

Foxboro Music Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2017

Meeting began at 7:30 PM

Attendees: Lauren Amico, Dale Andersen, Karen Connolly, Joanna Eva, Liz Hall, Scott Hall, Jennifer Hoyt, Neil Kaiser, Michelle Kenney, Steve Massey, Julia Metivier Nancy Morrison, Rose Morrison, Patti Prevost, Shannon SanBento, Meghan Scollins, Amy Spognardi, Katherine Udden, Kim Vacheron, Michelle Walsh, Mary Waters, and Karen Wheatley

Welcome - Dale opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. She thanked everyone for their help over the past month. She especially thanked everyone who helped with MICCA.

Secretary's Report - Jenn Hoyt had sent out the minutes for both the regular meeting and the special meeting. Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously. Karen Connolly has taken over filing the paperwork for the 501c3. She has been working very hard and tirelessly on this and is 90% done

Treasurer's Report - Meaghan Scollins updated income and expenses through today. She said that the budget and financials are looking good. We need to change the way we do our reports to match up with the filings for the IRS. So, the reports will look different for the next meeting. Meaghan said that we got bill for chairs for Bandorama. We're getting invoices in from printer, but we're still waiting on typesetter invoice. Meaghan added in a line item for administrative charges for incorporation. MICCA is in, but not all of it has hit yet. We're still waiting for the town's bill. All we pay for from the town is the food and cafeteria worker at the end. We don't pay custodian bill. MICCA pays. Michelle Kenney asked about the expense for postage for scholarship. Meaghan will move expense to postage. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved

Mr. Massey's Report - Mr. Massey thanked everyone for MICCA And Bandorama work. As a result of a gold medal at MICCA, two ensembles will be playing at Symphony Hall. Buses will be leaving at noon, loading at 11:30. Mr. Massey wants notification if people are taking kids from Symphony Hall. He urges students to take the bus because there is a lot of equipment. Mr. Massey said that sometimes the audience in afternoon isn't as big. He said to invite as many people as possible. He's also asked the newspaper to promote it. He wants a front page. Sheila Peterson will follow up. Essentially Ellington is May 12th through 14th. The Memorial Day parade is May 29th. It is important to the community from a P/R standpoint. Nancy Morrison asked about hatch shell performance for MAJE. We're not doing it because Jazz Ensemble will be away at Ellington. Mr. Massey also said that the MAJE event isn't very well run.

Student Reps - Mary Waters said a lot of kids have asked about Popockets. Karen Wheatley is giving them some. Karen said that they have sold almost half. Popockets are available at Mirror Boutique, Cyndi's Jewelry, and Waxy O'Connor's. Karen also sold some at Jake and Joe's for Lacrosse. Rose Morrison asked about an FMA add in the yearbook. This was brought up briefly at the November meeting. There was one last year, but the FMA didn't pay for it last year. A parent paid for it. At this point it's too late to do anything. All three student reps said that POPS is going well. Decorating will be during vacation week (19th, 20th, 21st). The theme for POPS is Hollywood.

MICCA Recap - Liz Hall and Amy Spognardi ran MICCA for the first time. They said that for the first year running it, it went well. There was a lot of support from people who've run it before. Next year will be even better. They still have some receipts and they have a list of things to revisit for next year.

FMA Scholarship - Kim Vacheron has run the FMA Scholarship in the past, but a senior parent can't run it. Dale Andersen agreed to coordinate this. Essays from seniors are due by 3:00 on Monday, May 15th. Four readers are needed. Tracey Vasile (through her daughter, Julia Metivier), Katherine Udden, Meaghan Scollins, and Michelle Walsh agreed to read. Dale won't be a reader. The readers will rate essay 1-5. The essays are anonymous. Karen Connolly offered to put the application online.

