

We Believe In Music
North Andover Music Association, Inc.
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Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 6:30PM

Attendees: Kristine Murphy, Natalie Kissel, Linda Pegalis, Linda Burns, Nancy Koorapaty, Karen Bussell, Jennifer Kookan, Kim Hearst, Sue Francouer, Vicky Vissering, Anna Choi, Christine Gaede, Senay Abbay, Mark Bohrer, Debbie Bohrer

- The minutes from the June 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Net income for the year AY17-18 was \$7,116.
 - 109 band students have completed paperwork and received invoices; 33 are paid in full.
 - We have received \$1,250 contributions on \$3,200 pledges.
 - Check your corporate matching opportunities! The "Intel Involved Volunteer Matching Grant" program contributed \$860.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Chorus Director's Report (via email)

- There are two checks in the main office for \$400 that should be put toward repayment of the loan for AY17-18.
- Chorus Camp will be Wednesday, August 22 from 10-12 (concert choir) and 12-1:30 (treble choir) and Thursday, August 23 from 10-12 (concert choir) and 12-1 (scarlet & black). It is not mandatory and will really be an opportunity for new students to be able to become acquainted with some of the returning members, to make some friends before school starts, and to voice test before school starts. Sara will meet with officers and section leaders when she's back from vacation to discuss the details.
- Sara is working on the Chorus Handbook and will have it ready after her vacation.
- Hannah Carroll is working with Kim Hearst on NA Music water bottles. We are considering making them part of the uniform fee for everyone or selling them separately as a fundraiser for the trip. Regardless, we are considering a policy of only allowing the NA Music water bottles on stage for aesthetic and noise issues.
- The fall rehearsal schedule is not set yet. Sara will talk with the small groups at camp to figure out which day of the week works best for rehearsal days.
- Some dates to put on the calendar:
 - December 6 – Chorus Concert
 - February 1 – Providence College Choral Festival (for small groups)
 - March 28-April 1 – Nashville Trip
 - April 5-7 – MICCA (we won't know which day until January)

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- May 30 – Chorus Concert
- April (date TBD) – possible combined concert with Beverly High School (Sara’s alma mater)
- Late January/early February – possible visit from Rodrigo Faguaga and some friends from his choirs
- Thanks for using the NAMA Facebook page to livestream the concert with Rodrigo from Montevideo, Uruguay.

Band Director’s Report

- None

Old Business

- Stipend Update – 9 people have applied for stipends in AY18-19; we may need to re-assess the budget later in the year.
- Band Camp is August 13-19: Monday (10-6), Tuesday-Friday (9-4), and Saturday (9-2)
 - BBQ on 8/18 from 12-1 PM; with preview show at 1:30PM.
 - Parent Orientation Meeting – Justin is planning a meeting on Monday from 5-6 PM. NAMA will give a quick talk at the end but still hold our own New Parent Meeting on Saturday morning at 9 AM. Linda has updated membership forms and Karen will have CORI info to distribute.
 - Swag/Trunk Sale – plan to sell off old and new items from the closet on Saturday.
 - Fuddrucker’s Fundraiser – Thursday, August 16 from 5-8 PM.
- Marching Show Props – a small group met and there is a plan for building the props – we just need time and space to build.
- NESBA Update – there are 19 bands!!! September 29th will come up quick, so Kim is planning to hold a NESBA planning meeting in the coming weeks.
- Chorus Uniform Return & Update – the dresses have all been cleaned and the tuxes have been returned from the dry cleaner; a few dresses need to be re-numbered.
 - Vicky will develop a plan to distribute chorus uniforms at camp (Sara confirmed she’s on board with it).

New Business

- Band Uniform Distribution – Nancy will plan to distribute band uniforms on Tuesday (8/14) in the AM; additional opportunities for distribution will be available during nighttime rehearsals once school starts.
- Chorus Camp
 - Dates – 8/22 & 8/23
 - Uniform Distribution – during camp days (see above)

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- Water Bottles – we discussed and suggested that if the bottles are required for use on stage they should be offered at a nominal price (not as a fundraiser) since they're a required item; they should be offered as an optional purchase item on the form (since not every student will want/need one every year); and, extras will be available for sale for those students who may have lost one or decided to purchase later.
- Chorus Registration Form – it is currently in the works and will be distributed as widely as possible soon.
- NAMS Fall Meeting – it was brought up that we should hold one of our monthly NAMA meetings at NAMS to encourage NAMS parent participation. Since many of the fall meetings will be dedicated to marching band, NESBA and Knight to Remember, Kristine suggested adding a separate meeting to discuss items specific to NAMS. Kristine will contact Andrea, Chris, and Matt to identify a good night.

AOB

- Car Wash – given the busy fall marching band schedule for Saturdays, Senay suggested scheduling the fall car wash on Labor Day weekend (Sept 1). We did it that weekend last year and had excellent response.
- The Knight to Remember fundraiser is coming up quick – please contact Senay or Cheryl with auction items (game tickets, hotel stays, etc. or even basket items are appreciated); contact Senay with any other auction item ideas (reverse raffle; 50-50 raffle app)

Meeting adjourned at 8:44.

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