

We Believe In Music
North Andover Music Association, Inc.
A 501 (c)(3) Corporation

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30PM – MEMBER MEETING

Attendees: Kristine Murphy, Hope Ralph, Natalie Kissel, Nancy Koorapaty, Debbie Bohrer, Amy Ferguson, Kim Hearts, Bryan Long, Linda Pegalis, Karen Bussell, Anna Choi, Sue Francoeur, Michele Nachamie, Linda Burns, Christine Gaede, Jennifer Kookan, Cheryl Barbato, Senay Abbay, Susie Keeton

Secretary's Report

- The notes from the March 12 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- In addition to the raffle income received at the All-Town Band Concert, we also received a \$500 donation.
 - We have \$44,780 in the bank and have a surplus of more than \$9,000 this year.
 - The tables (approved last month) will be purchased this month.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Chorus Director's Report (Sara)

- We may be asked to help fund busses for the MICCA Gold Concert at Symphony Hall (5/4); Sara is first checking with the administration to see if there is money still available.
- Guest conductor (Rodrigo?) is coming in early May, so Sara may put together a concert.
- There will be a Coffeehouse on 4/26.

Band Director's Report (Justin)

- The marching band will not be participating in the Little League parade this year (too many kids will be missing due to the concert at Symphony Hall).
- See the agenda for a list of upcoming spring activities.
- Band camp 8/12-8/16 (no Saturday this year!).

Old Business

- Website updates:
 - We discussed how we use the word "member" in association with making a donation and determined a preference for donor or sponsor.
 - We also discussed what information should be included on the calendar and decided that we should only include major events since the HS teachers use Remind and the weekly updates for rehearsals/changes.

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- Update on NAMA Board nominees:
 - Hope Ralph – Membership
 - Michele Nachamie – Corresponding Secretary
 - Amy Ferguson & Suzy Keeton – Band Uniforms
 - Linda Burns & Natalie Kissel (in addition to Bryan Long) – Co-VPs
 - Kristi Hale – Co-Treasurer
 - Anna Choi – Stipends
 - Still need people for: NAMS Event Coordinator and possibly a second person for both Chorus Uniforms and Communication Coordinator
- Scholarships and scholarship committee
 - The committee is meeting this week to discuss this year’s applicants.
 - We voted to move \$500 from stipends into scholarships.
- NESBA 2019 is September 28.
 - There was some discussion about how to get more volunteers and engagement from the music department, parents, and kids (e.g., Tri-M honor society, kids who have need for community service hours, NAMS parents, etc.)

New Business

- Band Camp Changes (no Saturday this year!)
 - Eliminating Saturday means the review show will probably be on Friday night and the BBQ will have to change (more info to come).
- Fundraising Opportunities: we have had requests for our participation in three different fundraisers this summer:
 - North Andover Farmer’s Market (weekly on Sunday) – run the slush tent (make money); do set-up and break-down
 - Artisan Market (one per month) – get \$200 for providing 8-10 people to set up, break down, and offer help during the event.
 - We voted to do August 18.
 - Boston Crusaders are looking for 12-16 volunteers (students/parents) to help at two shows in Lawrence (4:30-10 pm).
 - We voted to do June 29.
- Spring Concerts fundraising schedule/plan (see hand-out).
- Board/Annual Meeting scheduled for May 14 is the same night as the Town Meeting.
 - We voted to move our next meeting to May 8.

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- Chorus Uniforms:
 - Can we do a hem day/night to get a group of parents to help hem chorus dresses – perhaps April 25?

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- Can we get new, fatter ribbons?
- Can we order some new dresses?
- Buttons and plaques – NA is, for the second year running, a Best Town for Music. Can we do some sort of recognition for kids and teachers? Kim will get some more information about the award from Chris Nelson and look into pricing for plaques/buttons.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

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