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Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Kristine Murphy, Nancy Koorapaty, Karen Bussell, Senay Abbay, Linda Burns, Kim Hearst, Martin McGrath, Mark Bohrer, Vicky Vissering, Debbie Bohrer, Alex Mezzina, Helen Pickard, Rene Heron

- Minutes from December 13, 2016 NAMA meeting approved.

Treasurers Report – Kim Hearst

- We have received end of year donations which exceed \$1600.
- We are still waiting for one NESBA fee and payment from MMEA. Justin will mention this when he sees people from these organizations.
- There will be no Tri-town chorus concert this year, therefore we will need to make up the \$600 budgeted for this at some point.
- With proceeds from the winter concert and towels exceeding budgeted, the total deficit is now ~\$200.
- Treasurer's report approved.

Band Director's Report – Justin Smalley

- The Spring schedule is pending which will include trip rehearsals, All Town Concert, Jazz Night, Spring Concert, LL Parade and Memorial Day Parade.
- Jazz Band will start next week. Jazz Night will be held at the end of May in the café with a set up similar to coffee houses. The goal is to balance the audience and the sound and still have an intimate feel to the evening. Open rehearsal will be held next Wednesday to get things started.
- There will be an LA Trip meeting on March 2nd.

Chorus Director's report – Sara Durkin (via Email)

- Northeast District Concerts to be held this week with Sara once again managing the chorus. We have 11 chorus students participating with 8 who will audition for All-State. This is a record number of students auditioning for All-State.
- The Drama guild's production of "Grease" will be held on Feb 2nd and 3rd at 7:00 and Feb 4th at 1:30 and 7:00.
- Scarlet and Black will perform with the US Coast Guard Chorus on Sunday Feb 12th at the Trinitarian Church.

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- There will be no Tri-town Concert this year as the Andover Director has moved and there is already a very busy schedule this Spring.
- The Scarlet and Black trip to NJ has been approved by the School Committee. The group will leave on Wednesday April 5th after school and return late in the evening on Friday April 7th. The performance will be held at 4:00 on April 6th. Due to several paid performances over the last few months, there will be no extra cost to the students.
- Chorus date sheets went home today.

NAMS Report – Chris Nelson (via Email)

- The NAMS band will request the usual support for the Reading Jazz Festival, Great East assistance, a Junior District Audition bus and busing to bring the 8th grade to the high school to see a concert by the band and chorus. The total amount was \$1500 last year. (According to Kim H., this amount was actually \$1922)
- Band Concerts are as follows:
 - Wednesday 1/18 – 8th grade day 1 band, full 6th grade band
 - Thursday 1/19 – 8th grade day 2 band, full 7th grade band and 6th grade full year chorus.
- Chris has invited Trent Austin back as the guest artist/clinician for Jazz night on May 19th. He has secured a \$150 grant from MAJE to help pay for his fee.

NAMS Report – Andrea Liacos (via Email)

- Andrea reports that ALKM won the Santa Parade this year! They had donations of a truck from Twombly and signs from Lombardo Graphics. The board extended their congratulations!
- The HC House was sold out once again. Andrea is exploring the possibility of holding the event in the performance center with tables/concessions or in another part of the building where there are better lighting and sound options.
- The Full Year Chorus (6th grade) is performing on 1/19 at the concert. There are 44 members in the chorus and the goal is to have a full year chorus option for all grades in the Fall of 2017.
- The FY Chorus and ALKM will be performing at the American Young Voices concert in May at the Tsongas Arena. Total ~130 students. The concert will have ~8000 students from the surrounding area performing together.
- Due to the success of ALKM, Community Programs will begin an ALKM Jr. which will involve 4th and 5th graders. This will begin Jan 24th and will meet at NAMS weekly. Andrea is waiting to see how many students involved before booking performances.

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Old Business

- The **Winter Concert** proceeds were \$1100.60 which exceeded budget.
 - There was discussion of the risers used for chorus. Justin feels that it is time for new ones with railings in the back and he and Sara plan to contact the School Department with this issue. We also discussed ways to expedite the set changes at the concerts. The challenge is to alternate the performances so parents don't leave early and give the students some down time between performances.
- The **HC House** proceeds from concessions was \$263. There was discussion regarding whether NAMA keeps this since they ran the concessions, vs. covering NAMA's costs and giving the rest to Andrea for her needs. We felt that since Andrea was likely planning on using those proceeds to fund her own projects, she should get the proceeds minus expenses.
 - Future events like this (i.e. similar to the high school coffee houses) could likely be manned by NAMS parents with the proceeds kept by NAMS, whereas proceeds from NAMA run events (at NAMS) would be incorporated and distributed through the NAMA budget
 - Karen reported having extra help that night as Andrea had arranged to have some parents on duty as well as Mena, Courtney and Talia who were recruited by Karen.
 - Helen suggested possibly holding a periodic meeting at NAMS in order to both show our support and increase NAMS parent involvement.
- The **Marching Band End of Season Event** was fun for the students and Justin liked having a way to recognize some of the Fall efforts. In the future, it would be nice to hold the event earlier, announce it to parents earlier and have a better sound system for the music.

New Business

- Helen Pickard, who is a former board member, is running for school committee. She gave us a summary of her goals and qualifications.
- **Uniform collection** will begin next week at sectionals. Nancy is planning on having the section leaders help out, with some support from parents. Compression shirts and blue/yellow pieces will be passed in as well.
 - The NAMA closet needs to be cleaned out and organized.
 - Anton's cleaners is changing our representative and our \$11 cleaning fee is no longer guaranteed. Nancy is working on getting a number of estimates from other cleaners. We may need to adjust the budget to accommodate this.
 - Nancy will collect CG uniforms as well and research cleaning method for those.

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- Our new **Chorus Uniform Coordinator** will be Rene Heron who attended the meeting. Her responsibilities were briefly discussed.
- **T-shirts for the LA trip** are budgeted at \$1200 to make \$2000. Senay will come up with some designs that he will send via email. If Chris would like t-shirts for the 8th graders we will provide these at cost.
 - T-shirts can be sold at the March 2 trip meeting.
- Linda Burns will now help with some of the **Web site postings**, particularly the publicity related items. Initially announcements that need to be made should be sent to Alex, Vicky and Linda until they get a process solidified for who posts particular types of items.
- Karen will do a **sign up genius** for the 2 NAMS concerts with a goal of getting 3 baskets for each night from NAMS parents. She will also try to get NAMS parents to man the table.
- **Fundraising Update** – The available dates for the NA Country Club and the proposed band do not line up for March. Senay will contact the club again for their available dates in November. The casino night will be put on hold in favor of having a band/dance as the casino night is likely much more expensive and labor intensive.
 - Budgeted proceeds from this event can be made up in the All Town Band concert.
 - The NAMS fundraising production/play is being considered for March 2018. Senay is working on this as well.

AOB

- Mark reported that he submitted the paperwork to guidance for the NAMA scholarship. Based on feedback from last year's committee he decreased the essay limit to 500 words and provided prompts for the essay.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 18 - Day 1 8th Grade Band and Combined 6th Grade Band Concert
- Jan 19 - Day 2 8th Grade Band, Combined 7th Grade Band, and 6th Full Year Chorus Concert
- Feb 2-4 NAHS musical "Grease"
- March 2 - Parent Meeting for the LA Trip
- March 24 – 28 Music Dept. Trip to LA
- April 5-7 S&B trip to NJ
- May 19 Jazz Night

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 2/14 @ 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine Murphy

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