

FOM Monthly Meeting
September 6, 2007

I. Call to Order

FOM President Bob Hedrick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Bob introduced the FOM officers, Band Director Gerry Bastien, as well as Dee Bastien, Choral Director, Elizabeth Beaton. Bob gave a special welcome to all the Choral parents that were there too.

II. Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report: The financial report was accepted as presented.

IV. Old Business

Website: Co-Coordinator, Rory McDonald & Brian Stoughton were formally thanked for the creation and design of the website last month. Everyone was asked to be patient while the site is being updated. Special thanks went out to Doug Pasterello for maintaining the website for the past 4 years.

Committees: The following committees are run by the Friends of Music Organization.

Volunteers: This is the largest part of the organization, we need people to volunteer from 1 hour to 1 day, either participating, coordinating, or co-coordinating an event.

Harvest Festival & Salem Band Show: 10/6. The band and Color Guard will have rehearsal beginning at 11:30 a.m. on 10/6/07. A performance at the Harvest Festival is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. Afterwards, students will be treated to a pizza party courtesy of the AHS-FOM. The Band & Chaperones will board the busses and head over to the Salem High School's Grant Field for the *Salem Band Show* (Alvirne is 1 of 12 marching bands performing on Saturday). The show starts at 6 p.m. The estimated time of arrival back at Alvirne is 10:30 p.m.

Public Relations: Coordinator, Fred Guifrida will continue to get regularly scheduled articles published. Fred said that Kreamer's will be heading up senior spotlight this year, and he let us know that the Nashua Telegraph is doing a series on the 10 year history of the band.

Cabaret: Coordinators, Don & Deb Ouellette. This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year. The theme this year is a disco cruise. There will be many details discussed at future FOM meetings. Sales for the cabaret advertisement booklet will start in January.

Uniforms: Dianne McDonald thanked staff, parents, and students for pitching in. Honeywell is paying for the damage that was done.

By Law committee: Don Ouellette. Any changes made to the By Laws need to be submitted to Don. The By Laws can be found online at our website, www.ahsmusic.org.

Scholarship: Lisa Condo and Cheryl Cerato volunteered to be co-coordinators.

Student Liaison: Position is open. Requires an FOM parent volunteer to act as a liaison with the student officers (band and choral) helping give guidance with different ideas for fundraising.

V. New Business:

Band Clothing: Michelle Champion, Coordinator. Discussion regarding local clothing Supplier Red Brick Clothing being the official supplier for FOM now. Clothing orders will happen 1st week of Oct., 1st week of Nov. (*order your Christmas items NOW), January and March. Order online, or pick up an order form at the next FOM meeting.

*Michelle ask that a choral parent take part in the designing of a logo for clothing sales.

*Celebration tee-shirts: 10 tee-shirts need to be ordered now.

Upcoming fundraisers:

NH Speedway Clean-up: Bob Guessford gave an explanation of fundraiser. Brian Holt will be the coordinator for fundraiser.

The Pizza Guy: 10/21. Gerry LeCleire & Betsy Levesque, Co-Chairs

Carwash: Date to be determined

Leaf Raking: Allison Jutrus, Coordinator. Allison asked for 2 parent volunteers to be at the site. This year we added incentives for the students. Leaves are raked and bagged, and left for the owners. Parents that attend and work will earn money towards their student's trip scholarship fund. This years rates are as follows:
Small yard, \$100; Medium yard: \$150; Large yard, \$200.

Cash-O-La-Night: Run by Scholarship Committee; dates to be determined.

Thank you Paramount Cleaners: Gerry thanked John Manahan for his prompt professional service and his concern for our needs.

VI. Other Business

Band Trip: The Band will be going to Annapolis, Maryland this year. April 30 - May 4th 2008. There will be several opportunities for students to earn money through upcoming fundraising events. Money earned through fundraisers will go in the students trip scholarship fund.

Alvirne Singers: Congratulations went out to the newly elected officers.

Co-President: Cindy Richards

Co-President: Josh Swanson

Secretary: Angela Freeman

Treasurer: Megan Bergin

VII. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m. The next FOM Meeting is 10/4/07.

Respectfully Submitted,
CherylAnn Cerato
Secretary