

**Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
October 6, 2009**

Attending: Barb Young, Christina Humber, Sharon Gray, Barbara Griffey, Guy Griffey, Anne Neary, Sean Neary, Lori Katsiaticas, Susan Malboeuf, John Malboeuf, Alex Humber, Eileen Hirsch, Patty Brault, Robin DePaolo, Gary DePaolo, Ann Peters, Cathy Ringey, Lori Lerude, Karen Martin, Christina Monaco, Julie Williams, Rosa Parsons, Kim Spaziani, Tom Wendel, Jim Kelly, Cindy Kelly, Tina Sawyer, Adrienne Marshall, Laurie Heskett, Carolyn Kasten, Phil Kasten.

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Carolyn Kasten.

1. Approval of September minutes: A motion was made by Sean Neary to accept the September minutes, seconded by Barb Young; motion passed unanimously.
2. President's report: Carolyn Kasten thanked Tina Sawyer for taking care of the numerous Band uniform repairs. John and Sue Malboeuf recently entered a drawing sponsored by Miller Photography at a photography trade show; the winner got to choose which nonprofit organization would receive a \$1000 donation from Miller Photography; Sue Malboeuf won and chose to have the money donated to the Boosters – thank you John, Sue and Miller Photography! Carolyn also reported that the Boosters are now on Facebook and Twitter; please check it out.
3. Treasurer's report: Sharon Gray reviewed the monthly activity for the month of September; a motion was made by Cathy Ringey to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Sean Neary; motion passed unanimously.
 - After the membership was given a few minutes to review the annual budget and made two changes, a motion to accept the modified budget was made by Lori Lerude, seconded by Ann Peters; the motion passed unanimously.
4. Vice-President's / Fundraising report: Christina Humber reminded everyone that we are still participating in the Shaw's Reward Program, but you must register on-line; if you have any problems registering, please contact Christina at humberc@nashuasouthmusic.org.
 - Concessions have been very successful so far; we have received 4 checks from Dudley Concessions so far totaling \$394.14. Mark Dudley expressed his appreciation of the Nashua South Music Booster volunteers.

- Home based business: There are plenty of opportunities for the Boosters to support Home Based Businesses but we need to be very careful when the advertising is directed to the students. Any donation would be gladly accepted but it cannot be in the form of a fundraiser through the Boosters. We want to support our members with Home Based Businesses but the fundraising calendar is full this year. There will be an area at the Craft Fair dedicated to Home Based Businesses. The membership has decided to put the following policy into place:

“The NHSSMBA supports Home Based Business (HBB) owners by offering them the opportunity to advertise through the organization in several ways: the Music Department program book, the Music Booster website sponsor page, donations to the Booster organization, participation in the NHSSMBA Craft Fair, and mention in the Music Department Yearbook. In addition, the NHSS Music Boosters will not allow the marketing of any products or services to or via the students at any Music Booster event, function, or through the distribution of materials. Businesses are welcome to donate products or services to the Boosters for the benefit of the students, but all products will be passed along at the organization’s discretion, and cannot be done with the intent to market or sell products or services. This policy was approved by the membership of the NHSSMBA on 10/6/09, and will be revisited as needed.”

A motion was made by Patty Brault to accept this policy; it was seconded by Robin DePaolo. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Membership report: Barbara Griffey reported that the NHSSMBA has reached a milestone – we now have over 100 members! Carolyn Kasten read a list of some of the activities we have been involved in as well as some of the corporate donations we have been able to acquire because of our growing membership: interactive web site and online sign-ups, newsletter, student Halloween party, student luau party, All-State financial support, Music Department yearbook, yard sale, program book, citrus fundraiser, Facebook group, Nashua Sings and Nashua Plays commemorative tee shirts and flowers, commemorative band drill tee shirts, family barbeque, and movie night. Corporate donations include BAE, Stonyfield yogurt, Costco, Panera, Wal-Mart, Dunkin Donuts, Kayem, John Malboeuf Photography, Miller Photography, Clear Channel, Saturn, Coca-Cola and Dream Host.

