

FRIENDS OF MUSIC MEETING MINUTES
13 April 2015

In attendance: Paula Castner, Bob Nuzzo, Kelly Williams, Joe McCarthy, Susan Mianulli, Karen Fox, Nancy Weber

A motion was made to close the 9 March meeting. The motion passed.

March Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as written passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kelly went over the expenditures and receipts for the month; the ending balance was \$27,183.82.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NYC Trip

The final payment was made to the travel company for the NYC trip. The trip is taking place this Friday (4/17). Students are to arrive at NRHS by 6 AM so that all baggage and students can be on the bus and ready for a prompt 7 AM departure.

Boston Pops Spring Concert ["By Popular Demand"] 5 June

Tickets for the Boston Pops concert trip on 5 June are now on sale to the students. Fifty-one tickets were purchased; 49 are available for sale to the students at \$25 each.

All State Concert and MICCA

All State—concerts were great.

MICCA—The NRHS band and chorus participants did very well.

Business Sponsor Letter: Trailer

Among the pieces of equipment Joe identified as desirable for a new marching band program was a trailer for hauling instruments and gear. As part of our sponsorship drive to raise funds for band uniforms and equipment, it was proposed that the highest sponsor level would be to get the benefit of the sponsor's name/logo emblazoned on the trailer. Before sending out the sponsorship letter offering this option, Paula asked Dr. Graham to weigh in with legal considerations and other concerns. Following is his response via email, dated 31 March 2015:

Paula,

Here is my understanding of the situation.

If FOM purchased a trailer and retained ownership, then FOM would be responsible for insuring it and we would not be able to pull it with a Nashoba-owned vehicle (it would need to be pulled by a private vehicle), but you could have promotional information from supporting businesses on it. If FOM purchased a trailer and gifted it to the school system, then it would be covered by our insurance and would need to be pulled by a Nashoba-owned vehicle (we could not have a private vehicle pull it), and could most likely not have any promotional information from supporting businesses on it. I don't know whether or

not we have a Nashoba-owned vehicle that would be able to pull it.

Not sure if that is helpful or not.

Parry

Given that this situation is not as straight forward as simply offering advertising space on the trailer that would then be used with a school program, it was decided to eliminate that sponsorship level from the sponsorship letter that is to go out soon. We will have to rethink how we wish to approach this aspect of raising funds to include the trailer.

Scholarships

In reviewing this year's scholarship applications it was noted that the application forms we're currently using don't adequately draw-out the information needed to evaluate how well each applicant meets the qualifications specified for each scholarship. This year's scholarship committee is being asked to identify revisions to the application forms that would add prompts to guide the students to more specifically address the selection criteria (particularly service to the music program). The applications for next year's scholarships will be revised based on the committee's recommendations.

Fundraising Concert: Jim Atkinson

Jim Atkinson's band, The Buzztones Rhythm Review, will be putting on a concert to benefit the FOM's marching band fund raising effort. The Buzztones are directing all ticket revenue to FOM. The show will include special guest appearances by some NRSD teachers, as well as some NRHS jazz band students.

Promotional notices have been forwarded to music outlets. The concert will be on 2 May 2015 and is expected to run about 2 hours, with an intermission. FOM will be selling tickets for \$10 and \$5 (students and senior citizens). At the intermission FOM will be providing refreshments while a student jazz ensemble will be playing in the hallway.

[More at "EXTENDED BUSINESS" below]

NEW BUSINESS

May Concerts

Stow will be the host of the band concert on the 8th (Norah coordinating). Bolton hosts the chorus concert on the 15th (Christel coordinating). Both concerts include selections from Broadway musicals (band—Phantom of The Opera; chorus—Les Miserables) so a Broadway theme may be used for concert decorations.

Memorial Day Parade

The volunteerspot.com signup has been updated with items for volunteers to bring (the website link to this was provided to music parents via email). David Scott still is with the YMCA that operates Camp Lowe (Lancaster) so we'll be able to use it again for the barbeque between the Lancaster and Stow parades. We still need to find a life guard if there is to be any swimming at the barbeque. Volunteers are also needed for the buses (2) and for helping out at the barbeque.

Taxes

Chris Jenkins is doing our taxes again this year. The anticipated cost is \$140 plus a \$35 filing fee. A motion was made to allocate up to \$200 to cover these costs. The motion passed.

After Prom Donation

A motion to donate \$100 to the Junior Prom after-prom activities passed.

Dunn Appreciation Brunch

May is our turn to provide an appreciation brunch for Dunn and Co. (for the printing services they provide throughout the year). A motion to fund this with up to \$200 passed.

Storage units for practice room

A motion was made to purchase storage units—not to exceed \$200—for the chorus practice room. The motion passed.

Friends of the Arts Campaign

Due to changes in Friends of Drama (dissolving as a 501(c)(3)) FOM has been asked to manage the money from the Friends of the Arts campaign. A motion was made and passed for FOM to handle the accounting for the campaign.

We are still in need of volunteers to fill FOM officer positions.

Items from the Floor

We donated a portion of our discount cards as gifts for staff appreciation. The final total was 150.

EXTENDED BUSINESS

In the days leading up to the Buzztones concert, Joe asked if we could run a 50/50 raffle to supplement the fund raising effort. The executive committee approved getting a permit from the Town of Bolton to run raffles (permit is good for 1 year). Kelly was able to obtain the permit in time to run the raffle at the concert.

NEXT MEETING

The April meeting was continued to the next meeting date, 11 May 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Nuzzo, Secretary