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**Tuesday, September 7, 2015 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance: Kristine Murphy, Kim Hearst, Nancy Koorapaty, Lauren Stone, Kim Marroni, Mark Bohrer, Martin McGrath, Lauren Day, Karen Bussell, Debbie Bohrer, Senay Abbay, Alex Mezzina**

**Minutes from 8/18/2015 Meeting:** Approved with discussion about adding action items that can be revisited at subsequent meetings.

**Treasurer's Report (Kim H.)**

- Current balance in checking account: \$20,089.00
  - This reflects shoe and other uniform payments that have yet to be paid.
- Bank account statement presented for review.
- Operational Budget presented with the following highlights:
  - Chelmsford is hosting the Tri-town Chorus Concert, not us. We will still get a portion of ticket sales - \$600 budgeted.
  - \$4949.00 will be spent in honorariums.
  - We received \$513 from Spartans.
  - We made \$800 at car wash last weekend.
- All forms for public charity in MA are done.

**Chorus directors report (via email)**

1. Updated Chorus Numbers: 157(!!!)
  - We have grown by 35 students since last year!
  - We are creating a "Meet Our New Chorus Members" picture board as a getting-to-know-you opportunity for the chorus students.
2. Chorus Dresses and Tuxes:
  - There are still 19 girls who have not turned in their dresses. They have been notified multiple times, but I have them in class now so I will get them back faster. Once they're all accounted for we can add the numbers in and then start distribution. We will need to buy about 30 more.
  - The boys turned in their tuxes unlabeled. I am going to take a poll tomorrow to see who still has theirs and how many new ones we will need taking into account the available tuxes from last years' seniors.
3. Tessa Murphy will be singing the Anthem at the football game this Friday. Scarlet and Black Singers will sing it next week, and the entire chorus will sing at the following game.

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4. The Scarlet and Black Singers has been asked to perform God Bless America with the US Air Force Band at Andover High School (and members of their band) on Friday, October 16th at 7pm. What an incredible opportunity!

- These students will need to be fitted for dresses and tuxes in the next few weeks. Everyone has one from last year labeled as theirs besides Hannah Carroll (who will be using Jessica's from last year) and Sam Wright (we can find one that belonged to one of last years' seniors that fits him).

5. Trip info will go out next week. :)

6. Can we have until Friday on the t-shirt designs? Many of the chorus kids weren't in this summer so they didn't know about the competition until today. *Kim reported that this fine.*

7. My kids will be happy to help at NESBA. If you let me know how many you want/ need, I will make sure I have the correct amount.

**Band Director's Report:**

- Band received many compliments on their performance for teachers' first day.
- We need to push up uniform distribution next year in light of early season performances.
- Spartans is donating large boards to us for scenery but we have to pick them up and store them. Justin will rent a box truck and pick them up. Students will paint the scenery.
- Justin Still needs to speak with Dr Scuzzarella re: SAT's and other activities going on at the school on the day of NESBA.

**Old Business:**

- Band Camp BBQ – went well. Consider starting food preparation earlier next year.
- Car wash – went well. Made \$800
- Uniforms – Nancy reported that she finished passing out uniforms today. We did run out of some sizes, but she did the best she could and Justin reported that we may be able to put some percussion kids in larger uniforms to free up smaller jackets. The shoes, gloves and shirts are ordered. Shoes should be handed out Thursday or Friday with gloves, and shirts in a couple weeks.
- Chorus dresses and tuxes – Lauren is working on getting labels and will need help to iron them in. Uniforms will be entered into database. S&B needs uniforms for performance on Oct 16. Lauren Coordinating.
- Kim is still waiting on decision from the Lafond family for expenditure of memorial money.

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**New Business:**

- **Color Guard Uniforms** – With Africa theme, CG wants new uniforms and flags which will cost \$650.
  - They plan to do a car wash to raise money.
  - There was discussion whether this would be an annual expenditure, whether they would fundraise annually and whether we should have them pay a uniform fee to keep consistent with band and chorus protocol.
  - Proposal is to have them do the fundraiser and NAMA would fund the difference up to \$500 with no uniform fee.
  
- **September 11 game** – need volunteers. Karen and Lauren to arrange.
  
- **NESBA** – Meeting this week cancelled. Sign up genius going out this week. Volunteer training next week.
  - There was discussion on how to get more chorus parents involved.
  - Lauren volunteered to write an email to these parents explaining how proceeds benefit all music students and asking for increased involvement in the NESBA show.
  
- **NAMA Prom Fundraiser** – Senay reported that he needs a \$250 deposit for the Claddagh in Lawrence. The board voted to approve this.
  - There was discussion about NAMA's liability for this type of event.
  - Kim will review our insurance policy and forward to Karen to also review.
  
- **Website** – Alex reported that TJ is planning to move to central MA after marching band season, but plans to continue to manage the NAMA website and pay for it. Although we have money budgeted to reimburse him, we anticipate that he will not accept it.
  - Plan is to find out how much this costs him and give him a receipt for tax purposes. Also will acknowledge him as a donor to NAMA.
  
- **Selling merchandise** – Since we are not hosting the Tri-town concert this year, we cannot sell merchandise.
  - Martin will, however, ask Dr. Scuzzarella about selling banners at this week's FB game.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Sept 11 – Football Game**
- **Sept 18 – Football Game**
- **Oct 3 – NESBA NAHS**

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- **Oct 9 – Football Game**
- **Oct 17 - MICCA Wakefield**
- **Oct 23 – Football Game**
- **Oct 24 – NESBA Reading**
- **Oct 25 – MICCA Finals**
- **Nov 1 – NESBA Finals**
- **Nov 14 – Senior District Auditions**
- **Nov 14 – NAMA Prom**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10  
Next Meeting TBA

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristine Murphy

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