



General Membership Meeting

DATE: **October 15, 2024**
TIME: **7:30 pm**
LOCATION: **Instrument Music Room**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. NIMAS GMM called to order by Honorée Kerrigan, President, at 7:33 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

- A. Present: Honorée Kerrigan, President. Laura Strattan, Vice President. Shawntay Sabetti, Treasurer. Eleftheria Kapsalis, Assistant Treasurer. Lisa Bolash, Secretary. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Band Director. Sarah Hriniak, Color Guard Advisor.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Honorée Kerrigan, President, announced that meeting agendas are made available online prior to the general meetings. Members are encouraged to review the agenda and be prepared to vote to approve the agenda at the beginning of future meetings.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. Honorée Kerrigan, President, announced that meeting minutes are made available online for members to review and called for a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. See XI MOTIONS

V. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. President's Report

1. Welcome to members.
2. Mr. Zettlemoyer will be receiving an award on November 7th.
3. Members should reach out to the board with any questions or concerns about communications tools.
4. Volunteer opportunities to be addressed by Laura Strattan, Vice President.

B. Vice President's Report

1. Step by step instructions for volunteering in CutTime were sent out by Mr. Zettlemoyer.
2. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - a. Nitschmann Night Football Game (tomorrow night 7:30p game) all slots filled.
 - b. Halloween Parades (19th, 20th, 27th + RAIN DATE Nov. 3rd) still need volunteers.
 - i. Parade volunteers walk along with the band and provide supervision, water, pick up dropped equipment and provide wellness checks.
 - c. Combined Bands Performance at LHS-FHS game (Sat. 26th) still need volunteers.

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Checking account balance as of 9/30/2024 is \$29,541.08.
 - a. Expenses included purchasing music/instrument repair/fair share refunds/jazz trip deposit/orchestra attire/bingo license.
 - b. Income included payments from uniform distribution night, Gertrude Hawk candy sales, gift card sales and Mod Pizza Dine to Donate.
2. Savings account balance as of 9/30/2024 is \$11,478.10

3. General Fund: Fundraiser Update
 - a. Mod Pizza Results \$256.68
 - b. On the Border Dine to Donate (October 24th)
 - c. Red Robin Dine to Donate (November 14th)
 - d. Mums Sales total of 619 mums; \$855.25 to the general fund.
4. Fair Share: Fundraiser Update
 - a. Mums Sales; \$1,672 to student's fair share accounts.

D. Assistant Treasurer's Report

- a. New Fundraisers – do as many or as few as you wish. These are to help fund your student's band expenses not to be overwhelming to you.
 - a. Krispy Kreme Donuts-glazed only. Sell for \$15 per dozen, \$6 will go to student's fair share accounts and \$1.25 to the general fund. Runs through 11/14 delivery at next General Membership Meeting on 11/20.
 - b. Jorge's Salsa sale starts late November and will run through mid-January. Delivery will be in time for the Super Bowl.
 - c. Java Joes coffee - more information to come.
 - d. Additional gift cards to local restaurants - more information to come.

E. Committee Reports

1. Grocery Gift Cards: Peggy Fueher, Chairperson
 - a. Weis, Giant & Shop Rite - \$100 gift cards; \$4.00 to student's fair share.
2. WaWa Shorti Hoagie Coupons: Peggy Fueher, Chairperson
 - a. Wawa gift cards are \$5.50 each and do not expire. \$1.00 goes to student's fair share account.
3. Gertrude Hawk: Nicole Burkhardt, Chairperson
 - a. Total sales YTD 18 boxes \$1728; \$30 per box goes to student's fair share account and \$6.00 goes to the general fund.
4. Matey's Pizza: Rob Kucsan, Chairperson
 - a. Fall sale runs 10/28-11/13; delivery on 11/23, pick-up in the auditorium lobby at 9 AM. Pizzas are \$7.25 each (gluten free \$9.25). \$1.25 will go to student's fair share account and \$.50 will go to the general fund.
5. NIMAS Fall BINGO: Still in need of a chairperson for the committee. Event is 11/1. Request lists for donations and volunteers will be coming out soon.
 - a. Isabella Flores requested a donation letter to take to local businesses to request donations.

VI. COLOR GUARD ADVISOR'S REPORT

A. Reminders

1. Performances-same performances the Mr. Zettlemyer will discuss. Look for Mrs. Hrinia's blue SUV with Nitschmann Color Guard magnets on the side in the parking lot for upcoming events.
2. Uniforms- videos were sent out with instructions for how to put on their uniforms and attach tassels to their boots. Do not put cell phones in boots. Suggestion is a small cross body purse that can be worn under their skirts.
3. Winter Season Updates- Santa Comes to Wind Creek and Hanover Tree lighting, more information after parade season.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Reminders

1. Band rehearsal is every Monday and Thursday that we have school.
2. Orchestra is every Tuesday and Friday that we have school.
3. Chaperone Volunteers must have clearances on file with the district. Information on NMSIM.org.
4. Students must take music lessons either in school or privately outside of school. Schedule is set and rotates weekly. Schedule is on the band room door.

