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North Andover Music Association, Inc.

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NAMA Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:00 PM via ZOOM

Attendees: Linda Burns, Luke Noble, Kim Hearst, Karen Bussell, Andrea Liacos, Justin Smalley, Natalie Kissel, Anna Choi, Amy Ferguson, Jessica Belongia, Heather Ursu, Janet Manning, Mary Kilpatrick, Michele Nachamie

Secretary's Report

- Notes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Reserve account = \$20,017
- Operating account = \$16,952
- Contribution totals for 2020-2021 are \$7,012. Total proposed income is \$20,361.
- NAHS Chorus crew sweatshirts for concert performances were a break-even event.
- Senior Night expenses were \$460 for flowers and photography.
- Music Dept. Awards/Ceremony budget has spent \$301 on senior pins.
- Estimated income from upcoming car wash (May 15, 2021) is \$1000.
- Current scholarship budget is \$2,500. Proposed scholarship budget is \$3,500.
- North Andover Cultural Council grant of \$1900 should be received shortly.
- Income vs. expenses shortfall for 2020-2021 is \$12,714.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report

- Staying the course with band at NAHS.
- No information yet regarding NESBA; hopefully some news before end of school year.

Old Business

- Senior Night ceremony was a success, with 45 families participating. Seniors were given music pins and roses; 11 seniors opted to have photo banners made for the event. New band jackets made their debut on the chilly evening. Melissa Downey did event photography. Thank you to all that volunteered to run the event.
- Memorial Fund for Sue Francoeur's parents will purchase drumline and percussion equipment for NAHS and NAMS; Linda will reach out to Justin Smalley and Chris Nelson regarding specific needs.
- Scholarship Committee is reviewing applications; no redactions were made to student info, as many student details are immediately apparent based on volunteer history.

New Business

- Request for Continued Advocacy for further updates to DESE guidelines for singing/band practice indoors:
 - ❖ Andrea Liacos proposed continued letter-writing/social media campaign regarding current restrictions for music students (masked, and 10 feet apart indoors/outdoors). She cited the loss of music opportunities for students this year, and the challenging situations that music

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students have endured (being outside in tents, being indoors and being restricted from using instruments, whether vocal or band).

- ❖ Advocacy group *Arts for All* (a coalition of non-profit organizations and public agencies that promote theater, arts, music, and dance, and that work in collaboration to ensure all students have equitable access to and active participation in a robust arts education through the entire public education spectrum) was mentioned regarding the impact that the global pandemic has had upon all students in the Arts. Missed participation, performances and competitions have affected students of the Arts in many ways disproportionately to other academic and extracurricular areas.
- ❖ NAMA will again send a letter of support to the school committee and will provide advocacy information to interested music students and their families.
- An increase of \$1,000 in the budget for North Andover Music Association Scholarships was approved by the board. The new scholarship budget is \$3,500.
- NESBA program booklet (Fall 2021) will include sponsors recruited by Luke.
- NAMA Car Wash scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021.
- Music Awards Ceremony will take place sometime in June. Linda will ask Justin to submit a facilities request. Planning will continue.
- Board positions for 2021-22:
 - ❖ Linda requests that current members indicate their status via email for next year.
 - ❖ Perhaps new NAMA members can be recruited from parents/guardians of new Treble Choir and Scarlet & Black students.
- Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be at 7:00pm on May 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.