

**We Believe In Music**  
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**Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance: Kristine Murphy, Nancy Koorapaty, Senay Abbay, Linda Burns, Kim Hearst, Martin McGrath, Mark Bohrer, Vicky Vissering, Sara Durkin, Linda Pegalis**

- Minutes from January 10, 2017 NAMA meeting approved.

**Treasurers Report – Kim Hearst**

- Bank balance is \$28,374.96
- We are still waiting for one NESBA fee and payment from MMEA. Sara will pursue the MMEA.
- NAMS concerts made \$455 plus some towel sales.
- Kim adjusted the budgeted expenses to reflect the \$11 each for dry cleaning of uniforms.
- Sara will have the School Department pay for the MICCA busses, so budget deficit is reduced from \$1389 to \$534.
- Sara will also pursue chorus uniform fees from students who have not yet paid. Kim gave her a list of outstanding payments.
- Band has 4 students who have yet to pay the uniform fee.
- Treasurer's report approved.

**Band Director's Report – Justin Smalley (via email)**

- All Town Band Festival is 4/4
- Little League Parade is 4/29
- Jazz night is 5/19 with Trent Austin

**Chorus Director's Report – Sara Durkin**

- There will be an LA Trip meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Coffee House 3/3.
- MICCA 4/2 in Westborough.
- The S & B Singers will travel to the All-Eastern Conference in Atlantic City, NJ from 4/5 – 4/7. This is a great honor earned after a rigorous audition process. The group will perform a 25 minute set to an audience of HS teachers and college professors. They are staying at Bally's.
- The Spring Concert has been rescheduled to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sara is now traveling in July and Town Meeting is being held during the week the concert was originally scheduled.

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- Sara reviewed details for the LA trip. Organization for that trip is on schedule.

**New Business**

- Uniforms – Nancy is vigorously pursuing 4 outstanding uniforms. CG uniforms are all collected and cleaned.
  - Future uniform related issues include the need for garment bags next year, plumes at some point in the future and continued discussion on when we would need to replace current uniforms in entirety.
  - Kim had a discussion with Jim Mealy at the PAC meeting that suggested that future uniform purchases could possibly be a shared expense between NAMA and the school department.
  - Risers are also on the need list, but would hopefully be a school department item since these are a safety issue.
- To improve awareness of NAMA at NAMS, Martin and Kim suggested holding an information session at the Middle School which would target all music parents in town, especially NAMS parents. If timed right, this could help with the decision to enroll in Band or Chorus in high school, and also would answer numerous questions about the high school programs.
- Senay is picking up T-Shirts this week. They cost \$4.99 each and will be sold for \$10 at the trip meeting and other venues.
- The Dance Party (needs new name) will be held at the North Andover Country Club on 11/10/17. The band is Random Acts and we are working on a budget and food selections. There will be a silent auction.
- The All Town Band Festival will include sales of t-shirts, towels and a basket raffle. Senay will initiate a sign up genius for the basket donations.
- NESBA is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 14. Medford is also hosting a NESBA show on that day. Our typical earlier date was not feasible because of Yom Kippur on 9/30, and Columbus Day weekend which is the weekend prior to our tentative date. Another option is Sunday, October 15, but the group felt the Saturday date is the better option. We do have the option to cancel the show if we have poor turnout of bands participating. We will hope for good turnout and adjust the event planning accordingly.

**AOB**

- Scholarship season is starting. Mark will begin recruiting parents for the scholarship committee and will remind seniors that the scholarship forms are available.

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- The question was raised whether NAMA would donate to the trip fund. Martin will talk to Sara about her needs. Kim feels that we may be able to donate \$1000.

**Upcoming Events**

- March 2 - Parent Meeting for the LA Trip
- March 3 - Coffee House
- March 24 – 28 Music Dept. Trip to LA
- April 2 – MICCA
- April 4 – All Town Band Concert
- April 5-7 - S&B trip to NJ
- April 7 – ALKM Lemonade and Live Music
- April 29 – Little League Parade
- May 19 - Jazz Night
- May 24/25 – NAMS Band Concerts
- May 26 – NAMS Great East Festival
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parade
- June 1 – Spring Concert
- June 8 – Trimester 3 NAMS Chorus Concert
- June 9 - Graduation
- June 13 – Music Awards Ceremony

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3/14 @ 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristine Murphy

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