



Monthly Meeting
January 3, 2008

I. Call to Order: President Bob Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m. Bob asked that the volunteers in attendance join him in a moment of silence in remembrance Jeanie Barkley. Jeanie was a friend, mentor, photographer, Vice President, and an active volunteer with the Friends of Music for the past six years; Jeanie passed away on December 22, 2007.

II. Secretary's Report: The minutes from December 6, 2007 were accepted with corrections.

III. Treasurer's Report: The financial report from December 6, 2007 was accepted as presented.

IV. Old Business:

Band Trip: Chris Landry. Chris reported that he is making final arrangements for the trip at this time.

Band/Chorus Apparel: Michelle Champion was not present at the meeting and therefore did not present a report.

Volunteers: Dianne McDonald – Dianne gave special thanks to everyone that volunteered for the Holiday Concert. The concert was changed to Friday evening because of the snow day. Diane thanked everyone for being flexible with their schedule, and for helping out.

Public Relations: Fred Guiffrida reported that the Senior Spotlights are available for viewing the websites, and there is a link to the forms needed to be filled out by the Seniors. The Holiday Concert was promoted in the newspaper.

Scrip: Cheryl Cerato reported that the gift certificate fundraiser has been so successful; we will be ordering Scrip monthly. Orders are due at School no later than the 1st Wednesday of each month, with the deadline being the FOM meeting. Orders will be accepted at all times throughout the month. The orders will typically arrive within 7-10 days after ordering and will be sent home with the students. Cheryl explained that by changing the way “we” shop, and by making monthly gift certificate purchases with a student from the Music Program, we will be helping them raise money that will go directly in their trip scholarship fund. 50% of the profit will go directly into the students trip scholarship fund, and 50% into the general music fund.

Cheryl strongly suggested that everyone figure out what their monthly purchases were, and asked them to consider buying gift certificates through Scrip (groceries, gasoline, clothing, entertainment, restaurants, movies, and movie rentals). There is a detailed list of participants (400 businesses) that can be accessed on our website:
<http://www.ahsmusic.org/support/scrip.shtml>

Chili Fiesta: Scott Wilson reported that Thank you letters have been sent out to the sponsors and that on January 17th the committee will hold an organizational meeting.

Pie Fundraiser: Scott Wilson reported that he still had 3 pies waiting for pick-up.

Band Officers: Announced the following:

Jan 25th –Stage Band will play at the International Lions Convention in Nashua

Jan 28th –TRI –M-Induction will be held at AHS in the band room at 7pm.

V. New Business:

Cabaret: Don Ouellette reported that the show will be on March 29 at 7:30pm and on March 30th at 1:00 and 6:00pm. Don also reported that this year's show will be a “Cabaret Cruise” and explained how students could earn trip scholarship credit by selling advertisements in the program book. Ad pricing is as follows: \$30=¼ page; \$60=½ page; and \$120=full page; 1 line=\$3. This year's split will be 60/40. With 60% of the profit going to the

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student's trip scholarship fund, and 40% going into the general music fund. Contest entries for the cover of the ad book are due on Feb 20th, and the ad's are due by Feb. 22nd. There will 53 tables per show, and tickets will be \$12.00. Cabaret tickets will be on sale to band and chorus families on Feb. 21st, from 6:30-8:30pm, with a snow date of Feb. 22nd. After the 22nd, tickets can be purchased via telephone from Deb Ouellette at 880-4014.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Gift Card fundraiser: orders accepted now, due on Feb 6th

Cabaret Ad Book: Ad's due-Feb 22nd

Cabaret: March 29th & 30th

www.goodSearch.com: A year round fundraiser.

Upcoming Events:

Chili Fiesta Meeting: Jan 17th

Tri-M-Induction: Jan 28th 7pm

Cabaret ticket sales: Feb 21st 6:30-8:30pm

Cabaret: March 29 & 30, 2008

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next FOM meeting is February 6, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherylann Cerato
Secretary