws and has determined that we cannot give scholarships for other than school-connected student events. We would have to change our by-laws in order to give any other kind of support. Membership decided to leave this issue off the table for now.

12. New Business: The board has had an open position this past year which has now been filled by Bob Stepan. Starting in June, Bob will have the title Director ex-officio. Thank you, Bob, for continuing to offer your expertise to the Boosters.

13. New this month – Christina brought a new fundraising idea to the meeting: Buck-A-Brag, where members pay \$1 to toot their kids' (or their own) horns. Seven dollars were collected; we may do it again next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 9:15 by Bonnie Cote, seconded by Bob Stepan. The next general Booster meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
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