-- Barbara discussed the importance of the Volunteer Assurance Forms. If you do not have one on file, you will not be allowed to even donate a dozen cookies. If you are not sure if you have turned one in, please contact Barbara at griffeyb@nashuasouthmusic.org.

-- Barbara read a hand-made, hand-crafted thank you note from the Marching Band seniors thanking all of the parents and volunteers for their help and support at this year’s band camp.

6. Director’s Reports:

- Mrs. Santerre thanked Kim Spaziani and Tina Crawford for all of their work fitting and repairing all of the Concert Choir outfits. We are just about at the magic number (220) for the

Disney trip. NH Jazz All-State Auditions are Saturday, October 24 at NHSS; please contact Mrs. Santerre if you are interested in volunteering on that day checking in students and tallying scores.

- Mr. Courounis spoke of the upcoming Salem and Dover Band shows; each show starts at 6pm; agendas have been sent home. The middle school push-up day has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24 (details to follow). Concert band should be starting in about 2 weeks. Jazz band auditions were a huge success; there will be 2 – 20 piece ensembles; both groups will participate in Jazz night as well as Empty Bowls.

7. Spirit report: Barbara Griffey reported that knitted hats, scarves, mittens and head warmers have been ordered. The head warmers will be available to the Music Department students for a reduced cost of \$12. Fall apparel order forms are due October 5. A raffle quilt was unveiled; the top of the quilt was made by Barbara Griffey and it was professionally quilted by former Music Department parent Jessie Sweeney; tickets will be available at just about every Music Department event with the drawing at the craft fair on November 21.

8. Yard Sale: Barb Young reported that the final tally, after expenses, is \$3061.97. There were approximately 470 student volunteer hours paid out at \$5 per hour. Approximately \$1415 has been earmarked for the Orlando trip busses. A thank-you note has been submitted to the Telegraph.

9. Craft Fair: Barb Young reported that so far there are 10 confirmed reservations with 8 more expected. There are also reservations for 4 home based businesses. The Telegraph advertising has already paid for itself with the table rentals.

10. Citrus Fundraiser: Lori Lerude reported that this fundraiser will run from October 1 until October 20. Over 1000 packets have been distributed. Delivery is slated for the week before Thanksgiving. Lori is working on obtaining a free truck for storage. Extra order forms will be available on the web site. The Telegraph will publish press releases on Mondays.

11. Yearbook: Carolyn Kasten reported that we are paid in full for this year's order. The order form is available on the Booster's website, as well as an advertising form.

12. Program Book: Carolyn Kasten reported that the program book is coming along. Fliers have been made up and businesses are starting to be contacted. Several different size ads will be available. Carolyn is checking several options for printing. A program book will be included with each yearbook. A motion was made by Sean Neary that if a student sells \$100 in advertising, they will receive a free yearbook; the motion was seconded by Patty Brault and it was passed unanimously.

13. Barnes & Noble: Eileen Hirsch would like to emphasize a Music Café with a side note of a fundraiser. Most of the attendees are family and friends of the Music students so Eileen would like to get more student performers. Gift wrapping will be available and donations accepted. A portion of food and store purchases (with a few exceptions) will be earned by the Boosters. Eileen presented a mock up of advertising posters and Patty Brault offered to donate the cost of the printing.

14. Restaurant fundraisers: Cathy Ringey reminded everyone that an Uno's night will be held Thursday, October 8. A Shorty's fundraiser will be held Thursday, November 5 (details to follow).

15. Halloween party: The second annual Halloween party will be held Friday, October 30 in the cafeteria. North is invited and chaperones are needed as well as baked goods, waters, chips and veggies.

16. Jazz All-State auditions: To be held Saturday, October 24 at South. Volunteers are needed; please contact Patty Brault at braultp@nashuasouthmusic.org.

17. Modell's fundraiser: Robin DePaolo is working on a fundraiser with Modell's. With a required voucher, all purchases would be 10% off; once our total sales reach \$500, we would receive 5% of all purchases. This fundraiser would run for 4 weeks and may start on Black Friday. The voucher can be redeemed at any Modell's in the country. Watch for more details.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:35 by Sean Neary. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7pm, location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
NHSSMBA