

We Believe In Music
North Andover Music Association, Inc.
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Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30PM

Attendees: Kristine Murphy, Natalie Kissel, Brian Long, Linda Pegalis, Debbie Bohrer, Kim Hearst, Karen Bussell, Jennifer Kookan, Christine Gaede, Linda Burns, Sara Durkin, Dawn Fraser, Michelle Nachamie, Nancy Koorapaty, Senay Abbay, Cheryl Barbato, Dave Pinzer, Jag Ghanti, Ann Brennan, Sue Francoeur

- The minutes from the July 31, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- We're making good progress on membership dues/contributions with over \$5,000 to date
 - We cancelled the car wash and will need to make up the funding elsewhere
 - Most of the band has been invoiced; we need a more comprehensive list of chorus students
 - Color guard is over-budget by \$500
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Chorus Director's Report

- 203 chorus (approx. 135 kids in concert choir; 29 Treble; 31 S&B)
- Men's Choir is meeting on Mondays (19 'dudes' showed up this week)
- S&B will be singing National Anthem at the football game this Friday (9/14)
- The Concert Choir will be recording for "A Voice for Peace" next Friday (9/21) before the football game for International Day of Peace; we'll coordinate doing the fall pizza party/tailgate that day (3:30 uniform distribution | 5:00 recording | 6:00 pizza | 7:00 sing the anthem | uniform distribution until 8:00)
- Sara will use the December performance as her entry for World Choral Day (the theme is unity and peace)
- Rodrigo is bringing 14 members of his choir with him when he comes in January; we'll be doing a joint performance on February 1st
- Chorus uniform distribution will be after rehearsal on 9/20 and in conjunction with the recording/pizza party/football game (see above) on 9/21
- Packets for the Nashville Trip went out this week

Band Director's Report

- October 5th is the last scheduled home game and will likely be Senior Night
- This year, we need two trucks for pit and equipment; Justin can drive one but we may need a driver for the other truck

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- On Columbus Day weekend (10/6) – the band will be rehearsing in Wakefield at the Voc before the show in Melrose (specific times will be announced)

Old Business

- Band Camp Events:
 - Saturday morning event was poorly attended; we may want to try something different for next year
 - BBQ seems like it might need to be simplified
 - Uniform distribution went really smoothly; volunteers were great (outfitted 106 kids)
 - Fuddrucker's Night made \$438
 - Swag sale made \$192
 - NOTE: Karen will add selling seat cushions to Friday night football game signups
- Marching Band Show Props – they are being worked on at Martin's house
- Band Uniform Update – we have several new kids since band camp that are being outfitted; gloves will be handed out on Friday; replacement shoes, garment bags and bibbers will likely be in next week
- Chorus Uniforms Update – they will distribute on 9/20 & 9/21 (we'll send a reminder about making sure to be paid)
 - NESBA Update – we need more students to sign up!
- NAMS Fall Meeting (TBD)
- Nashville Trip – packets went out this week & parent meeting is scheduled for 9/17

New Business

- Adjustments in Communications Responsibilities – Alex has stepped down but Christine Gaede will continue in her role; Linda Burns will do more website postings and MailChimp emails; Jen Kooken will post minutes onto the web; Karen Bussell will post and send out her Volunteer Sign Ups; Justin will send out Week-at-a-Glance through REMIND
 - Web changes will include a section to make volunteer opportunities more visible and a section for NESBA
- NAMS Funding Request – Andrea Liacos has requested \$1600 for a beat-boxing group to come and work with her chorus students
 - Discussion involved concerns about other potential funding needs at NAMS and whether alternative sources (principal, PTAC, Enrichment Council, Cultural Council) were asked for funding
 - \$1000 approved to support the beat-boxing group
- Upcoming Football Events
 - Chorus tailgate is September 21st
 - Homecoming is September 28th

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- 8th grade night is October 5th (pizza and water)
- Senior night is most likely October 5th
- Fall Festival (September 22nd 8AM – 4PM) – 20+ volunteer hours of NAMA reps will earn us cash; Karen will forward it to the board and see if we can get enough coverage
- Band Photo – Debbie is looking for a photographer for Friday night; Natalie & Brian will connect with Debbie on leads; Jag may also be able to do it
- Board Membership – many of our board members will be leaving in the next year or two; if you're one of them, please be sure to start updating and organizing your materials to be able to easily and efficiently pass them onto the next person

AOB

- Knight to Remember – please start thinking about auction items and any connections you may have; please send ideas, connections and/or donations to Cheryl.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22.

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