

NHSIM Booster Meeting Minutes

Date **11/10/21**: Start Time: 7:00 pm, In Person & Zoom Call Meeting called to order by: Jim Bui

Minutes recorded by Brad Fisher: Booster Board Treasurer

Officers Present: Jim Bui, NHSIM Booster Board President

Maureen Theunissen, NHSIM Booster Board Vice President

Brad Fisher, NHSIM Booster Board Treasurer

Tammy Smith, NHSIM Booster Board Director of Marketing

Topic of Discussion	Outcomes or Next Steps
Welcome	Start Time 7:04
Slide Show Presentation	<p>Jim's Report: Welcome!</p> <p>Mike's Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Programs for our concert: Programs from previous years look great. Ads can be bought. We'd love to have programs for our concerts. 2. Awards: stoles were not returned last year. 34 given out, 10 paid for, 2 returned. We need to collect money (~\$35 each) beforehand, which we didn't do last year. Stoles are for seniors who have been in the NHSIM program for 4 years. Stole makers need a lot of lead time, so we need to move on this year's graduation stoles. 3. Awards, part 2: plaque for drum majors, from Napa Valley Engraving. \$700 at the end of year for all awards, but \$200 for these and for pins. Also letterman jacket letters for band, colorguard, orchestra, and occasionally jazz band, for 4-year IM students. Awards for bandsmen of the week, for new members of the program (some left in the box we already have). We'll have to purchase & order awards to maintain this tradition. 4. Big Photos of the groups: the company we used to use is not in business anymore. We need a new photographer. Mike needs support from a photogTherapher to handle student orders, checks, etc. He can't do all the individual logistics. 5. Elementary Tours: Need transportation (can be done with the same waiver that athletics uses), but perhaps lobbying of NVUSD will need to be done. Mike is running out of energy to keep lobbying; he could use help lobbying District Office for approval of these performances at Elementary & Middle Schools 6. Performances of professional Jazz musicians had to be postponed because District approval was dragging and buck passing caused too much delay. 7. Question from Will Daley: using the NVC performance space? They might be interested in allowing us to perform there. Mike is interested; Will will look into it.

8. Permission to use indoor spaces for colorguard rehearsals (e.g. Harvest gym in the past) would be great.
9. Mike's regrets for not being able to do the holiday parade. Funeral of a family member; he must attend it. Liability means it has to be Mike, and he can't be there, unfortunately.
10. Progress reports: not every score got entered in time, but they all will. Too many events in week before PR#2 prevented him from getting everything in, but he will do so soon.
11. Question from Maureen Theunissen: How did the band get to the holiday parade in past years? Answer: buses. Before 2018, individual cars, but buses more recently. Permission slips & liability insurance needed for events like this.
12. Question from Will Daley: How about Napa United team photographer Answer: Classic Photography. Napa Little League uses the same. When to take pictures? Answer: ASAP. Let's check their availability and get it done while the light is still good.
13. Question from Wenny Rist: Classic Photography might be a good photographer for group photos. Answer: good idea; we'll look into using them as first choice.
14. Wednesday, 11/17 concert (strings) may or may not have a conflict in the District Auditorium, but it's not clear. Mike feels that communication from the District is not clear. Concert date booked in May, and no promise to work it out. Date declined at present. Meeting with Dr. Ainsworth set for this Friday. This uncertainty is playing havoc with advertising and promotion.
15. Maureen T. suggests that a parent ought to add pressure to the District to make sure this happens. Mike: Students are motivated by performance opportunities; taking this away is a big blow. Maureen: other possible venues? NVC? Mike: still not sure on the final answer from the District. Maureen: could all performers go on Thursday, 11/18? Mike: Yes, but that would be a late night or short set. Less than ideal, but better than nothing. Will Daley: Maybe we should reserve NVC for Wed 11/17. Mike: moving basses and cellos is a hassle, but everything else is workable.
16. George Shikowitz suggests what might be the issue: possibly a full board meeting that Auditorium sound would interfere with? He caught much grief for a similar situation with instruments' sounds affecting sound in Board Mtg. room.
17. Future performances in March and May. Let's get programs for those future performances.
18. Question from Colorguard: we'd like to host an evening kind of like Dine 'n' Donate event to benefit Colorguard, for Winterguard specifically. Answer: food vendors must meet district standards of safety...individually wrapped portions, e.g. Work with boosters to set up details. Parents will need to take charge of the event.
19. Winterguard competes in the area. It needs permission slips, parent organization, food, transportation, entry fees, costuming for theme of

show, props, money. Winter Drumline is similar. As far as Del Oro, over an hour away. It's quite an undertaking, and events are full day weekend days. Needs a community of support to make it work. They need a huge vinyl tarp. Let's discuss winter events in more detail in December.

