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**Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance: Kristine Murphy, Senay Abbay, Kim Hearst, Martin McGrath, Linda Pegalis, Mark Bohrer, Debbie Bohrer, Linda Burns, Karen Bussell, Rene Heron, Sue Francoeur, Sara Durkin**

- Minutes from March 16, 2017 NAMA meeting approved with the clarification as follows:
  - There was recent confusion re: the Winter Guard Fundraiser and whether their information should be posted on the NAMA web site. The board felt that since the web site reaches so many people there should be clear parameters on what type of information gets posted. Student run clubs generally communicate via other social media outlets. The board proposed that in the future a faculty member could perhaps sponsor a group, thus allowing the information to be disseminated more widely on the web site.

**Treasurers Report – Kim Hearst**

- Bank Balance is \$23,850.
- The All Town Band Festival generated \$730 from basket raffle, plus some t-shirt and towel sales. Our concert revenue is currently \$2286, so Kim has increased the budget to \$2750 which we should meet at the spring concert.
- Uniforms are currently getting cleaned.
- NAMS has a Jazz clinic in Reading on May 9. Otherwise few expenditures anticipated. They have only used \$696 so far.
- We finally received the last NESBA (2016) payment.
- MICCA busses were removed from budget as they are covered in school budget.
- Clinicians, elementary support and instrument repair were cut from the budget to fund the emergency trip request.
- We are currently running at a \$499 surplus.
- Treasurer's report was approved.

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

- The Scarlet and Black Singers will be one of 5 choral groups to perform at Symphony Hall this Saturday. Bus leaves at 7:00 and should be back at 11:00. Performance is at 9:00 and is free.
- The All-Town Choral Festival has been cancelled. Since this is a missed opportunity for chorus member recruitment, we discussed possibly inviting NAMS musicians to the Spring Concert with priority seating, or possibly getting them bussed to NAHS for a concert during the day. Senior pins will need to be handed out at a chorus rehearsal with the students encouraged to wear them to the spring concert and to graduation.

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- Sara's Argentina dates have been changed to June 12 – 22<sup>nd</sup> which conflicts with the Awards Ceremony. We discussed changing the Awards Ceremony to Tuesday June 6 which is in senior week. Martin will check the availability of the rooms for that date.

### **Band Director's Report – Justin Smalley via email**

- Thank you for making the All Town Band Concert a success.
- The date of the Little League Parade has been changed to Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday May 18 is the Jazz Band Clinic at NAMS with Trent Austin from 4:00 – 5:00.
- Friday May 19 is Jazz Night. Jazz Band report at 6:00. This night will be combined with the NAHS Art Show which runs from 5:00 – 7:00 in the fine arts wing.
- Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 31 are dress rehearsals for the spring concert from 6:00 – 9:00.
- After school band for students not in class 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester will meet every Tuesday from 2:20 – 3:00.
- Tentative date for Sr. District Auditions is Saturday, November 18 with a snow date of Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

- All Town Band Concert went well. We appreciated having the Winter Guard perform. We also wondered whether the commissioned band piece (from last year) will be performed again in the future.

### **New Business**

- Sara discussed the need to temporarily transfer \$5000 to the school to cover some of the recent trip and fundraising costs. This is due to a clerical error and is only a temporary fix that will be paid back to NAMA when the funds are available. This was voted and approved.
- We discussed the need to begin recruiting board members for next year. This discussion will take place in more detail next month. Linda B. will craft an email/invite to the membership inviting anyone interested to join us at the next meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This will include NAMS parents.
- Fundraising:
  - We still need a name for the November 10 fundraiser at NACC. We discussed ticket price options and decided that \$35pp is a reasonable amount. Silent auction ideas were discussed.
  - The May 20 car wash should go on as planned with the water ban likely to be lifted soon.

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- Senay will contact Chris Nelson to see if he wants to purchase t-shirts at cost for the NAMS spring activities.
- Scholarship packets are out to the committee and they will meet Thursday night to decide on the recipients.

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- There was discussion about some of the logistical and communication challenges associated with the recent music department trip to LA. It was suggested that perhaps pre-trip meetings with chaperones and possibly having a “chaperone liaison”, and/or chaperones in charge of communication and food might make things run more smoothly and take some of the burden off of Sara.
- Prithash Award recipient Kim Hearst will be honored at a reception at the North Andover Country Club on May 11 from 6:00 – 9:00. All are invited.

**Upcoming Events**

- April 15 – S &B at Symphony Hall
- May 6 – Little League Parade
- May 7 – S & B at Unitarian Universalist Church
- May 9 – NAMS jazz clinic
- May 18 – NAHS jazz clinic
- May 19 - Jazz Night
- May 20 – Car Wash
- May 23 and 31 Band Rehearsal
- May 23/24 – NAMS Band and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus Concerts
- May 26 – NAMS Great East Festival
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parade
- June 1 – Spring Concert
- June 6 – Tentative Music Department Awards Night
- June 8 – Trimester 3 NAMS Chorus Concert
- June 9 - Graduation
- August 14 – 19 Band Camp

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 9 @ 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristine Murphy

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