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**Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 6PM**

**Attendance:** Martin McGrath, Karen Bussell, Kristine Murphy, Linda Burns, Mark Bohrer, Nancy Koorapaty, Kim Marroni, Christine Gaede, Kim Hearst, Jennifer Kookan, Rene Heron, Senay Abbay Dan Cummings

- The minutes from the July 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Bank balance as of Aug 16, 2017 was \$19,186 (of that, approximately \$5,200 is student payments and donations from this week).
  - 113 students have completed band forms; there are potentially 20 more marching band students who were not at camp this week.
- Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Chorus Update (from Kim Hearst)**

- Mrs. Durkin does not have a list of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders yet but we did get a list from Mrs. Liacos of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who had third trimester chorus and those who participated in A Little Knight Music.
- Chorus camp is coming up – August 21 and 22.
- She expects not as many chorus students this year.
- There will be no large-scale trip this year, but there may be a trip to Puerto Rico for Scarlet & Black (and maybe Treble Chorus).

**Old Business**

**NAMA at the Farmer's Market – 8/13/2017**

It was a slow day at the Farmer's Market. We made approximately \$198; about \$100 was in slush and donations, the rest was t-shirt and cushion sales. We had to buy the slush and pay for the freezer rental. We used the extra slush for the end of band camp on Wednesday instead of buying popsicles, like we've done in the past.

**New Business**

**2017-18 NAMA Budget**

- Successful fundraising night at Fuddrucker's: \$462!
- The expense related to chorus dresses was reduced since not as many students are expected.
- The cost to replace the current plumes is \$2200. They are expected to work with new uniforms/shakos.

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- Four summers scholarships have been redeemed so far.
  - There was discussion about the money budgeted for All State Participation. Historically, we covered the full \$300 per student. In recent years, we've split the budgeted amount among the number of students attending. We discussed changing the purpose of this money to potentially cover a larger number of our student participants rather than automatically giving it to a small select group (e.g., Scholarship for Honors or Audition-based Attendance in a Music Program). Students could apply for up to \$100 to participate in audition-based or honors events.
  - There was discussion about how to handle trip support this year. We discussed keeping the budgeted amount at \$0. Martin will let the teachers know that if they need additional money for trip support this year, they will need to develop a budget and identify the amount in advance of the trip.
  - An amendment to the budget was approved to add scarf purchase and sales. This was a very successful fundraising item two years ago.
- NAMA Budget for AY17-18 was approved. Kim will make necessary adjustments.

### **Paypal Invoicing**

- Kim introduced the new Paypal invoicing system. She said it is going well but Paypal does charge a small percentage fee for using it. She will look into whether there is an option for the payer to opt to cover the fee.

### **Band Camp Events**

- Band camp BBQ; Kristine is in good shape for food and donations. If there's a rain-out, we can use the café, canteen, etc.
- Food drop-off will be in the cafeteria but we can't use the main hallway, so we'll need some signage.
- We'll hold the parent information session at 9:30 in the café in the morning. Kim/Martin will send around and update the script and FAQ.
- We'll be handing out band uniforms on Friday AM with a second hand out date during the first week of school. Dinkles have not been ordered yet, but students can wear black shoes for the first football game.
- Band t-shirt competition is underway.

### **New Uniform Drive – Updates?**

- No new information. It was recommended that we contact Jim Mealey soon regarding the school budgeting process and make sure to have a teacher advocate for the purchase.

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**Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Application?**

- No new information.

**Website and Communications**

- No response from TJ on our questions about the website.
- We are back to using MailChimp for email communications. Some people may be getting duplicate emails if they're subscribed to both MailChimp and the website.
- With the use of Remind for last minute changes and updates from the teachers, we should be able to continue using MailChimp with minimal cost.

**NESBA 2017 Planning**

- Kim will send out an email to get the planning started.
- Yard signs for this year's event will be available at the preview show on Saturday.

**Membership Drive**

- We'll need to set up dates to do NAMS info session; Senay will work with Sue Francoeur to get permission to participate in the fall open house(s).
- We'll promote attendance at NAMA board meetings rather than doing separate info sessions for NAHS parents.

**NAMA Presence at Chorus Camp**

- Senay, Kim, Christine will participate at 11:30 on Monday's chorus camp.
- Rene will schedule a time to measure and distribute chorus uniforms after the start of school.

**Seat Cushion Fundraiser**

It is underway!

**November 10 Fundraiser @ North Andover Country Club**

- Senay and Cheryl will start reaching out for donation items.
- Senay will have a kick-off meeting soon.
- We will need to budget for a police detail.
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
  - Mad Maggies fundraiser tomorrow 5:30 – 6:30.
  - Car wash – September 2<sup>nd</sup> (9am – 2pm)

Please complete the doodle poll to help select a monthly meeting day/date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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