20. Answer from Jim: let's talk money. We're here to support the program's needs, and this sounds like a need.
21. Question from Maureen: new uniforms needed? Answer: Not absolutely, but other groups will be in new costumes, and it affects scoring. Often more dressy, draped fabric. Previous year's theme: WWII. Appearance, musicality, skill, flow, all add up to total judged score. It's a whole culture, with barbecues, all-day attendance. Parent Maria Cantera will be happy to be involved in this.

Maureen's Report:

1. Last show was excellent! Winning the car raffle by a band family was just spectacular. Thrilling!
2. We are working on budget things. We're still learning what boosters pay for. This is a rebuilding year, and we need to re-establish institutional knowledge that was lost. I'm happy to communicate with people who have more expertise than me.
3. Sustainment is ongoing. It helps us a lot; we want to keep that going strong.
4. Raffle: connected to concert? Mike: Sure, happy to help, make announcements, etc.
5. We'll bring credit card machine to concert
6. Maria Cantera: \$200 can be intimidating; installment option or pay-what-you-can would be good. Maureen: we're working on adding that to the website. It's a donation; so the suggested amount is what we hope for, but we recognize it's a lot for many families.
7. Will: list of sustainment donors (not divided by amount) should be added to the program as motivation and thank you.
8. Mike: Spanish translator at concert would be great to speak to families. District can get a statement translated, we just need a spokesperson.
9. Event 2 weeks ago was really great; good turnout.
10. It'd be great to do a joint winter drumline & winterguard event.
11. Idea for the spring: outdoor concert, different venue (e.g. Oxbow commons) Napa Music Festival,
12. Auction probably not going to happen this year; too late, no team in place.
13. Mike: Previous event w/ Jen Philips. Wasn't as successful as the auction at Skyline (enclosed dinner, evening) but open air concerts at Oxbow brought everyone out to see us perform. Giant thermometers to show donations with foam rings to show progress, food vendors, tickets, open (silent) auctions. All groups involved. Troubadour style, even guitars. Challenges: pick a date with no rain. Permits from the city. Maureen: Veterans Park is also an option.

Brad's Report: Still making progress on Quickbooks. Many bank deposits in the last 2 weeks; revenue & expenses getting balanced! Need to get expertise (Mike, e.g.) to get category buckets assigned for budget. Approx: 60,000 in Bingo acct. Approx 27,000 in General account. Approx 100,000 in savings acct (untouched).

Heather's Report: (presented by Maureen)

Student workers are still needed for the last 2 Saturdays in November. Need adult flash workers for Nov 27.

Julie's Report: (presented by Brad)

Popcorn sales got better & better logistically as the season progressed. We made just under \$500 per game. Volunteers were great; easy to learn

George's Report:

1. Congratulations to Mr. Riendeau and everyone in the program. Way to end strong!
2. Inventory finished of back storage area. Only 35 out of 130+ instruments need repair. 25 of 35 I will repair for free. Other 10 will need to be sent out. Mike: This will save us about \$2,000.
3. I will be going to Santa Rosa to establish a relationship with music instrument repair company Stanroy. \$120 per hour rate, \$30 minimum.
4. Our existing repair guy, 85, plans to close his garage. We need to look ahead.
5. Instrument repairs in good shape. Progressing well.
6. Sanitizing instruments is a good way to keep students safe.
7. Pep band interest? Drum major says she knows some students. Where will we be allowed to play? As soon as we know, we can set a schedule and set up a parent volunteer schedule. Probably staying close to home.
8. Radio spot for 99.3 the Vine is a possibility, as it was in years past. Promote Bingo. Pep Band can play for this radio spot. Mike: Can someone ask Art Ochoa to pursue connection to the Vine.
9. Inventory taken of items that can be used for food service and given to Bingo. This will save them some money. Mike: Take a look at the Ensemble Room. It's cleaned out; thank you George. Music library, small rehearsal space, very versatile and useful. Now ready to be used again!
10. Inventory of mugs: untouched and sealed. 108 total. Print logo on them and auction or sell
11. Maureen: Do we have original artwork? Tammy: No. only low-res images. George: we could reach out to alums at Sac State, e.g. Tammy: Is Julie Smith a graphic designer we could use? Mike: More in layout design. Perhaps a resource. Maureen: We need original artwork. For mugs, T-shirts, etc.
12. Maureen: event to plan with Napa High Alumni Association. We can sell excess old uniforms.
13. No tuba christmas this year, but a tree-lighting event yes. Veterans park is a good venue.
14. Support George needs: repair of re-soldering instruments. I'll get a repair estimate from Stanroy for sousaphone bells.

	15. We may need to spend \$800 for instrument repair this year. Maureen: No problem; that's a priority.
General Info	
	Meeting ended 8:30pm
Next Meeting	December 8th 7:00 PM