

We Believe In Music
North Andover Music Association, Inc.
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Tuesday, February 4, 2015 6:45 p.m.

Attendance: Martin McGrath, Joan Johnston, Kim Hearst, Helen Pickard, Kim Young, Kristine Murphy, Sue Francoeur, Sandra Lheron, Karen Lunny, Justin Smalley

- **Minutes from 1/6/2015 Meeting: Approved**
- **Treasurer's Report (Kim Hearst)**
 - Current bank account balance: \$22, 339.67
 - At this point there is a \$2,735.55 surplus for the year.
 - Treasurer's report: Accepted.
- **Band Update (Justin)**
 - Justin reviewed upcoming events list.
 - Justin and Sara have completed their interviews with Brian Fraser (NA CAM).
 - All State Audition – Kunal Gala has been accepted to the All State Festival.
 - Junior District Auditions: Three freshman chorus students and one band student have been accepted to the All State Festival.
 - Jazz night (5/14): Mike Tucker, tenor sax player, will be there and will hold a clinic. Baked goods and water might be available for sale at this event.
 - Band uniforms: Discussion about getting new band uniforms.
 - Justin estimates that uniforms cost ~\$400 each.
 - There would need to be a long-term plan (3 years) to make this happen.
 - Need to find out if the school would provide any funds.
 - A company exists that we could work with that designs prototypes.
 - Helen proposed that we create a sub-committee to start an exploratory investigation. Questions to investigate: Do we need new uniforms (what is the condition of existing uniforms)? If so, by when? What are our options? Etc.
 - There are no large purchase items on the horizon.
 - A discussion about next year's band trip will probably start after April vacation.
- **Scarves**
 - All seventeen remaining scarves sold at the NAMS concert on January 14 and 15.
 - A total of \$1,020 was raised through the scarf sales.
 - Next year we might explore selling blankets or hats.
- **Uniforms**
 - Five uniforms have yet to be returned.
 - Justin will look at the list and ensure that the remaining uniforms are returned.

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- **Board Members for Next Year**
 - Current board members should have the opportunity to try a different position if desired.
 - Discussion about positions that will be opening up next year:
 - Karen is not returning as VP. She would like whoever is going to be the next VP to work on this year's scholarship committee with her.
 - Martin will serve as President next year if no one else wants the position. The NAMA President role is open to current board members only.
 - Names of people who might be interested in a board position next year were mentioned by a few board members.
 - Martin to draft a letter for Meghan to distribute that: explains what the NAMA board is, identifies next year's open positions, and invites all members to the meetings.
 - Discussion about providing better communication regarding upcoming board meetings – let people know that all are welcome to attend. There was a suggestion that Meghan send an email announcing that these meetings happen monthly during the school year and encouraging people with kids in a K-12 music program to attend. Helen noted that the NAMA board meetings are really about high school music programs. We should make sure that is understood.
- **Winter Concert DVD Sales**
 - A total of 12 DVDs were sold.
- **Bertucci's Fundraiser**
 - The following two dates are confirmed:
 - Tuesday, February 10
 - Tuesday, March 10 (day of NAHS visit to NAMS)
- **Whole Foods Fundraiser**
 - Whole Foods offers donations to non-profit organizations. The donation can be monetary or it can consist of food items.
 - Martin has initiated the donation process on behalf of NAMA.
 - Our desired donation type (food or money) is TBD. Possibilities include asking for a gift card to be used to buy food for the August BBQ or a asking for a food basket for the May concert.
- **All-Town Band Concert**
 - Discussion about having the event program include the names of current NAMA contributors as well as a NAMA membership form.
 - Plan to run a 50/50 during this event. The winning ticket will be drawn right before the music starts.
- **Car Wash**
 - Discussion about holding a car wash on 5/16.

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- **NAMA Show on NA CAM**
 - Justin/Sara interviews complete.
 - Brian Fraser would like to interview a board member. Kim Hearst identified as the member to be interviewed.
 - Brian is ready to get some of the kids' groups together and interview them. Perhaps some of the coffee house groups. Record them singing/playing and interview them too.
- **Kittredge School Music Programs (Helen)**
 - Mr. Cushing and Mr. Landry are going to attend the NAMA board meeting in April.
- **Commissioned Piece for All-Town Band Concert**
 - If NAMA ends up in the black at the end of the year, we might consider taking some of the money to have a piece commissioned for the All-Town Band Concert (to be played at the 2016 concert).

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Young

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