

We Believe In Music
North Andover Music Association, Inc.
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Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30PM

Attendance: Linda Pegalis, Debbie Bohrer, Alex Mezzina, Jennifer Kookan, Nancy Koorapaty, Dan Cummings, Emily Cummings, Kristine Murphy, Martin McGrath, Cheryl Barbato, Brian Long, Senay Abbay

A revision was made to the notes to reflect Justin and Sara should approve the Music Stipend Applications. Nancy suggested meeting with Justin and Sara to spread the word and have them tell the MS teachers and students. Information about the Music Stipend should also be included in the summer packet that goes out to students and families.

- The minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance at November 30: \$32,019.
 - Kim is making the budget with the assumption that there will be no more sales of towels, cushions, and scarves.
 - New Business Item: End of the year membership push. Linda P has a letter that can go out via email (after the concert but before the end of the year); she'll send it to Alex and Christine to send out. Cheryl suggested adding a link to a chorus and band video from the winter concerts.
 - We made approximately \$1400 at Senior District auditions.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Chorus Report

Emily provided the Choir Director's report:

- The concert went well; Sara received good feedback on song choices.
- The Live Feed didn't work well; they'll try something different next time.
- January 18th – Concert with Uruguay conductor; January 4th at 6:30 is meet-and-greet with him (parents and students invited). There will be an in-school performance as well.
- Coffeehouse raised \$1800. It was very long and there was a suggestion that there should be a limit to the number of performers or number of songs they each sing to manage the time better.
- A cookie dough fundraiser will be held in January.

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Old Business

Senior Districts

- It was suggested that we should promote student selections sooner and more widely. There is a need to wait for official confirmation, which took longer than expected. Once we got it, a press release went to the newspaper and social media posts were created.

Turkey Day Game

- Both Andover and North Andover performed but the game was not well-attended. The band performed the music but didn't move in formation, and the color guard didn't perform.

North Andover Santa Parade

- Everything seemed to go well. A suggestion for upcoming parades (if we're fundraising for uniforms) is to have a sign and solicit donations during the parade.

NAMS Tri 1 Chorus Concert

- We did not sell anything but will plan to sell items during the full-year chorus concert in January.

NAHS Chorus Winter Concert

- There was some confusion about the start time (report vs. start time). We need to remember to clarify the difference in the calendar and notifications.

New Business

NAHS Band Winter Concert

- We have a few gift baskets to raffle off. It's going to be a short concert with not as many attendees as a chorus concert. We may hold onto some for the January 18th chorus concert.

End of Marching Band Season Celebration?

- No decision has been made on a date. We'll revisit it with Justin.

AOB

Scholarship Application Process – discussion of which VP is going to lead the project; Mark would like to be on the committee so he can't lead the project. Kristine and Brian will consider it and talk to Mark.

A Knight to Remember – scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

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