

We Believe In Music

North Andover Music Association, Inc.

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Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 6:30 p.m. NAHS Chorus Room

Attendance: Martin McGrath, Lisa Vayanos, Chris Colford, Sandra Llebron, Helen Pickard, Dorothy Varga, Meghan Iacoviello, Meg Gross

Minutes from November 7, 2013 meeting - Approved

Treasurers Report (Lisa Vayanos) – P&L and Budget vs. Actual data distributed and approved. We have \$22,141.71 in the bank and about \$10,000 of it is committed already. Lisa feels it would be fiscally responsible to start next year with a balance of \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Chorus Director's Report (Dorothy Varga) - Dorothy talked to Sara Durkin before the meeting and communicated several items to the board:

- Sara has the video from the Chorus trip to Providence and will send it to Chris Colford for posting on the website.
- NAHS found funds and purchased sound equipment that Kevin Varga had previously requested from NAMA.
- Dorothy asked whether the board thought (as parents) it would be ok to ask parent chaperones to contribute some part of their own cost to go to Disney, perhaps half of airfare. Discussion was held and Dorothy will give the feedback to Sara for her consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NAMS Funding Request (Martin McGrath) – Chris Nelson requested additional funding for UNH Jazz Fest, Great East and a bus to take students to Jr. Districts in Methuen. NAMA had already budgeted \$2,000 for NAMS needs, and agreed to increase the amount to \$2,500. It was suggested that Chris ask the school to provide the bus, and if he was able to get them to pay for that, he could have the extra money to allocate to his other trips. Vote was taken on budget increase of \$500 above the original \$2,000; approved.

Disney Trip - Amount currently budgeted for NAMA trip assistance is \$2,000; via e-mail Sara said 14 students need help and 12 need significant assistance. Her estimate of need was \$14,400. After much discussion it was decided to provide an additional \$3,000 for this trip, increasing the total NAMA will provide to \$5,000. Approved.

Review of Recent Events

- **Parades** (Veterans Day, Haverhill, N.A., Merrimac) – except for Haverhill, the parades went well and had good turnout. Lisa expressed concern that we will not be invited back to Haverhill and will lose a good fundraiser. It was suggested that we make sure parents understand that the parades are fundraisers as it may not be widely known. There was also discussion of how the cold on the day of the Haverhill parade was damaging to instruments and whether this should be considered in the future – would we consider forfeiting for extreme weather? Also discussion about advising students about where to find warmer gloves that might work with their instruments (Martin McGrath said he had used runner gloves; Meg Gross suggested Isotoner driving gloves).

- **Senior Districts** (Martin McGrath) - 12 students will go on to the NE District Senior Music Festival. Marcy Wood did a great job organizing the concessions. Most food was sold; profit was about \$1,000.
- **NAMS Concerts** (Helen Pickard) – We had three volunteers for the recent chorus concert; need five for the next one. Eight to ten middle school parents have been “CORI’d” and are ready to help with the next band concert. Helen attended a recent PTAC meeting at the Middle School where the chorus concert was discussed; it was proposed there that the High School would be a better venue because the chorus is so large and there is no place for each grade to come back into the auditorium to sit after performing; this is creating a “concert etiquette” problem and not giving the students a chance to listen to the music of the next grade. Someone from the PTAC will discuss with Andrea Liacos.

Upcoming Events:

Winter Concert (Martin McGrath) – NAMA board members to provide raffle baskets. We will be asking for baked goods and selling Rotary calendars and gift cards. Sara Durkin will be selling holiday CDs as a separate fundraiser. Steve Donofrio has offered to put together a band DVD. Last year students were able to order these in advance and a few were available to sell at the winter concert.

Marching Band Celebration (Martin McGrath) – The end of season celebration will be December 19th, 6:30 to 9:00. Families are invited for the first part (awards and deserts) and students can stay after for a dance. Evite was sent out on December 2nd. Sign-up Genius will be used to record who will bring deserts. Lisa Vayanos will print up recognition certificates.

REPORTS

Website (Chris Colford) – Martin McGrath said now that Marching Band season is over we need to talk to TJ about getting the NAMA website on a new server that doesn’t have ads.

Membership (Dorothy Varga) – Not planning any more membership mailings; we are almost at the amount we anticipated.

Uniforms - Pam and Paul Guerrio were not present; Helen Pickard suggested that they might use the band’s dress rehearsal night as a collection time for Marching Band Uniforms. Chris Colford noted that for the intake last year, he just checked off the name of the student who gave him a bag, then checked the bag contents at a later point, because the students come in too fast to do a full check as they drop off the uniforms.

Publicity (Helen Pickard) – Helen sent out a couple of press releases about the Chorus trip to Providence and NESBA. Watch your local paper.

Fundraising

- **Scrip Update** (Lisa Vayanos) – Lisa presented the numbers as part of the P&L. \$500 was allocated to buy gift cards to sell at the winter concert.
- **Sal’s Pizza** (Jen Goodrow) – Jen was not present; Martin McGrath provided information on her behalf. The fundraiser is scheduled for January 28th from 5-8. Everyone will need to present a flyer at the time of purchase in order for NAMA to get a cut. Jen will have

these well in advance of the date and get them to Sara and Justin for distribution. Jen will ask Chris Colford to send out a few advance reminders.

- **Rotary Club Calendars** (Martin McGrath) – Martin gave Sara Durkin the order forms; we also need an email and web presence for the sales.
- **Wine Tasting** (Meg Gross) – The owners suggested a Thursday night; Meg thinks February 13th is a possibility but needs to check calendars. Due to health department concerns, we may need to buy food trays instead of asking parents to donate food.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

Dec 18 – Band/Chorus Winter Concert

Dec 19 – End of Season Band Party

January

Jan 15,16 – NAMS Band Concert

Jan 28 – Sal's pizza fundraiser

February

Feb 13? Wine tasting fund raiser

NEXT NAMA MTG: Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Iacoviello