

Nashua High School South
Music Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
September 2, 2008

Attending: Donna Higson, Guy Griffey, Cathy Ringey, Bonnie Cote, Lori Lerude, Kevin Boghigian, Paula Hedrich, Carol Weeks, Alex Humber, Christina Humber, Laurie Heskett, Phil Kasten, Cindy Kelly, Ann Marie Cotreau, Sue Major, Barb Young, Bob Stepan, John Malboeuf, Nancy Ossinger, Kim McCabe, Richard McCabe, Sharon Gray, Carolyn Kasten, Barbara Griffey, Margot Utterback, Mrs. Santerre, Mr. Courounis.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Carolyn Kasten.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Santerre asked to change date in item #2 from 2007 to 2008. Motion to accept amended minutes made by Margot Utterback, seconded by Bob Stepan. Motion passed.

3. Fundraising report by Christina Humber

- Student account fundraisers: Yankee Candle fundraiser starts today. Pie and cookie fundraiser in November instead of Boston Coffee Cakes. Discussion whether to run Super Bowl Subs in a non-trip year or do a calendar raffle instead. Christina presented income/expense numbers for Super Bowl Subs and Calendar raffles from previous 4 years. Previous numbers seem to show more interest in calendars. Mrs. Santerre suggested only 1 calendar raffle in a non-trip year; she also mentioned that it is much easier to sell raffle calendars to out-of-town family and friends than subs. Much discussion; motion to run one Calendar Raffle in the spring instead of Super Bowl Subs made by Guy Griffey, seconded by John Malboeuf. Motion passed unanimously.

- Pre-concert dinner discussion: There will be assigned seating for the concerts this year which means there is not the rush to get a good seat; this would mean that families could sit and enjoy their dinner. Because this is the first time the Boosters have attempted, the dinner would probably only be the first night. Suggestions were made on possibilities for the second night. Mrs. Santerre and Mr. Courounis said they would not want the music kids eating before the concert, maybe afterward. A committee still needs to be formed.

- Stellos Concessions: our first date is this Friday, September 5; this is Bishop Guertin's home opener. As of this evening, there are 6 people signed up; suggested number is 8. Our Booster organization gets 15% of the proceeds minus NH State taxes plus all of the tips. We are also signed up for South's home opener which is September 26. Also, we are setting up a table selling Music Spirit items at games that MB&CG are playing. Carolyn spoke with Athletic Booster board Treasurer, she ran it by their Board, it was okayed. John Malboeuf mentioned that he had also spoken with them and they were fine with us selling. We are setting up a table on the left side of the stadium (ABs are on the right), and have agreed to only sell items with "Music" on them.

4. Membership report by Barbara Griffey

There are currently 53 Booster members. That number has a direct correlation to the user-friendly website as well as the Newsletters. We will have a Music Booster table at the Open House on September 10; Mrs. Santerre asked if we could have some Yankee Candle packets

on the table.

5. Directors' reports

- Mrs. Santerre reported that the Yankee Candle fund raiser is on, but they are on notice due to problems in past years; 40% of a student's total order will go directly to their account; all orders are due approximately September 19; when the orders come in, they will be pre-packaged by student. Different chorale groups are going well; there are 84 Chorale members, which is down due to scheduling issues; 60 members in the Freshman Chorus. Mrs. Santerre has 2 students teachers this year. The Music Department website should be updated regularly; please check it often, especially the calendar.

- Mr. Courounis reported that Marching Band summer rehearsals and band camp were very productive; there are approximately 75 Marching Band members including Color Guard; movie night and the Friday barbecue were very successful and enjoyable. Concert band has about 85 members; the percussion section is heavy with 22 members, but Mr. Courounis' student teacher's specialty is percussion. Please watch for Jazz Band audition dates. The Marching Band's first "home game" is Friday, September 26 vs. Manchester Central.

6. Treasurer's report by Sharon Gray

- A few points from the discussion include explanation on a scholarship from 2006-2007 was just recently cashed in; there was a \$100 accounting error (transfer of funds) from the savings account in May that resulted in negative balance (on paper), but account never went negative; funds were transferred on first of September.; left-over student funds get absorbed into the General Booster account if there is no sibling to pass them on to.

- Motion to accept the September Treasurer's report made by Bob Stepan, seconded by Phil Kasten; motion passed unanimously.

7. Band Camp Pizza Night report by Carolyn Kasten

- The Boosters provided pizza, salad and water; parents donated cookies for dessert. There were 14 volunteers. The movie was able to be started sooner than expected because dinner went quicker than expected. The movie shown was "West Side Story" with a "SpongeBob Band Geek" trailer.

8. Band Camp Friday Barbecue report by Barbara Griffey

- Huge thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make everything go so smoothly; many of the volunteers signed up via the website and newsletter; Boosters provided burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and ice; all other food was donated by parents; procedure write-up for future reference to follow.

9. Policies and Procedures report by John Malboeuf

- A few write ups have been received and are being transferred to disc; hope to get more.

10. Craft Fair report by Sue Major

Craft fair will happen Saturday, November 22 from 9 am until 2 pm; 38 vendor letters have been sent out so far with 12 responses; a committee meeting will be scheduled next week.

11. Spirit Committee report by Barbara Griffey

We have sold 54 West Side Story commemorative t-shirts so far; the last date to order is Friday, September 12; order forms are available on the website. We will be selling more items very soon, watch the website.

12. Family Barbecue report by Lori Lerude

Barbecue will be Saturday, September 20, from 11am until 2pm; all students and their families invited; this is a great opportunity to get to know other music parents; there will be a live DJ (at no cost) and volleyball among other things; we have reserved the Saturn grill; ticket prices will be \$5 per ticket with a \$20 family maximum; tickets will be pre-sale only; fliers are going home with ordering information; tickets will also be available at open house; we already have a corporate donation from Vitamin Water.

13. Proposed Booster By-Laws

- By-laws have been posted on the web site for a month; no comments were received. Carolyn asked for any comments, changes, further amendments, or discussion. None of the members present offered discussion. There are currently 53 Booster members; a 20% quorum requires 11 members present to vote; there were 21 members present; a motion to revote on the Proposed By-Laws was made by Bob Stepan and seconded by Phil Kasten; the vote was 20 members for and 1 abstention; a motion was made to accept the Proposed By-Laws by Phil Kasten and seconded by Guy Griffey; the motion passed with 20 in favor, 1 abstention and 2 proxy ballots voting to accept the Proposed By-Laws; motion to accept the Proposed By-Laws passed.

14. Proposed Budget presented by Sharon Gray

- Short explanation of each line; amendments as follows: remove Super Bowl Subs income and expense amounts; motion to pass FY 2008-2009 Proposed Budget as amended made by Christina Humber; seconded by Kevin Boghigian; motion passes unanimously.

15. November meeting

- There is no school Tuesday, November 4th due to elections and no school November 11th due to Veteran's day; it was decided to keep the meeting date of November 4th.

16. Citrus Fundraiser report by Lori Lerude

- Details still being worked out; very high profit percentage; prices comparable to local supermarkets; can be shipped elsewhere for an added cost; company will create a custom website for ordering; possibly do this with South Athletic Boosters or North Music Boosters.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 9pm by Bob Stepan and seconded by Barbara Griffey.

The next NHSS Music Booster General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm in the Chorale room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Griffey
Secretary
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