

We Believe In Music  
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**Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:30PM**

**Attendees: Martin McGrath, Kristine Murphy, Kim Marroni, Karen Bussell, Sue Francoeur, Nancy Koorapaty, Linda Pegalis, Cheryl Barbato, Sara Durkin, Amy Ferguson, Jennifer Kookan, Michelle Nachamie, Natalie Kissel, Jenn Fiocchi, Kim Hearst, Justin Smalley**

- The minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Balance as of today: \$29,748.75
  - We currently have an expected surplus of \$8,704.
  - Trip support loan: \$10,821 (\$3,395 from coffee house was deposited to off-set the loan).
- The treasurer's report was approved.

**Band Director's Report**

- Knight at the Movies – there were some initial issues with the popcorn, but Chet addressed it with the custodians.
- Show Reveal: Date TBD – we're still waiting for the final arrangement.
- Awards Ceremony – Justin will work with Martin and Mark to identify the awards that need to be ordered/engraved for the ceremony and the best timing for getting them done in advance.

**Chorus Director's Report**

- Quebec Trip – Scarlet & Black performed at three venues in Canada, in Montreal and Quebec; they were really powerful, moving experiences.
- MICCA – Three gold medal performances!
- Boston Trip to Heritage Festival – It's a National competition with the opportunity for follow-up performances next year. They will be performing at Shore Country Day School.
- Spring Concert – It's Sara's 10<sup>th</sup> year, so she's inviting back alums for the spring concert.
- Coffee House – It was very successful and earned \$3600.
- Live Band Karaoke Night: May 4<sup>th</sup> – It's going to be a competition.
- June Coffee House – It will be outside on June 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Margaritaville theme.
- S&B and Treble Chorus Auditions – 56 students auditioned.

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**Old Business**

- A Knight at the Movies: March 29<sup>th</sup> –It was a lot of fun!
- All Town Band Festival: April 3<sup>rd</sup> – We made approximately \$400.

**New Business**

- Loan for the Chorus Trip to the Heritage Festival – There was discussion about budgeting for trip support. Some of the topics discussed included:
  - Operational issues related to collecting and tracking student payments
  - The possibility of online payment options
  - Getting NAMA involved earlier in the budgeting process
  - Understanding what NAMA funds are actually covering related to trip support
  - The possibility of providing a general buffer of funds that could be used to off-set unreimbursed trip expenses
  - Determining how to predict and plan for an appropriate budget for trip support
  - A small group will be formed to explore Trip Support in more depth. Amy Ferguson, Karen Bussell, Kim Hearst, Michele Nachamie, Jen Kooken volunteered to participate.
- Extending stipends for honors performances to trips for Chorus students (this is the \$1200, for MMEA/college/honors ensemble scholarships) – Clarification was provided that these stipends were intended for individual honors.
- Date for Fall 2018 Show Reveal – See Band Director’s Report
- Date for NAMA Informational Meeting at NAMS – It was decided that we will offer the Info Session for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents before the Spring NAMS Band Concert on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was proposed that we show a video of band and concert performances and do a parent panel. Martin will work with Matt Ignos and Chris Nelson to schedule, coordinate and communicate it.
  - Michele Nachamie, Jen Kooken, Karen Bussell, Cheryl Barbato and Sue Francoeur volunteered to work on the Info Session.
- Car Wash: May 19<sup>th</sup> – Martin is unavailable, so Senay will be the event leader.
- NAMA participation in North Andover Sheep Shearing Festival: May 20<sup>th</sup> – We decided not to have a booth.
- Establishing a New Marching Band Uniform Fundraising Committee and establishing the New Uniform Fund – We decided to table the discussion until a later meeting.
- NAMA Scholarship Update – The committee will meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to review applications.
- Chorus Uniform Collection and Cleaning Update – Rene is unable to continue in her role as Chorus Uniform Coordinator, so Vicki will take over responsibility; Kim will follow up with Vicki to suggest getting assistance for the upcoming collection.

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- NAMA Board Members for next year – the proposed slate for open positions to be voted on at our May 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:
  - President - Kristine Murphy
  - Chorus Uniform Coordinator (with Vicki Vissering) – Michele Nachamie
  - Corresponding Secretary – Natalie Kissel
  - We decided to eliminate the Chorus Volunteer Coordinator position and roll it into the Volunteer Coordinator role.

**Any other business**

- NONE

**The meeting adjourned at 8:50.**

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