

We Believe In Music
North Andover Music Association, Inc.
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Thursday, March 6, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: *Martin McGrath, Karen Lunny, Sandra Lebron, Lisa Vayanos, Dorothy Varga, Helen Pickard, Meghan Iacoviello, Kim Hearst, Meg Gross*

Minutes from February 20, 2014 meeting - Approved

Treasurers Report (Lisa Vayanos) – P&L and Budget vs. Actual data distributed and approved. Bank balance: \$20,113.28. \$7,825 of that is committed. Waiting on calendar check from Rotary.

Band Director's Report (Justin Smalley) – October 4th is confirmed for the fall NESBA event at North Andover. This is a great date because a lot of bands aren't ready for the September dates but will be ready for October. Last year we had 17 bands participate for the October date.

Update on hosting NESBA Winter Percussion Final on March 30:

- Planning meeting held Friday, Feb. 28th.
- Concession donations have been coming in. Justin Smalley continues to remind his students.
- Martin McGrath and Justin Smalley discussed possible warm-up areas; 4 will be needed.
- Kim Hearst has a list of 26 volunteers; 11 are students. 18 more percussion students will be added. She has asked chorus section leaders but not heard back from any. Bruce Durand also has some people who have volunteered directly with him for concessions; she needs to get those names.
- Need to get last fall's volunteer list from Brian Gross.
- A NESBA volunteer meeting will be held; date and time TBD.
- Sign party will be held March 28th to make indoor signage.
- Will need NAMA board volunteers from 3 to 5 on Saturday, March 29th to help Justin with some initial setup activities.

New Business:

- **Congratulations** to Helen Pickard on winning the Pritash Award!
- **Jazz Clinician expenses** – Chris Nelson has contacted a jazz clinician from New York City to work with the students. In addition to the \$500 fee, he requests that NAMA provide \$300 in travel expenses. The Board voted to approve up to \$300 in reimbursement for actual, receipted expenses.
- **Jazz Night** – has been moved to Thursday, May 15th. Helen Pickard will contact Chris Nelson for details so she can publicize the event.
- **NAMA Scholarships** (Karen Lunny) – NAMA scholarship form has been posted in Naviance and publicized by guidance and chorus/band directors. No applications have been received yet; they are due April 1st. Kim Hearst will send Karen the spreadsheet with names of parents who expressed an interest in volunteering on the scholarship committee at the beginning of the year. Meghan noted that there should be representation from chorus parents on the committee and volunteered, and Karen asked if anyone had recommendations for Freshman parents. General discussion was held regarding making sure the committee was formed with people who understood how much effort some of the student activities might involve, for example, Spartans.

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It was also noted that it was the students' responsibility to make sure the application reflected this.

- **New Board Members** – looking for nominations. Meg Gross recommended that Laruen Stone and Laura Biermann might co-chair the chaperone coordinator role. Open positions include: secretary, website, chaperone/volunteer coordinator and fundraising chair. Helen Pickard will ask the middle school teachers for any recommendations.

UNIFORMS

- **Uniform Pickup** is scheduled for March 19th from 5:30 to 6:30, same night as a Disney student/parent meeting which is at 7 p.m. Four to five Board members plan to be there. The plan is to collect uniforms in front of the uniform room. Will need to check off each item in bag and hat numbers; will need several copies of the uniform spreadsheet. Martin McGrath is writing up a note detailing the process. Lisa Vayanos noted that we should make sure to keep unused, clean uniforms separate from the returned ones so they are not sent to the dry cleaner. Someone will need to take collars home to wash.

FUNDRAISING

- **SCRIPS Update** (Jen Goodrow) – Last month was a good one for the program but overall numbers are low. Jen brought up the question of whether it was worthwhile to continue, or if it should be done once or twice a year, or as part of the trip fundraising. She will do one more order this year and then the Board will re-evaluate.
- Pazzo Gelato does a monthly charity fundraiser. Martin McGrath will contact them to see how to participate.
- Meg Gross and Kim Hearst are working to become "Serve Safe" certified.
- Martin McGrath met with Susan at Rotary; she told him our group was the top seller of calendars this year. Rotary is interested in learning more about NAMA.

WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Concern was expressed that people (including board members) are not getting information when it is posted only on the website and Facebook. Email communications are still needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Mar 14 – Mr. North Andover
Mar 19 – NAMS Chorus Concert Tri 2
Mar 30 – NESBA Winter Percussion Finals @ NAHS

April

Apr 5 – MICA Choral Concert in Northboro, MA
Apr 8 – All Town Band Concert
Apr 10-13 – Disney Trip

May

May 15 – Jazz Night
May 21 – NAMS Band Day 1
May 22 – NAMS Band Day 2

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May 29 – Spring Concert

June

June 11 – NAMS Chorus Concert Tri 3

June 13 – Graduation

June 17 – Awards Banquet

June 20 ? – next Coffee House

NEXT NAMA MTG: April 3, 2014 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Iacoviello

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