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Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30PM

Attendance: Kim Hearst, Linda Burns, Karen Bussell, Kristine Murphy, Mark Bohrer, Jennifer Kookan, Senay Abbay, Brian Long, Sue Francoeur, Nancy Koorapaty, Dan Cummings, Christine Gaede

- The minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance at January 31: \$35,628
 - Our membership dues and music department concert income are doing well.
 - Our bank balance is high because we haven't paid out a lot of expenses yet.
 - We need to communicate out to parents about the summer camp and stipend opportunities. Nancy will write it up and send it to Christine and/or Alex to get it emailed out to parents.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report (email w/notes in italics)

- Schedule – The 2018 spring schedule has been sent out. There should be no changes to the dates. I am looking forward to the many upcoming performances!
- Night at the movies concert (March 29)– New concert this year. I thought that it would be neat to add another performance in March. Also, this concert has a little different programming from traditional wind band music.
 - I was thinking that it would be neat to serve popcorn and water. *NAMA will coordinate food and water, but Mark will reach out to Justin about getting permission to have food in the auditorium.*
 - Also, if anyone has any movie posters or theatre décor that they would be willing to let us use for the night it would be greatly appreciated! *Senay will call movie theaters to see if they'll donate posters.*
- Band camp – dates confirmed for August 13 – 18th
- NESBA Show – As of today it looks like our 2018 home show will be Saturday, October 6th. We will be hosting the only NESBA show on this date since there were two on our date last year. If we could get the Use of Facility in ASAP that would help with any possible schedule conflicts with athletics. *This date conflicts with the town-wide Columbus Day Soccer tournament. Alternative dates will be proposed but we may end up early in the season or on a day with another show on the same date.*
- Uniform Update – I am in contact with Demoulin Uniforms. The field rep is located in New Jersey and travels throughout New England. He is trying to find a date when he will be in the area. <https://www.demoulin.com/>

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- Marching Band Banquet – I do not think this is going to happen this year. The spring is pretty booked solid. Looking ahead to next year I think I will schedule right after NESBA finals.
- Show reveal – date TBA.

Chorus Director's Report (via email)

- Rodrigo Faguaga at NAHS: What an incredible experience! We had a blast and learned so much during his residency with us. The kids have a new- found confidence and the ability to feel music in their bodies in a way I never could have imagined. I'm so proud of them and their accomplishments! Rodrigo also said he learned so much from working with our kids, and found it to be one of the most fulfilling and best learning experiences of his life. The feeling was mutual! I was so proud to bring him to work with my kids. My heart is so full! :)
- Uruguay concert: The most fun we have ever had at a concert, hands down. I hope the audience felt the same! The kids were so relaxed and so proud to show Rodrigo our music from the States, while showing the audience what we have done with him.
- S&B Canada trip: coming up quick! We are performing in the following places:
 - Friday, March 16: Notre-Dame Basilica, Montreal, 4pm
 - Saturday, March 17: Notre-Dame-des-Victoires church, Quebec City, 1:30pm
 - Sunday, March 18: Notre-Dame Basilica, Quebec City. Pre-service: 10:30am, church service: 11am, Post- Service: 12:00pm.
 - We are also going to be touring the old cities, visiting the Biodome, going down the toboggan run in Quebec, and participating in a local music and dance workshop. It's going to be amazing!!!
- MICCA Choral Festival is on SUNDAY, March 25th in Westborough. We will be leaving around 10:30am and returning around 7pm. Same deal as last year!
- Coffee House is going to be on Friday, April 6th (tentative).

Old Business

- Senior districts were January 13; Will Ferguson received the Music Excellence Award for the district.
- All-State auditions were January 20; five students were selected. Linda has been sending these items to the newspaper for publicity; they're just not getting picked up regularly.
- Concert with Rodrigo was fantastic!
- NAMS Band concert fundraising did well; NAMS Chorus concert did well, too, but the money went to the NAMS drama group to help pay for replacement costumes, etc.

New Business

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- NAMA Scholarships – applications open on February 16. To publicize the NAMA scholarship, Mark will send an email to people who RSVPed to Senior Night, Kim will create a sign for the band/chorus hallway, and an email will go out.
 - Brian is spearheading the process but Mark will send the email to Christine so it can go out to all families requesting volunteers for the scholarship committee.
 - Jennifer suggested a pre-meeting to help new committee volunteers.
 - The scholarship budget is set but somewhat flexible.
- NAMA support for NAMS Events
 - There was general agreement that we need a NAMS Coordinator. Kim will ask Anna Choi to see if she's interested for next year. In the meantime, we should establish one "point" person for each upcoming event this year. This will allow the NAMS music teachers to have communication with one person rather than having multiple emails with potentially conflicting information. *Senay will be in touch with Andrea Liacos to find out what support/fundraising she would like at her upcoming events.*
 - The NAMS events that may require our support are: NAMS Spring Band Concert (5/23), NAMS Full-year Chorus Concert (date TBD) and NAMS Lemonade House (date TBD) are the only events we need to support.
- NAMS and NAHS MICCA Competition Support
 - NAMS is doing MICCA instead of Great East this year; no support needed as of yet.
- NAHS Scarlet & Black trip
 - No request for financial support at this point.
- Ideas for "A Knight at the Movies" concessions – see Band Director's Report.
- Date for NAHS Music Awards Night – we suggest Monday, June 4th
- NAMA Board Members for next year – there was discussion about ways to get more involvement from NAMA members:
 - Re-name and publicize our monthly meetings as "NAMA Member Meeting" instead of NAMA Board Meeting.
 - Add a button to the membership donation form to indicate interest in getting more involved.
 - Send an email and announce at upcoming concerts, letting members know of the open board positions. *If any current board members are not planning to continue in his/her position, please let Martin know ASAP.*

Any other business

- The price of dry cleaning uniforms increased by \$.50 per uniform.
- There was discussion of ways to increase the two-way flow of information to allow for better communication and notification of upcoming events, volunteer needs, etc.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

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