

We Believe In Music
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Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Kristine Murphy, Kim Hearst, Nancy Koorapaty, Lauren Stone, Senay Abbay, Kim Marroni, Mark Bohrer, Martin McGrath, Alex Mezzina, Sue Francoeur, Debbie Bohrer

Minutes from 6/16/2015 Meeting: Approved with changes

Treasurer's Report (Kim H.)

- Current balance in checking account: \$14,098
- Encumbrances include:
 - \$1500 for All Town Band piece,
 - \$300 scholarships not yet paid out and
 - \$500 Elementary Band donation.
- This is \$3000 more than last year. There was discussion that last year we had a \$2000 deficit because of increased expenses and donations from NAMA

Band/Chorus Director's Report (Delivered by Kim H.)

- The summer Coffee House will be held Thursday August 13 from 5:00 – 8:00 on the Town Common. Sara will run this event.
- Chorus Camp will be held on August 26th and 27th from 10:00 – 1:00
 - Sara has asked that NAMA provide help with distribution of uniforms at some point during Chorus Camp.
- In general, Sara has requested help from NAMA with providing chaperones for various activities throughout the year. Chaperone coordinators will help make this happen.
- North Andover will host the Tri-Town Chorus event on April 6, 2016.
 - NAMA will run the show and take a portion of the proceeds from admissions. Will also benefit from sale of concessions, a possible raffle and possibly a program.
- The chorus trip to Providence College will be held in January 2016.
- There was discussion about the cost of the music department trip this year. Kim had discussed with Sara the possibility of adding \$50 to the cost of the trip to help defray the cost for those students unable to afford the trip (in NA, 15% of students qualify for Free and Reduced lunch). Adding \$50 will decrease the amount of fundraising needed from \$23,100 to approx \$13,750. This approach is similar to how other

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organizations handle financial aid for those in need. Sara was relieved that the burden of fundraising will not be as great this year.

- This trip is expected to cost less than previous years.

Old Business:

New Business:

- NAMA will be making a one- time \$500 donation to the elementary band program. Mr Cushing was appreciative.
- Sue Francoeur reported that Andrea Liacos has made some preliminary inquiries into the possibility of getting a new classroom piano because the current piano has had repeated problems with strings breaking and going out of tune easily. There was discussion that the current piano is not very old and we need to investigate why it is not functioning well. Other questions are whether other funding exists to pay for the piano and whether fundraising could be done.

Budget: approved

- The 15-16 NAMA budget was presented by Kim and is posted separately.
 - One additional fundraiser would be an “Adult Prom” event to be held on November 14 at the Stevens estate or the Claddagh.
 - We are still considering starting a future uniform fund.
 - There was discussion about whether we need to provide a pizza party for both the Chorus Camp and the tailgate/football game. We need to talk to Sara about only doing one.
 - NESBA is scheduled for October 3rd @ 4:00 and is at capacity. Need to advertise that we are a “rain or shine” show.
 - NAHS/NAMA hosted the Spartans last weekend. Since we only have to reimburse the custodian \$400, we get to keep \$450 of the \$850 fee they provide.

Upcoming Events:

Coffee House	on the Common	8/13
Band Camp		8/17 – 8/22
Band Camp Parent Info meeting		8/22 @ 9:00
Band Camp BBQ		8/22

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Chorus Camp	8/26 – 27; 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
NAMA Car Wash	9/5
NESBA	10/3

Band Camp –

- There was discussion about the electronic packet of forms and how to obtain email addresses to get the required forms to freshmen. Kim was able to get the email addresses from Chris. Those forms should go out soon. Kim and Alex will check with TJ and/or Justin regarding the progress of the forms.
- Uniform distribution will be scheduled for Thursday or Friday of band camp. Nancy to coordinate with help from volunteers.
- The facility use form is in place for the Band Camp BBQ. Mark will coordinate grills and requests for food. Kristine will explore getting Bubba Burgers.

Car wash –

- Kim will get some reusable signs made.

NESBA -

- We discussed the need to schedule volunteer meetings earlier, and to differentiate between “leadership” meetings and a large informational meeting for those who want to volunteer for that day.
- Leadership needs to begin meeting soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:24

Next Meeting TBD (in August prior to band camp)

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine Murphy

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