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**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30PM**

**Attendance: Nancy Koorapaty, Christine Gaede, Linda Pegalis, Jennifer Kookan, Kim Hearst, Kristine Murphy, Senay Abbay, Sue Francoeur, Mark Bohrer, Karen Bussell, Debbie Bohrer, Cheryl Barbato, Linda Burns, Bryan Long, Martin McGrath, Justin Smalley**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

- Donations number is low at less than half of budgeted. We'll need to do another push for donations.
  - NESBA at NAHS is down to 10 bands; this may impact the budget.
  - We made over \$1000 at 9/2 car wash.
- Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Band Update**

- First game went smoothly. Justin plans to do the show at the 9/29 football game.
- We'll need two trucks for band equipment transport and three busses.
- Justin will look into screen-printing the wood rolling carts and check on pricing.

**Chorus Update (from Senay Abbay)**

- A trip to Puerto Rico is planned and approved by the principal for March 16-19<sup>th</sup>. Students would potentially miss two days -- period 5 exam and first day of trimester 3.
- Concert choir may participate in a Boston competition at the end of April (with a potential overnight stay).
- Sara is planning to do a Yankee Candle fundraiser this fall.
- MICCA competition is at the end of March.
- Two clinicians from her South America trip will come this year, with a special concert in January with the clinician from the Uruguay and the clinician from Argentina at the spring concert.
- Chorus pizza night planned for September 29<sup>th</sup> to separate it from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade night.
- FYI—Band and chorus concerts are split this year.

**Old Business**

**Band Camp Events**

- Uniforms: there are enough jackets for the pit this year.

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- BBQ: people served themselves, which seemed to make the line move quickly. We can reduce food next year.
- Raffle: this seemed to work to get students to fill out forms.
- Info session: it was very helpful to have Justin there but it seemed long. Should it be targeted to freshmen parents only?
- T-shirt competition: it hasn't happened yet.

**New Business**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night is October 6<sup>th</sup>. We need pizza and water. Kristine will email the AD to find out when senior night is scheduled.

Music Honor Society – there's a fee associated with joining. Kerrigan is driving the push to join but was not here. We'll table until next meeting.

Fall Festival Volunteers for September 23<sup>rd</sup> – North Andover Merchants Association will pay us \$500 if we can cover 20 volunteer hours. Volunteers are needed from 8am – 5pm; band has rehearsal from 9am – 1pm that day. Sign ups are on the Merchant Association volunteer site, so Karen will monitor but not manage it.

Change of process for the Honors/Auditioned Ensemble Scholarship (to replace automatic distribution to All State participants) – needs to be clear that this is for an outside auditioned and/or recommended program not private lessons. Nancy and Linda P will draft a proposal for next meeting.

Jacket Order for 2017-18 – Senay and Kim will try to do it this year later in marching band season.

New Uniform Drive – no update

Membership Drive 2017-18 – at NAMS - Sue and Senay worked with NAMS PTAC and principal and can be at parent teacher night: 6<sup>th</sup> grade is 9/13 (6-7:15), 7<sup>th</sup> grade is 9/19 (6-7:15), 8<sup>th</sup> grade is 9/27 (6-7:15). We should also do another email push for donations. Linda P will format the letter (with different target audiences) into an email and try to include a link to the DONATE button.

NESBA 2017 Planning – Kim is scheduling the following meetings: planning 9/19, 10/4, and 10/10, and volunteer meeting 9/30 (at 2pm). A volunteer sign up will go out next week. Essex County Correctional Facility will print at no charge as long as we supply the paper. Deadline for business and best wishes ads is 9/23 but Debbie needs everything by 9/28-29 in order to have time to work with their deadline. An idea for replacing the Zinga insert will be discussed at the next NESBA planning meeting.

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Fundraising Updates – We have a save the date to send out. We have some silent auction items but we need more (target is 20-30 items). Cheryl is working on an invite that we can put in the NESBA program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Next meeting: October 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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