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**Tuesday, September 2, 2014 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:** *Martin McGrath, Karen Lunny, Kim Hearst, Sandra Lheron, Helen Pickard, Joan Johnston, Laura Biermann, Sue Francoeur, Kim Young, Chandrika Shah, Meghan Iacoviello, Sara Durkin, Justin Smalley, Paul Guerrieo, Lauren Stone, Sam Lheron*

- **Minutes from 8/19/2014 meeting: Approved**
- **Band president introduction**
  - Sam Lheron introduced himself to the NAMA board and offered his help whenever needed. He promised to provide input from the band if issues arise.
- **Treasurer's Report (Kim Hearst)**
  - Membership donations received: \$1,735. At this time last year \$3,200 had been received.
  - NESBA ad donations received: \$550
  - Car wash donations: \$792
  - Band camp BBQ costs: \$713 (\$750 budgeted)
  - \$300 bill received from Instrumentalist Magazine Awards Store for awards given last year.

**Discussion Items:**

- **NAMA Support**
  - The NAMA information/membership letter will be distributed to all NAMS band students and to the first trimester chorus students soon.
  - For the next school year, there was discussion about making the NAMA letter a mandatory form that must be signed and returned ("Yes, I will support NAMA" or "No, not at this time"). This could prevent it from being an information-type flyer that is disregarded without much consideration due to the high number of papers that come home the first week of school.
  - Chandrika thought it could be worth talking to the Steven's Library about having a small group of kids play during a poetry reading night or a book sale. The kids could have a jar or an open instrument case to procure donations.
  - Helen asked that we make sure that previous NAMA supporters have been or will be contacted via email asking for their continued support for this year.

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- **Chorus Update – Sara Durkin**

- The chorus is larger this year as compared to last year (about 20 more kids total).
- It is very important for the men to have a more formal uniform. When the chorus attends competitions, most (if not all) of the other groups performing at the NA chorus level have tuxedos.

Sara believes that not having mismatched black shirts/different pants, etc. will help the chorus look as great as they sound.

Sara found a supplier who charges \$110 per tux, which is a very good price. Sara spoke with Carla about this. Carla said she could help to fund the new tuxes. The hope is to have the tuxes in time for the Providence College show (11/14).

- More dresses are needed for the chorus girls. According to Sara, last year there were 94 kids in chorus, 60 of them were girls. This year, there are about 110 kids, 85 of them are girls. Last year there were just enough dresses. This year, about 30-35 additional dresses are needed.  
The dresses cost \$60 each. Sara will provide the exact number that is needed at the end of next week.
- Dress fitting and tagging (for tracking purposes) will happen next Thursday (9/11) and Friday (9/12). Kim H. and Meghan I. will assist with this.
- The chorus will be having a car wash/bottle drive on Saturday 9/6 from 9-3 to help fund the Carnegie Hall trip. Adult helpers are needed. Sara asked for the info to be posted to the NAMA website and the NAMA Facebook page.
- Discussion about how to help pay for kids who cannot afford the Carnegie Hall trip. The idea of adding a checkbox on the payment form to (optionally) help assist those kids was considered.
- How much NAMA will be able to support this trip financially depends on the success of the NESBA show.
- Chorus tailgate party will be at 5:00 on 9/19, prior to first football game.

- **Band Items**

- Justin has requested \$4,449 for band instructors. (\$5,000 was budgeted)
- Justin is fine with deferring the purchase of the bass clarinet until later in the school year.
- Travel drum cases are needed. The total cost for these is \$825.  
Motion made to accept this budget request; unanimously passed.
- Justin has requested to hire two guest clinicians – one for wind ensemble and one for symphonic band. The cost is \$200 per clinician. Martin will check with Justin to find out when he will need this money.

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- **Uniform Update – Paul Guerrieo**
  - 91 uniforms distributed, 20 remaining to be distributed.
  - Want to order shoes by the end of the week.
  - Tentative date for distributing remaining uniforms and shoes is 9/16.
- **NESBA Show Planning**
  - Chandrika will be attending the North Andover Merchants Association meeting on 9/3 to request NESBA show support.
  - Next planning meeting is 9/3.
  - 9/16 is the “all hands” general volunteer meeting.
- **Football – First Game 9/19**
  - SignUpGenius.com is going to be used to obtain and manage volunteers.
- **Instrument Truck Rental**
  - Martin is going to talk to Justin about whether he prefers to have the school arrange the rental or for NAMA to do it and be reimbursed.
- **Chorus Camp Pizza**
  - Kim H. paid for pizza for the kids at chorus camp (\$150.32). Motion made to have NAMA reimburse Kim for this; unanimously passed.
  - Helen raised a concern as to whether buying pizza for chorus camp will become an expectation in years to come, as opposed to a ‘one time, nice thing’.  
There was discussion about this being on-par with the kids getting ice cream at band camp.
  - Noted that we need to be careful that money isn’t being spent unnecessarily and that when money is being spent, it benefits the group as a whole.
  - The concern is that if too many things are picked up and continued year after year, it bloats the budget.
- **NEXT NAMA MTG: TBD via email correspondence**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Young

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