

## **Nathan Hale Friends of Music**

**November 10, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance were: Barb Suleiman, Jean Gaska, Jeanette Menzia, Cherie LaBissoniere, Mariterese LaBissoniere, Barry J. Craig, Alexis Ganos, Sue Daniels, Lisa Jervis, Matt Lesar, and Nancy Cogan

Minutes from October 13 were approved with updates.

### **Music Director Reports:**

#### **Band – Kristi Wicichowski (report via email)**

- The Jazz ensemble (28 members strong) participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Woody Herman Jazz workshop on the campus of UW-Milwaukee on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Students had the opportunity to play for Mike Betz (Milwaukee Jazz Trumpet player) and Chris Vadala (Famous Jazz Tenor Sax Player) in a clinic session and then attend a session on improvisation with UWM Jazz faculty and a master class for the students' particular instrument! It was a great opportunity for this program
- The Jazz ensemble also had the experience working with Mark Davis (Milwaukee Jazz Pianist/Wisconsin Conservatory Instructor/Performer) and Brian Lynch (famous Jazz Trumpet Player) just yesterday (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>) at the school for an hour. Davis and Lynch performed for the class, which was incredible, and then also did a workshop on improvisation. This was an experience provided for our students at no cost courtesy of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music!
- The Basketball Season of Band (pep band) kicks off on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the Hale vs Central Double header!
- The Marching Huskies will represent Hale in the WAWM Holiday Parade the following day, Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 4:30p.m.
- The Concert and Symphonic bands will be working with a guest conductor for the Band Winter Concert on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Dr. Michael Knight is the Director of Bands at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI.
- What is the deadline for input from Directors for website – Music Department Highlights?
- It is ok for transfer of funds until after 1/1/2011 – thank you
- No updates in regards to Music Honor Society – Barry will update
- The Holiday parade buses are being paid for by the school district!

#### **Orchestra – Alexis Ganos**

- Thanks to Kris for getting the account transfer completed
- 2 students attended the State Honors program, Alexis was section coach, James Tapia from Syracuse University was present
- 4 MYSO students performed at Bay Shore Mall
- December 8<sup>th</sup> concert – is a collaboration with the bands and chorus and will be performing 2 excerpts from "The Messiah"
- Fundraiser – Champs Americana on 11/18, will help offset trip cost for Hale and Central Students
- 46 Central and Hale students will be going to St. Louis
- Will be looking at starting an after school Chamber Orchestra
- Preparing for upcoming performances is going well
- Spring concert will include "The American Dream" music
- PTSA gave \$150 grant to Orchestra for Spring Concert for Rental items.

### **Chorus – Barry J. Craig**

- 1<sup>st</sup> concert was good, thanks for FOM support
- Preparation for the combined concert has proven to be most challenging, but all is on schedule.
- The Art Dept. will also be participating during The Messiah by flashing Baroque images with student art
- A note to be made: grades, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades were outstanding!
- Music Honor Society update: we are looking at 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester rollout, not started yet, but all 3 of us will meet (when we can get together). We will be looking at a book of courses/curriculum, it will be a work in progress.

### **Treasurer's Report – Kris Palmer (not present, Barb read notes as prepared by Kris)**

- Kris attended PTSA meeting and reported totals/notes from Craft Fair Chair Kathy Stawicki
- 1609 total attended, there were 115 vendors and 3 student booths
- FOM totals from Craft fair:
- \$381.75 (bakery), \$118.50 (Seroogy's) and \$2624.00 (concessions) totaled: \$3124.25 (total profit to come at Jan 5<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- We sold out of Sloppy Joes early, as well as subs were sold out by noon
- Please turn in all and any expense forms as soon as possible to Kris
- Will update on food left (start and end totals)
- There was one check that was not cashed since September
- Balances of checking and savings were noted and recorded
- Barb will check with Kris on the filing of the 990-N to make sure we are on schedule for Nov. 15 deadline

### **President's Report – Barb Suleiman**

- Can the students do some 'write-ups' for the website?
- New York trip has been approved
- Music passes will be available at concerts
- Directors need to notify student of account balances
- Discussion about who keeps track of any donations direct to departments, follow up needs to be done to donors
- Put a note in the programs about buying a FOM Family Pass and the benefits – Barb will check with Tammy
- Spirit Wear, will advertise in newsletter, sell at no cost, will continue to sell Huskies. Will sell at 8<sup>th</sup> grade Expo – who can attend? Kris, Jean and Nancy will be there.
- Discussion about how transportation is put in the school budget. – there was discussion about competitions vs being a 'graded' event. Today, most field trips are normally funded by parents (maybe \$1-\$2 per student), for Parades there is money within the district for Holiday parades, although for the Memorial Day Parade, it was funded by donations. There will be further discussion between FOM and Directors for bus needs. FOM currently provides the Band, Orchestra and Chorus a bus for one event each. This policy will continue.
- Barb asked if any of the directors had applied for WAWM Education Foundation Grants? This might be an option for 2011 and they should look into it. There have been 47 grants so far between \$200 and \$500. It was noted that in 2009 and 2010, General Mitchell School received a Grant for Camp Upham.
- For December 8<sup>th</sup> concert ushers are needed. Barry stated that there will be 4 students from Treble Choir and 4 students from Concert Band to help. Just a note that all volunteers do not show up, so it would be good to supply more volunteers as it is always easier to let people know we have enough help vs getting help at the last moment.
- Poinsettia and Wreath sales – information was emailed to Orchestra families, Ann Schmitz was the parent chair.
- Musical is coming in up again fast – "My Fair Lady" Auditions are week of Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Barb will prepare letter for silent auction donors
- Are there any other fundraisers that we could do? Could there be a basket during the lunch hour at school, would be student run during that time, Mr. Lesar to confirm.

- We do the carnations w/ferns (2-3 carnations with ferns)
- Balloons
- Fan o grams during intermission
- Bake Sale
- Invite Rob and Laura to next meeting to discuss Musical expectations of FOM
- There is an updated Volunteer form, Barb to email the electronic version to Alexis
- Advertising for Programs Barry thought 3 music stores took ads, they pay \$100 for a full page ad, Barry has rate sheet and will share at Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting.
- Can we advertise more for the concert since it is a combined concert and there will be excerpts from the Messiah?
- Channel 13 will record and play (does someone know the schedule in case someone wants to record it?) copies cannot be sold due to copyright issues - so this would not be a good fundraiser.
- Happy Holidays to all families, next meeting is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – note, this is in the Choir room, B113!!!
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Cogan

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