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**Thursday, May 14, 2014 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:** *Martin McGrath, Karen Lunny, Sandra Lehron, Lisa Vayanos, Dorothy Varga, Helen Pickard, Meghan Iacoviello, Meg Gross, Pam Guerrieo, Joan Johnston, Laura Biermann, Lauren Stone, Sue Francoeur*

**Minutes from March 6, 2104 meeting** – Approved.

**Treasurers Report** (Lisa Vayanos) – P&L and Budget vs. Actual data distributed and approved. Bank balance: \$17,161.68. Upcoming commitments include about \$2500 for scholarships, \$400 additional spending for Awards Banquet and \$1,000 for dry cleaning. Over the summer we will also spend approx. \$900 on Drum Major academy and \$1,400 on summer camp scholarships.

**Old Business:**

**NESBA Winter Percussion Event held March 30th**

- Profit was \$4,371.05.
- We had 79 volunteers, including 40 students. Event went smoothly and NESBA was appreciative of our taking on the event when Dartmouth had to cancel.
- We were asked to bid on the event for next year. After much discussion and after Martin McGrath shared Justin's input, it was decided we would **not** bid. Major discussion points: we cannot commit facilities that far in advance, it's a lot of work when our students do not even participate in NESBA Winter Percussion and we are concerned about "wearing out" our volunteers and donors. We want to focus our efforts on the Fall NESBA event (October 4<sup>th</sup>).

**Disney Trip**

- 186 students, teachers and chaperones participated and there were NO major problems!
- Several NAMA Board Members were there as chaperones. They felt our students were extremely well-behaved and good ambassadors for North Andover. The band/chorus groups combined won four "Superior" Awards, two "Best in Class," a Bronze and Yuri Kim won "Best Accompanist." The entire experience was great and the Awards Ceremony was amazing.
- The School Committee will recognize the Festival Disney awards on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Four students (Rosa Tran, Jess Carroll, Kevin Varga and Yuri Kim) were invited to represent the music department at the School Committee meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Jazz Night** – Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Vayanos says the financial aspects are all set. Helen Pickard sent out information to all community calendars and it is on school and NAMA websites.
- **NAMA College Scholarships** (Karen Lunny) – The scholarship committee met and made selections. Students who won a scholarship will receive an invitation to the school "Scholarship Knight" on June 12<sup>th</sup>, where they will receive a certificate from Martin McGrath and Karen

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Lunny. They will receive their checks later, at the Music Awards Banquet (June 17<sup>th</sup>). The selection committee had some ideas on improving the process and Karen will be putting together proposed changes. She will review them with the committee and then the NAMA board.

- **Summer Scholarships** (Karen Lunny) – Scholarship applications are on the Music Department bulletin board and are due June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was discussion of whether the application mentions that it is only for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Karen went to the board to get a copy and it does not. She will update the form for next year and make a note on the folder where they are located so no seniors mistakenly apply.
- **NAHS Music Department T-shirts** – Justin Smalley asked if NAMA would fund shirts as a gift for Band/Chorus students to hand out at the Awards Banquet. After much discussion, a vote was held and it was agreed to fund up to \$1200 for shirts. Discussion points included: NAMA had already spent more on Disney trip than planned; it was a special year; we want to support the teachers' requests; it is a good idea to have a shirt that is designated for the music department, not just band or chorus. Several members suggested the shirt be generic enough that if the department wanted to get them for future students they could have matching ones (i.e., no reference to year or Disney), but it is up to the teachers how they want to design them and the funding is not dependent on that.
- **NAHS Music Awards Banquet (June 17<sup>th</sup>)** – Karen Lunny reported that plaques are done. Music Pins are in (these will actually be presented the night of the spring concert). There are still some trophies that need to be ordered; Karen needs some names from Sara Durkin. Lisa Vayanos is putting together a list of NAMA accomplishments. We still need to order tablecloths, etc. NAMA Board Senior Parents will be recognized (Lisa Vayanos, Meg Gross, Dorothy Varga, Chris, Martin McGrath, Chris Colford).
- **New Board Members** – A number of new volunteers are stepping forward to replace the parents of graduating seniors. Kim Hearst (Treasurer), Joan Johnston (Membership Chair) and Laura Biermann and Lauren Stone (Co-chairs for Chaperones/Volunteers). Meghan Iacoviello has offered to take on the Website if nobody else steps forward, in the hopes that someone will take her old role as secretary as an “easy” entrée to the group. If not, she will do both until another volunteer is found. Susan Francoeur will take on the Middle School volunteer/liaison role that Helen Pickard has been handling (this is not an official “board” role at present but as Helen has developed it, it has filled a large need). **A Fundraising Chairperson is still needed!**
- Motion was made and approved to add an additional \$100 for the “Professional” line of the budget.

## UNIFORMS

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- 4 uniforms are still missing. Pam Guerrieo has sent multiple e-mails; she will call the students and then may ask Justin Smalley for assistance.
- 94 uniforms were collected and are now at the dry cleaner. They should be back sometime this week. Volunteers will be needed for a “reassembly” day.
- Lisa Vayanos asked Pam to let her know when check was needed.

**FUNDRAISING**

- We will raffle two baskets at the May 29<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert. Meg Gross has some items to put together one basket. Martin McGrath will ask Steve D’Onofrio if he can contribute “This Old House” Items. Lisa Vayanos offered some Polartec blankets. Anyone with basket ideas/contributions please e-mail Meg or Martin.
- NAMA will sell baked goods at the May 29<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert.

**CHAPERONES/VOLUNTEERS**

- Laura Biermann reported that they had recruited six student chaperones to help with the May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Band Days at the Middle School.
- Meg Gross sent out a note today (May 14<sup>th</sup>) asking for adult chaperones for the Memorial Day Parade. At least four Board members plan to be there.
- Per Helen Pickard, need Junior volunteers to support NAMS chorus concert since June 12<sup>th</sup> is also Scholarship Knight for Seniors.

**PUBLICITY**

- Helen Pickard asked Sara Durkin for information to publicize the upcoming Coffee House but has not yet received anything. Martin McGrath will ask Sara the next time he is at the school.
- Helen Pickard noted that Justin Smalley had done a press release for the local papers (Eagle Tribune and North Andover Citizen) but they had not yet picked up the story. She will continue to ask them about it.
- The recent e-mail from the Superintendent highlighted the Disney trip and awards.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 15 – Jazz Night

May 21 – NAMS Band Day 1

May 22 – NAMS Band Day 2

May 29 – Spring Concert

June 6 – Spring Coffee House

June 12 – NAMS Chorus Concert Tri 3

June 12 – Scholarship Knight

June 13 – Graduation

June 17 – NAHS Music Awards Banquet

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Oct 4 – NESBA hosted at NAHS

**NEXT NAMA MTG:** June 17<sup>th</sup> (as part of the Banquet)

**Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meghan Iacoviello

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