

**Nashua High School South  
Music Boosters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
October 7, 2008**

Attending: Sue Major, Paul Major, Phil Kasten, Carolyn Koss Kasten, Barbara Griffey, Guy Griffey, Diane Duras, Cathy Ringey, Sharon Gray, Cindy Kelly, Jim Kelly, Ray Paul, Laurel Souza, Lori Lerude, Christina Humber, Alex Humber, AnnMarie Cotreau, Barb Young, Lisa Merrill, Laurie Heskett.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Carolyn Kasten.
  
2. Approval of Minutes
  - Laurel Souza requested rewording of the Treasurer's Report to reflect better understanding of funds transfer between the Booster Savings and Checking accounts. Upon further discussion, the report was changed to read "Treasurer corrected the transfer dollar amount from previous month to reflect current month." Motion to accept amended minutes made by Guy Griffey, seconded by Lori Lerude; motion passed.
  
3. Treasurer's report (due to Sharon Gray's case of laryngitis, report given by Carolyn Kasten)
  - Sue Major asked to have craft fair money separated out on future reports.
  - As per last month, treasurer corrected transfer amount and checks written to checking from savings going forward to reflect accurate balance. Revised Treasurer's reports from August and September have been posted.
  
4. Fundraising Report
  - Laurie Heskett reported that BAE will be giving us a \$500 stipend based on the number of hours submitted by our 6 BAE volunteers so far, even though not all 6 have accrued 10 hours. Our wonderful volunteers and their hours are as follows: Guy Griffey \*14 hours\*, Sue Major \*80 hours\*, John Malboeuf \*100 hours\*, Laurie Heskett \*25.6 hours\*, Geoffrey Goodell \*5.6 hours\*, and Jim Kelly \*7.5 hours\*. Huge thanks to all.
  - Christina Humber reported that an application for the Shaw's receipt fundraiser is still in the works. A Barnes and Noble fundraiser date has been set for December 8, 2008; the percentage that comes back to the Boosters applies all day; students will be performing from 6:30pm until 8:00pm; Barb Young has offered to coordinate this event. A hot dog sale at Sam's Club is still being

looked into. Sign-up sheet to form committee for our first annual pre-holiday concert dinner is available. Stello's concessions have proven successful so far; \$234.10 was received from our first night (Bishop Guertin vs. Pinkerton) and \$81.20 was received from the second night (South vs. Central); the second night was supposed to be the Marching Band's first game but the weather was not cooperative; 3 more dates (October 17, November 1 and November 7) have been confirmed; these are all home games for South; sign-up sheets available; you may also email Christina at humberc@nashuasouthmusic.org.

#### 5. Secretary's Report

- Correspondence read from the Nashua Soup Kitchen thanking us for the food donations made after Band camp's Friday Barbecue.
- We are up to 59 Booster members, due in large part to the website and newsletters.
- Lori Lerude asked for a breakdown of chorus/band/both members. We currently have 27 band families, 4 chorus families and 6 families with a student in both band and chorus.

#### 6. Director's Reports

- Sophia Santerre was not able to attend the meeting. She did, however, pass along that the Yankee Candle order was shipped October 3, 2008.
- Tony Courounis also was not able to attend the meeting. He passed along that "All's going well."

#### 7. Music Department Family Barbecue

- Lori Lerude gave a wrap-up report that 118 people were in attendance; a profit of \$424 was largely due to donations by Glaceau Vitamin Water, Stonyfield Farm and Costco.

#### 8. Policies and Procedures

- John Malbeouf was not able to attend the meeting, but passed along that there was nothing new to report. The committee is still open. Templates for reports will be available on the website. Suggestion was made to have John send template to any event chairperson.

#### 9. Craft Fair Report

- Sue Major reported that she had 26 vendors signed up so far with another 6 more probables; 1/4 of those are independent home based business and 1/4 are jewelry crafters; there can only be a maximum of 45 vendors. We will be having ads runs on WSMN radio thanks to Angela Connolly; she is also working on

getting raffle items from the radio station. So far, there are 10 workers signed up. Still need bakers for the cookie walk; several hands went up offering to bake. Sue will talk with Tony and Sophia about possibly getting Music Department kids involved; possibly National Honor Society kids as well; suggestion was made to have some raffles for the kids volunteering. Suggestions made to possibly have student performers and kids activities. Next meeting will be October 15 or 16.

#### 10. Spirit Committee Report

- Barbara Griffey reported that sales of Band Camp items netted a profit of \$87.65. Spirit gift items are now on sale; scarves, hats, mittens, panthers and teddy bears will be available at the home games that the Band attends as well as on line. Winter Spirit apparel is also now available on line.

#### 11. Yearbook Committee Report

- Carolyn discussed the samples and quotes received; the yearbook will contain candid pictures, individual pictures in uniform with instrument and posed group shots, as well as pages for autographs; John Malbeouf will be our volunteer photographer. Because of the possible cost of a hard-cover yearbook, the suggestion was made to pre-order yearbooks only; this would ensure that we had 100 orders before making any commitment; this would need to be done by Christmas in order to allow sufficient time for John to be able to get all necessary pictures. We could order an extra 5 or 10 books. Possibly include baby pictures of the seniors. Books would be ready in time for awards night. Carolyn will ask about post-orders.

#### 12. New Business

- Halloween party discussed by Carolyn Kasten. DJ Geoff (BAE employee and Music Department Barbecue DJ) has agreed to again help us out. Parents needed to donate snacks. This is a good alternative for the Marching Band because the kids will not be dressing up for the November 1 game. Costumes are strongly encouraged, but masks and weapons will not be allowed. This will be a closed event, meaning Music Department students only; students must show their ID and will be checked off on a roster. This event will be held Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 7 to 10 pm in the Nashua South cafeteria. Chaperones are still needed – costume optional!
- Nashua Soup Kitchen food drive during the Holiday concerts. Barbara Griffey will contact Sophia to discuss and plan.
- Fire-drill Caroling explained by Lori Lerude. Need a bus full of singers to go around to different places in Nashua, unload bus, sing 3 songs, load busses and continue on to next location. This event would be a great show of community

spirit and also great PR for the Music Department. The music would be strictly a cappella and holiday themed. There would be a few practices before hand. Lori will contact Sophia to discuss this possibility; she will also contact a parent who may have connections to secure a bus at a reasonable cost; how to pay for the bus still needs to be worked out.

- November meeting – regular meeting night falls on Election Day. Everyone in attendance agreed to meet Wednesday, November 5. Please note – this is a change from what was reported last month due to the fact that there is no school on November 11 (Veteran’s Day).

- Cathy Ringey asked about the possibility of a restaurant fund raiser; she will check a few places.

### 13. Special Presentation by BobbiJane Plummer

- BobbiJane is the parent of a Band student, a Music Booster volunteer and an Arbonne consultant, which is a company that offers a variety of health and wellness products. The students could realize a profit of 35% of sales. BobbiJane would put together a special catalog and all orders would be pre-packaged by student. This presentation brought up the possibility of putting together a listing of Music Department home-based businesses that would be willing to give a percentage of sales back to either the Boosters or the student’s individual accounts. There could also be a link on the web page.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:55pm by Sue Major and seconded by Cathy Ringey.

The next NHSS Music Booster General Membership meeting will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2008 in the Chorale Room (#D1010).

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Griffey  
Secretary  
NHSSMBA