B. Recap

1. Phantoms performance was awesome, last year we had 20 kids perform, this year we had 37.

C. Trip Updates

1. Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, May 2-3, 2025. Friday visit Air and Space Museum, Golden Corral for dinner, hotel check in, 5:30 PM Fireman's Parade, back to hotel by 11:00 PM. Saturday depart for Washington DC for a lunch cruise on the Potomac followed by site seeing and museums. Cost per person is \$400 and includes all activities plus a trip shirt. Trip insurance will be available at an additional cost. ****PLEASE NOTE - IF PURCHASING INSURANCE DO NOT PAY FOR THE TRIP IN FULL UPFRONT. MAKE A DEPOSIT THEN ADD INSURANCE AND THEN PAY YOUR BALANCE.**** Payment information will be sent out via CutTime soon and installments will be due in Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar. Student's trip payments will be in CutTime. Parents must pay by check or cash sent into school. NIMAS pays for the nurse, administrator and teachers attending.
2. Jazz Band Trip to NY for Big Band Holidays at Lincoln Center: There are still 8 spots available for the Jazz Band Trip to The Lincoln Center to see Big Band Holidays open to anyone who would like to go. Cost is \$134 per person, includes bus, show and dinner at Hard Rock Café. Depart from NMS at 11:00 AM, performance at 2:00, early dinner at Hard Rock, free time around Rockefeller Center and Bryant Park Winter Fest before departing for home.
3. 8th grade Music Department & Dramatics Broadway Trip to see Hadestown April 16, 2025. Cost \$150.

D. Event Information Updates

1. Tomorrow Pep Rally – wear blue ID shirts, band reports to band room at 1:30 PM.
2. Tomorrow night - Nitschmann Night Football Game report time 6:45 PM, full uniform no hats, no gloves except for color guard..No food in the stands for band members. If they get a stain on their uniform, use a sponge with dish soap and spot clean. If your student's drop (white cummerbund) has an orange/rust stain on it, this is residual dry cleaning fluid. You can rinse (soak) the entire thing and hang to dry. It will rinse right out. Check BASD website for clear bag policy at the stadium.
3. Thursday BASD Early Dismissal/Half Day (In-Service)
4. Nazareth and Saucon Valley Halloween Parades 10/19 & 10/20. Watch the website & CutTime for specific details. Students to take instruments and music home with them on Thursday or Friday. [Chaperones wear blue ID shirts].
5. MS Combined Bands Rehearsal at BASD Stadium 10/22 during school day 10AM-2PM. Lunch provided, dietary restrictions have been provided but it is suggested you pack for your child with severe restrictions. Rain date Wednesday morning at 7:30, chaperones are not needed for the rain date rehearsal.
6. Combined Bands Performance at LHS-FHS game Saturday 10/26. Report to NorthEast Middle School at 10:30. Lunch will be provided to students. March from NEMS to Liberty. Attendees should plan to arrive at the stadium by 12:00 as this is a high attendance event. Tickets are only available online! [<https://bethlehemareasd.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>]. If picking up your student in the stadium after halftime performances fill out google form by Friday 10/25 at 9am otherwise they will march together back to NorthEast Middle School at approximately 3:30/4:00pm for pick up.

7. Bethlehem Halloween Parade 10/27 (rain date 11/3) Students will meet at school in the band room at 1:00pm. Do not bring instrument cases inside or they will be locked inside when they leave for the parade. Pick your child up under the bridge at the end of Main St. or notify Mr. Z that they are permitted to walk home from there. Chaperones wear blue ID shirts.
8. Monday 10/28 rehearsal begins for Santa Arrives as Wind Creek to take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving 11/30. Time commitment is 12-2pm. Cookies & beverages provided after performance.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Poinsettia & Wreath Sale

1. Sale runs 10/17-11/8. Flowers generate \$2.75 to student's fair share account, all other items earn \$4.00 to fair share. Pick-up at NMS on 12/3 from 5-7pm in the auditorium lobby.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Sign-up Volunteers update your clearances.
- B. Bingo on 11/1, look for sign ups to donate food items, basket items and to volunteer at the event.
- C. 2 Dine and Donates before our next meeting (see calendar below)

X. MOTION(S)

- A. Peggy Fueher made a motion to approve the NIMAS September meeting minutes. Sandra Raab seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and zero votes opposed.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. NEXT UP: Volunteers please sign up for November events.
- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday November 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Peggy Fueher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm and Laura Strattan seconded the motion.
- B. Meeting Minutes provided by Lisa Bolash, Secretary.

Month	Date	Time	Event
October	Wed. 16	1:30p 7:30p game	Meet in band room for Pep-Rally Nitschmann Night Football Game & Band Performance
	Thu. 17		
	Sat. 19	11:30a	BASD Early Dismissal/Half Day (In-service)
	Sun. 20	12-3p	Nazareth Halloween Parade
	Tue. 22	1-4p	Hellertown Halloween Parade
		10a-2p	MS combined band rehearsal at BASD Stadium
	Wed. 23		
	Thu. 24	7:30a 11a-9p	RAIN DATE: MS combined band rehearsal On the Border Dine to Donate (FLYER REQUIRED)
		Sat. 26	10:30a-3:30p
	Sun. 27	12-4p	Bethlehem Halloween Parade

November	Fri. 1	6-9p	NIMAS Fall BINGO
	Sun. 3	1-4p	RAIN DATE: Bethlehem Halloween Parade
	Tue. 5	--	NO SCHOOL (Election Day & Teacher In-service)
	Thu. 14	5-9p	Red Robin Dine to Donate
	Wed. 20	7:30-8:30p	NIMAS General Membership Meeting
	Sat 30	9:30-11a	Santa Comes to Wind Creek