

We Believe In Music

North Andover Music Association, Inc.

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NAMA Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

Attendees: Linda Burns, Michele Nachamie, Kim Hearst, Justin Smalley, Natalie Kissel, Isabel Durning, Helaine Posnick, Amy Ferguson, Mary Kilpatrick, Jessica Belongia, Anna Choi, Sara Durkin, Heather Ursu, Clay Ursu, Janet Manning

Secretary's Report

- Notes from the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Received some expected monies into operating account. Planned income is \$13,092 for 2020-21 (this includes fundraising via spring car wash, band concert and in person chorus event).
- Operating expenses for the year are projected to be \$29,735. Deficit is expected to be \$16,643.
- Band jacket expense was \$11,874 total.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report

- Band t-shirts were break even event; some extras available @ \$12 each.
- 3 students selected for MMEA Virtual All State Band, with Master Class fees of \$60 total, which NAMA will fund.

Addendum: Caleb Ginsburg selected for All State in violin.

Chorus President's Report

- Virtual Winter Choir Concert still being edited.
- Promotional video for 8th graders posted on Facebook and sent to Andrea Liacos at NAMS.

Chorus Director's Report

- Several chorus students have been accepted for honor choirs:
 - ❖ NAFME All-National Honor Ensemble: Owen Ferguson
 - ❖ NAFME All Eastern (Bass): Owen Ferguson and Henry Wright
 - ❖ MMEA All State: Courtney Igbinosa and Owen Ferguson
- Students are working on composing unit and learning about the process of writing; inspiration from nature, current events (e.g., women's empowerment). Student teacher is helping with unit.
- Live performance by Scarlet & Black Singers, Treble Choir, and senior members of Concert Choir planned for Thursday or Friday before April vacation week (planned for outside and possibly live streamed).
- 8th grade promo video will be posted to YouTube with link from NAMA webpage.

Old Business

- Band Rain Jackets
 - ❖ Ordered 1/21/2021 for cost of \$11,874.
 - ❖ Made in New Jersey; expected shipping date is 4/13/2021.
- North Andover Cultural Council Grant
 - ❖ Anna expects news about possible award by end of February.

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- Proposed Virtual Fundraiser during Winter Choir Concert
 - ❖ Sara raised important legal issues:
 - 1) Licensing rights are purchased for live performances of songs.
 - Point raised that admission is not charged for chorus concerts.
 - 2) Recording a performance and posting it online (e.g., YouTube) or airing it on television (e.g., North Andover-CAM) in order to make money (fundraising) may be an infringement of those licensing rights.
 - Point raised that NESBA band performances cannot be recorded due to copyrights.
 - ❖ Need legal advice/research about whether virtual fundraiser with recorded performances is appropriate/feasible.
 - ❖ Discussion will continue, as the concert is still being edited (target is end of February).

New Business

- Request for NAMA support in letter-writing campaign re: Updating Covid-19 guidelines for vocal music classes (*background article posted by National Federation of State High School Associations, "Third Round of Performing Arts Aerosol Study Produces More Scientific Data for Return to Activities," NFHS, December 16, 2020*)
 - ❖ Justin, Sara, and Andrea would like support in the form of letter-writing and petition-signing in order to request that DESE allow students to use instruments (band or voice) indoors, with appropriate masking and social distancing. DESE has recently allowed sports practices to occur indoors, after school hours, with appropriate guidelines followed.
 - ❖ NAMA will send a letter of support; Linda will share template/address with board members who wish to send individual letters.
- NAMA scholarship application and rubric updates implemented during January 21, 2021 Rubric Review meeting. Revisions sent to guidance for this year's scholarships (2021).
 - ❖ Changes include: more weight to NAHS programs vs. outside music programs; consideration for continuation of music beyond high school; addition of prompts for NAHS music program/NAMA volunteerism.
- NAMA scholarship awards discussion on potential changes in distribution of NAMA funds.
 - ❖ NAMA budget for scholarships is usually \$2500 per year.
 - ❖ Last year, 28 students applied for scholarship.
 - ❖ Merits of *number* of awards vs. *amount* of award discussed. Should more students be included, and get smaller awards? Or should fewer students receive larger awards?
 - ❖ 2021 Scholarship Committee will evaluate further.
- NAMA Scholarship Committee 2021
 - ❖ NAHS portal opens 12 February; closes 15 March. Students may update applications until portal closes.
 - ❖ Each NAMA scholarship applicant is reviewed anonymously. Senior parents cannot serve on scholarship committee. Transcripts are used only to vet status as music student.
 - ❖ 19 April is deadline to submit list of scholarships to NAHS (name of student/amount of award); 17 May is deadline to submit money to NAHS.
 - ❖ Justin and Sara will post scholarship in Google Classroom and hang posters/flyers in band/chorus rooms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.