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Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Kristine Murphy, Martin McGrath, Karen Bussell, Sue Francoeur, Cheryl Barbato, Kim Marroni, Nancy Koorapaty, Jen Fiocchi, Sara Durkin, Justin Smalley, Vicky Vissering, Kim Marroni, Dan Cummings, Kim Hearst, Linda Burns, Brian Long, Linda Pegalis, Christine Gaede,

- Minutes from September 12, 2017 meeting approved

Treasurers Report – Kim Hearst

- Current bank balance as of 10/31/17 is \$30,700.00
 - Membership dues are currently at \$4465.
 - Actual from NESBA was \$8515 which exceeded budget due to high ticket sales.
 - Proceeds from A Knight to Remember were \$5380.00 assuming all bidders pay their bill.
 - Chorus uniform expenditures are half of what was budgeted.
 - We currently have an excess of \$6300 in the budget due to successful fundraisers!
- Treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report – Justin Smalley

- Justin contacted Stanford Uniforms who will have a representative come out after the new year to discuss uniform options. Will probably only include jackets and shako's since bib pants are universal and we purchased plumes this year.
- Justin would like to table the Macy's application until next fall. The plan would be to make a video during mid-October. The application would be submitted in March 2019 for a 2020 Thanksgiving Day performance.
- District auditions are Saturday 11/18. NAMA is running concessions.
- Winter Concert is 12/14 with the two band ensembles. It will be a shorter concert with a 10 minute intermission.
- Justin is considering dates for the Fall Banquet. This is challenging with multiple concert dates this year.

Chorus Director's Report – Sara Durkin

- Winter concert will be 12/7 with 4 voice ensembles.
- Concert with the visiting conductor from Uruguay will be 1/18/18. This will also include a joint program with the English and Social Studies departments.

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- Christine reported that Chorus postings are not going to Facebook. She is working with Alex and TJ to rectify this.

Old Business:

- Senior Recognition Night went fine for our group. Football and Cheerleaders were a bit disorganized. One suggestion was to have multiple photographers to speed things along.
- NESBA review included discussion from Jen Fiocchi and others on flow of the event, training and responsibilities of student volunteers, signage, and responsibilities of adult volunteers. Some students expressed frustration this year which will be addressed next year.
 - NESBA date for next year is key to success of the event. Would likely be 9/29 or 10/13.
 - WPI has been invited next year.
- A Knight to Remember was well attended and enjoyable. The board agreed that we should do it again next year. Suggestions included a modest increase in price to allow higher food budget, no raffle, explore Saturday night option. The committee asked that board members continue to promote the event and always be thinking of successful auction item donations.

New Business

- Elaina Druid attended the meeting to discuss the growth of the color guard and her desire to begin fundraising to supplement purchase of uniforms and supplies for Fall 2018. Martin explained that the color guard is considered part of the Marching Band and uniform and supply needs for the Fall show should be submitted as part of the Marching Band Budget. Various ensembles typically do not do separate fundraising, and if we know budgetary needs ahead of time NAMA can add that to our fundraising efforts.
 - Elaina reported that they are recruiting 8th graders for Winter guard which will start in December and have a performance in April.
 - We will add Elaina to our distribution and we welcome director's reports from her.
- Uniforms – discussed in band director's report.
- Senior District Auditions – discussed in band director's report.
- Santa Parade 11/25. Karen will get candy to distribute.
- NAMA presence at upcoming concerts will include the following:
 - Nov 29 NAMS Tri 1 Chorus Concert - will sell NA scarves, seat cushions etc. (aka swag)
 - Dec 7 NAHS Chorus Concert – will sell refreshments, swag, Raffle for 1-2 baskets and a few Poinsettias.

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- Dec 14 NAHS Band Concert – same as NAHS chorus concert.
- #doboith – Kim discussed a proposal to tweet about students in our program who participate in multiple activities such as sports and music. The goal is to increase awareness to the administration and others of these busy students. After discussion, it was felt that there are too many complicated facets to this initiative and that it should not be a NAMA endeavor.

AOB

- Music Stipend Application was discussed by Linda P. and Nancy. This process would include an application (that Justin and Sara would sign off on) which would allow students participating in outside music performances or educational endeavors to receive up to \$100 per school year. There was some concern that the \$2000 budget would run out if there is large demand, but we discussed that historically there has not been much demand, and there is potential to add to the fund if necessary. This process is an effort to distribute the money to a wider group of deserving students.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 16 – 8th Grade Fall Night at NAHS
- Nov 18 – Senior Districts
- Nov 23 – Turkey Day Game – 9AM report
- Nov 25 – North Andover Santa Parade
- Nov 29 – NAMS Tri 1 Chorus Concert
- Dec 1 – Winter Coffee House
- Dec 7 – NAHS Chorus Concert
- Dec 14 – NAHS Band Winter Concert
- Jan 24 – NAMS Band Concert
- Jan 25 – NAMS Full Year Chorus Concert
- Jan 27 – Junior Districts

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine Murphy

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