

# We Believe In Music

## North Andover Music Association, Inc.

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### **NAMA Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM**

### ***Member Meeting***

**Attendees:** Linda Burns, Kim Hearst, Karen Bussell, Luke Noble, Amy Ferguson, Natalie Kissel, Heather Ursu, Hope Ralph, Jessica Belongia, Anna Choi, Michele Nachamie, Vicky Vissering, Mary Kilpatrick, Isabel Durning, Clay Ursu, Chris Nelson, Justin Smalley, Sara Durkin, Mary Ballantyne, Rebecca Abbott, Danielle Blodgett

### **Secretary's Report**

- Notes from the September 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Direct Donation projection has been adjusted to \$2,500; fundraising projection has been adjusted to \$7,000.
- Federal taxes have been filed; annual report to state of MA to ensure nonprofit status to be filed shortly.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

### **Band Director's Report**

- Good music being made every day; bell covers for all are working well.
- Justin reported that he has started a Twitter account, @BandsNahs
- Chris Nelson added that NA administration has been helpful with resources; providing portable speakers/microphones to help with instruction outside.
- NA CAM interviewed Andrea Liacos about teaching during pandemic; will update as to broadcast date/time.

### **Chorus Director's Report**

- Theme for the year: Identity in Different Cultural Backgrounds.
- October is Hispanic Heritage Month: songs from Brazil, Cuba and Puerto Rico being sung; workshop on body percussion with Rodrigo Faguaga from Uruguay on 10/19 via ZOOM.

### **Band President's Report**

- Band t-shirts being planned; awaiting design submissions.

### **Chorus President's Report**

- Classes going well; students adjusting.
- Socially distanced lunch on the Common for Seniors attempted, but only 5 students attended. Lunch for first year/new students paired with Senior/Junior buddies planned for 10/16.

### **Old Business**

- Bass xylophone purchased for Franklin School on 9/10 at cost of \$1,125.41
- Successful NAMA Food Drive supported NA Senior Center and Lazarus House. Thank you to Heather for organizing; thank you to Heather, Clay, Karen, and Kim for delivering donations.
- Mailchimp elimination scheduled for 11/1. Email notifications will be sent to all NAMA

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subscribers explaining the change.

- Justin and Sara will encourage all first-year band and chorus students (or those new to music program) to register on the NAMA website to ensure future communications by email.

### **New Business**

- Anna proposed that NAMA seek grant funding from North Andover Cultural Council via the Massachusetts Cultural Council, as previously earmarked money may now be available due to the pandemic. She will explore this option.
- Jessica Belongia elected to NAMA board as Co-Volunteer Coordinator.
- Discussion of remaining vacant positions; Mary Ballantyne elected to NAMA board as Chorus Uniform Co-Coordinator. NAMS Events Coordinator still vacant.
- Current Fundraiser (NAMA water bottles and masks)
  - ❖ Masks have arrived without promised nose wires. Heather will inquire about price adjustment from vendor.
  - ❖ Status: 129 masks ordered (38 masks donated); 59 bottles ordered (17 donated). Donations to students at the discretion of music teachers.
  - ❖ Pick up for masks and remaining water bottles to be coordinated by Linda for Monday/Tuesday October 19-20 after school (assistance provided by Natalie, Anna, and Mary B.)
- Senior Night
  - ❖ Proposal for spring event due to pandemic; discussion about outdoor gathering limits depending upon town status (e.g., green allows 100 outside, red allows 50)
- Tri-M
  - ❖ Hope to initiate chapter this year; juniors and seniors would be eligible with qualifying academics, volunteerism, and audition.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.