

**Nashua High School South  
Music Boosters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
September 8, 2009**

Attending: Christina Humber, Barb Young, Lori Lerude, Robert Stepan, Barbara Griffey, Carolyn Kasten, Adrienne Marshall, Gary DePaolo, Robin DePaolo, Susan Winkler, Laurie Heskett, Ann Peters, Carol Weeks, John Malboeuf, Julie Williams, Diane Duras, Kevin Boghigian, Anne Neary, Barbara Hawkins, Cynthia Kelly, Jim Kelly, Donnalynn James, Cathy Ringey, Margot Utterback, John Bachelder, Laurie Bachelder, Patty Brault, Christina Monaco, Rosa Parsons, Jill Wood, Eileen Hirsch, Tina Sawyer, Susan Harding, Tom Wendel.

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

1. Approval of August minutes: After 2 minor name spelling errors, a motion was made by Margot Utterback to accept the August minutes, seconded by Bob Stepan; motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's report: Sharon Gray presented the treasurer's report for the month of August with brief descriptions of the month's highlights. Details of the Yard Sale will be given by Barb Young. A discussion of outstanding bank fees determined that these fees could be tacked on to a student's trip fee and could possibly prevent the student from going on the trip; these fees could also be subtracted from the student's account. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report made by Cathy Ringey, seconded by Gary DePaolo; motion passed unanimously.
3. Vice-President's / Fundraising report: Christina Humber reported that concessions are going well; there are five more dates scheduled and a few openings so if you are interested, contact Christina at [humberc@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:humberc@nashuasouthmusic.org); the first date (which was South's home opener) netted \$44 in tips.
  - Eileen Hirsch stepped forward to chair the Barnes & Noble fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, December 10. This event raised approximately \$500 last year for our organization. More details to follow.
  - The Shaw's Reward Program is an on-going program; please register on their website so that the Boosters may benefit.
  - Cathy Ringey has scheduled a fundraiser at Uno's for Thursday, October 8; watch for more details and the required voucher on the Booster website.
4. Membership report: Barbara Griffey reported that we now have 63 Booster members, with more new sign-ups every week. Christina Humber reported that the Athletic Boosters told their athletic parents what an involved organization the Music Boosters are and how impressed they were with our Yard Sale. A thank-you note was read from Ben Levine, one of the Music Booster Scholarship recipients from last year.

5. Director's reports:

- Mr. Courounis reported that things are going well; the freshman class has melded well with the upper classmen. The band has gone from 74 students last year to 115 students this year. Watch for the date of the Jazz band auditions. All-State and Jazz All-State information is available at [nhmea.org](http://nhmea.org). Thank you to the Boosters for the purchase of a new Drum Major podium. There are plans for several jazz band ensembles; more information to follow.

- Mrs. Santerre reported that there are over 200 students in all of the combined chorale groups. With all of the district's budget problems, the Music Department is trying to cut down on their paper use so Tony and Sophia will be posting a lot of information on the website. The Yankee Candle fundraiser has begun; deadline for turning in orders is September 21. Jazz choir auditions will be September 15 and 22; see Mrs. Santerre to sign up. Nashua South is hosting the Jazz All-State auditions on Saturday, October 24; an email will be sent for volunteers; this is also the same day as the Pinkerton football game at Stellos. Orlando trip: there are 175 students signed up so far; the cost of the trip was based on at least 220 students so the cost may go up \$60; a reminder to chaperones that there is a \$250 deposit due in September; during 4<sup>th</sup> block at the open house, there will be a meeting in the Chorus room for parents who were not able to attend the June meeting or who may have additional questions.

6. Spirit report: Barbara Griffey reported that of the 80 drill tee shirts ordered, there are only 3 left; and of the 42 pairs of shorts ordered, there are 12 left; if you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Barbara at [griffeyb@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:griffeyb@nashuasouthmusic.org). There will be an order for fall merchandise. We are now using Red Brick as our vendor; they will create and print order forms as well as handle direct payments.

7. Yard sale: Barb Young reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> annual yard sale was a huge success! There were 89 student volunteers and 36 spaces rented. The proceeds from the monetary donations, the 50/50 raffle, spirit items and rentals will be earmarked to pay for the airport transportation for the Orlando trip. Proceeds from the car wash, donated items, bake sale and barbeque will be given to the students who volunteered. The total number of volunteer hours (student and parent) will be reported next month. A thank-you note for all corporate donations will appear in the Telegraph.

8. Craft fair: Barb Young reported that plans are under way for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 9am until 2pm. The Craft Fair committee will be meeting soon. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Barb at [youngb@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:youngb@nashuasouthmusic.org).

9. Indian River Citrus fundraiser: Lori Lerude discussed details for this important fundraiser. Orders can be paper or web based. There is a profit of approximately 40%. There are 2 different types of citrus available in 3 different sizes. Shipping is available but is pricey. Delivery is somewhere between November 16 and the 21<sup>st</sup>. Packets will go home on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>. The students are responsible for delivering their orders. Lori hopes to come in to

school and give a presentation to the students. We are running this fundraiser in conjunction with Nashua North and the 3 middle schools, with South receiving administrative fees.

10. Yearbook: Carolyn Kasten reported that we have already signed up to do the yearbook again. There will be more pages this year so that the Disney trip can be included. Order forms will be available soon and the price will be \$25. The committee is figuring the best way for parents to upload pictures for consideration; watch for details.

11. Program Book: Carolyn Kasten reported that we will sell ads for a program book to be distributed at the Santa Fund Concerts, the spring concert and Jazz night. The advertisement portion of the program book will be the same at all events and an insert will be added for the specific event. Parent messages/advertisements are always welcome and the Program Book Committee can even help you create the advertisement. If you are interested in helping with this committee, please contact Carolyn at [kastenc@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:kastenc@nashuasouthmusic.org).

12. Band Camp: Carolyn Kasten reported that over 50 volunteers helped out during the week of Band Camp. This included volunteers for movie/pizza night, the Friday afternoon barbeque, and all of the baked items needed for the different events that week. Also, a huge thank you to Linda Pugliano who volunteered her nursing skills while the Band was out on the field during the very hot and humid mornings.

13. Thank you to Diane Duras for the donation from Wal-Mart for 30 water bottles.

14. Sponsor page: A policy needs to be formed to clarify how the Boosters interact with home-based businesses; one possibility is a link on the Booster website for an annual fee; another is a pay-per-visit fee. Booster family businesses and community businesses should be treated differently. A lot of great ideas, but a committee needs to be formed to set the policy. If you are interested in helping out on this committee, please contact Carolyn Kasten at [kastenc@nashuasouthmusic.org](mailto:kastenc@nashuasouthmusic.org). A motion was made to create a sponsorship page on the website and to add sponsorship page sales to the Program Book sales as an add-on. The motion was made by Sharon Gray and seconded by Phil Kasten; the motion passed unanimously.

15. Last year's Halloween party was so successful, we will do it again this year on Friday, October 30. The costume rules of no masks and no weapons will still apply. Carolyn will check with Nashua North to see if they are interested.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 9:08 pm by Bob Stepan, seconded by Phil Kasten. The next General Booster meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Griffey  
Secretary  
NHSSMBA