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Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30PM – MEMBER MEETING

Attendees: Justin Smalley, Nancy Koorapaty, Cheryl Barbato, Natalie Kissel, Linda Pegalis, Vicky Vissering, Debbie Bohrer, Karen Bussell, Bryan Long, Kim Hearst, Jennifer Kooken, Linda Burns, Kristine Murphy, Sue Francoeur, Senay Abbay

Secretary's Report

- The notes from the February 12 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Updates this month include the purchase of a tenor sax for the HS, issuance of a stipend, receipt of donations from Amazon Smile, and a few other items.
- We currently have a surplus of approximately \$9,400.
- Balance as of 2/28/2019 is 46,735.52.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Chorus Director's Report (Sara via email)

- We have the opportunity to do a workshop with the composer of pieces that Treble Chorus and S&B will be singing in Nashville; see funding request below.
- The Coffeehouse on March 22 is cancelled but we are on for April 26 (decades theme).
- There will be a popcorn fundraiser from now until the Monday before the trip.
- Trip forms are due ASAP.
- MICCA is Sunday, April 7; 10 chaperones are needed.
- The Spring Chorus Concert is May 23.

Band Director's Report (Justin Smalley)

- Spring schedule is pretty well set. Two items of note: (1) date change for the Spring Preview Concert – is now Monday, March 25 – and (2) the Little League parade date has yet to be confirmed.
- March is Music in Our Schools month.
- Cookie Dough fundraiser is ending with pick-up tomorrow.
- A question was raised about chaperone to student ratio. Although the overall ratio is 12-1, not all chaperones are assigned to students, so most chaperones actually have 16 students, which seems like a lot.

Old Business

- Nashville Update – see note above; nothing else new to report.

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- Website Update – the recommended changes have been made. Kristine will follow up about getting board positions posted and Kim will provide info for the NESBA section.
- Chorus Uniforms - Kristine did an update about the new process at the Nashville meeting. We need to develop a form of some sort; there was discussion about what type of form it should be – single or duplicate.
- Beginning in the fall, Freshmen and first-time chorus students will take a one trimester Singing Essentials class.
- NAMA Board nominees – some updates for proposed positions for next year:
 - Linda Burns, Natalie Kissel and Bryan Long – co-VPs.
 - Hope Ralph – Membership Chair.
 - Amy Ferguson and Susan Keeton – Band Uniforms.
 - Anna Choi – Stipends.
 - Michele Nachamie may be interested in Publicity.
 - Assistant Treasurer is open.
 - Corresponding Secretary is open.

New Business

- Tables – there is a proposal for several HS organizations to join together and purchase 8 new tables for exclusive use at NAHS (total cost is \$1000 with a \$200 contribution from NAMA); approved.
- Funds for a clinician for Treble and S&B (\$200); approved.
- Request from Andrea Liacos for funds to participate in a 4-day conference this summer at Boston Conservatory; cannot get school funds to attend (due to spending freeze) and even if it was approved, it may impact NAMS music budget. There was discussion about district practice for professional development and the precedent this might set; not approved.
- NAMS events – T2 chorus concert (Anna will attend); HC house (Kristine will deliver supplies for hot chocolate, etc.; Andrea will do her own SignUp for food and volunteers and Anna will attend).
- All Town Band Festival (Senay will organize to sell 50-50 and swag) and other spring fundraising opportunities (Senay will try to get June 15 for car wash).
- Scholarships and more – scholarship application deadline is coming up soon; plaques for awards will need to be ordered soon.
- MICCA Chaperone Needs – Karen will do a SignUp to request 10 volunteers.

AOB

- Senay suggested late February/early March is a good time of year for a potential event next year.

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- There was discussion about whether to do fundraising this spring given that we have a surplus; we decided to continue with fundraising as planned but add no new fundraising.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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