Board Positions 2017-2018/Annual Meeting - The revised bylaws were approved at the special meeting in March. We will post the bylaws on the website. Per the bylaws there is to be an Annual Meeting in May meeting for the purpose of voting for the board. The term runs August 1st to July 31st. Nominations are now open for all board positions. Send Sheila Peterson an email at sheilapeterson@comcast.net if interested in running. Please send all nominations by Friday, May 5th. The Foxborough Town meeting is May 8th, the same day as the FMA scheduled meeting. So, our annual meeting will be at 6:00. Karen Connolly reminded Sheila that per the new guidelines for the 501c3 we need ballots for voting.

Volunteer Positions 2017-2018 - Sheila Peterson would like to confirm all positions by the May meeting. Sheila is sending around a sheet. Karen Wheatley won't be doing hospitality since her last child graduates in June. Liz Hall agreed to chair hospitality. She will shadow Karen. Shannon San Bento needs at least a co-chair, if not a committee for the Bottle and Can Drive. Shannon will send a summary of what's needed to Sheila. Sheila will be sending a template out to all chairs. Some positions that are needed are a ticket sales coordinator and a publicity coordinator (liaison with Reporter). Nancy Morrison agreed to chair a newly formed grants committee. Jenn Hoyt agreed to chair the Finish at the Fifty if we're going to do this. Kim Vacheron suggested putting lists up at potluck to recruit volunteers. Dale Andersen wants to add a potluck coordinator for next year. Sheila Peterson said that she will get flowers for senior parents. Mary will find out how many seniors (we think it's 40). Finally Nancy Morrison asked if the FMA could speak to the audience at Choralpalooza and String Fest next year. They speak about the mission of the FMA at Bandorama, but nothing was done for the other groups.

Scholarships - Michelle Kenney and Lauren Amico said that this year there were 69 applicants. Last year there were 96. The year before there were 70. There were 43 applicants in 5th and 6th grade, 14 in 7th and 8th, and only 12 for the high school. The due date was the same as last year. Schedules were sent out and so far there are no conflicts. Auditions are Monday, April 24th. Essays were sent out to the readers. They have to be returned in 10 days. There was an applicant request a week after the deadline, but the coordinators said no. Everyone agreed that was the right decision. Because its' a smaller number of applicants only three rooms are needed this year for the auditions.

POPS - May 6th and 7th. Karen Wheatley wants a table to sell Popsockets at Pops.

FMA Jazz Fest - May 10th. Mr. Massey had wanted to have the concert at 6:30, but the tickets say 7:00 and the website says 7:00 so it will be at 7:00pm. The guest artist is trombonist Jeff Galindo. There will be a cookout for all participants before the concert. Dale Andersen will check with Lynne Silver to see if she is coordinating this. If not, Karen Wheatley has offered. Nancy Morrison asked how the cookout works. Karen said that it depends who is running it. Sometimes there are donations, sometimes the coordinator takes care of all. After Jazz Fest there will be a short reception. Karen Wheatley will get cake.

Cable Access - POPS is at 1:00 this year. June 6th is the percussion concert. Neil Kaiser is planning on filming both. He has 40 senior photos. He had 4 that he didn't know, but Mary Waters set him straight. Neil mentioned that Foxboro Cable Access has a \$1000 scholarship for a senior. The only stipulation is that the student is going into communications. It's run through Foxboro Cable Access and goes for 4 years.

Upcoming Events

- Stars at Symphony Hall 4/15 - Symphony Orchestra @ 2:30, Concert Band @4:00
- Festivals of Music Tour 4/26-4/20
- FMA Scholarships Auditions 4/24
- FMA Jazz Fest 5/10 - 7PM @ FHS Guest Artist Jeff Galindo
- Essentially Ellington Festival NYC May 7-May10
- POPS Concert - 5/6 @ 7:00 and 5/7 @2:00PM
- 8th Grade Band, Jr. Jazz & Orchestra May 16 AMS 6:30
- 7th Grade Orchestra, Band and 7/8th Chorus, May 18th @ AMS 6:30
- Chamber Music Concert - May 25th FHS @7:00
- FMA Potluck Dinner May 26th FHS 6:30
- Grade 5 Band, Chorus & Orchestra 6:30 AMS

Next Meeting is the Annual Meeting - May 8th 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Hoyt