

**Foxboro Music Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday February 22, 2016**

Meeting began at 7:30 pm.

Attendees: Donald Albro, Dale Andersen, Lauren Amico, Emily Connolly, Karen Connolly, Mimi Foley, Laura Franc, Michelle Gardner, Susan Godfrey, Neil Kaiser, Maria Kerrigan, Christine MacDonald, Colleen MacDonald, Mr. Massey, Cheryl Moran, Nancy Morrison, Rose Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Leanna Pink-Sewell, Shannon San Bento, Meaghan Scollins, Cami Tedoldi

Dale - Welcomed and thanked all for attending and for their continuous help. Next meeting date will not be the usual 2nd Monday given the conflict. The next meeting date will be the 21st of March.

Secretary's Report: Last meeting's minutes approved. Mimi stated that she is resigning after this year due to her work schedule.

Treasurer's report: Baking with Joy added and permit was renewed at the post office. This was already budgeted for earlier. Sponsorships continue to be high as compared with last year. Maria and Sheila noted that State Street donates up to \$1,000 for volunteer hours, so those who work as State Street should check into this. Report approved.

Mr. Massey – Noted that the MAJE SE District Festival is coming up on March 3rd @ KP, March 4th & 5th are the SE Junior District Festival and on March 10, 11 & 12 – 6 students will be going to the Mass All State Music Festival at Sea Port Boston. He reviewed some of the last few successful events and concerts. Also, there were 145 students that played in the recent String Fest.

Student Reps – Colleen spoke about the mixed jazz choir after the Berkley Fest and how it was great to work with all the choirs. Rose thanked the FMA for their support during the recent Jazz Symposium. Colleen stated that the open rehearsal Step Up choir with the 8th grade was coming up.

Leanna Pink noted that there was a large increase in the number of students moving up from the Ahern and some have even signed up for the jazz choir. She also asked the FMA if someone would speak about the FMA at the Choralpalooza coming up on the 3rd. Nancy Morrison agreed to speak to encourage parents to join the FMA in supporting all the great events and concerts. Sheila agreed to support and back up Nancy as needed. Nancy also agreed to speak at the Strings step up rehearsal too.

Don Albro – Mr. Albro spoke about the Residency Program coming up. Peyton McDonald will be the guest percussionist. Peyton specializes in Indian Music, but is accomplished in a wide variety of music. The concert date has been changed from the May date to the night of Wednesday, April 13th. His concert will be in three parts and he will work with students from the Ahern and the high school on the 11th, 12th and 13th.

Laura Franc will put in an article in the Reporter for the program and include a link to Peyton's website which has his bio and clips of his performances on Youtube. FMA will put up Mr. McDonald at a hotel and pay the \$1300 for his program. There was no admission fee planned, but there was some discussion on requesting donations at the concert.

Sponsorships – Lauren Amico asked for volunteers to read the scholarship essays. She currently has 4 out of 6 total readers. The date has been set for April 25th. There will be 4 rooms and Mr. Massey will have 8 judges.

Publicity - Pam Atanasoff could not attend the FMA meeting and submitted these notes regarding Publicity: Membership on the FMA Facebook group is now up to 480, a one-third increase over last year. On average, the group sees one post per day; including a weekly calendar, detailed info about upcoming events, and photos. I publicized the upcoming UMass Ensemble Concert and the Concert with Percussionist Payton MacDonald at FHS by creating events for the FMA fb group, sending blurbs to the Reporter for the Calendar section, and sending blurbs to the Foxboro Senior Center for internal posting. This week, the Faces in Foxboro Music photo series was completed at FHS. You can now view group photos on the fb group of freshmen through seniors in band, chorus and orchestra.

Volunteers – Maria Kerrigan announced that Susan Godfrey and Melody Leighton had agreed to be the new chairs for MICCA. Ms. Tedoldi volunteered to bring donuts for the judges from her favorite donut place and Dale will still bring the coffee. Neil Kaiser asked about more signs requesting people in the halls to be quiet. Maria stated that she has more signs. Food prices will stay the same for this MICCA.

UMASS Wind Ensemble – Dale put it up for a vote whether to feed dinner ALL the students at the workshop or just the UMASS students (roughly 65 students instead of the possible 165). Consensus was to just feed the UMASS students. Cami Tedoldi highly recommended the FHS cafeteria staff for dinner.

Communications - Karen Connolly has successfully set up a tracking system on the FMA website just to track the traffic on the website. Currently, there is an average of 8-10 hits a day and when we have events/notices (e.g. Yankee Candle sales) the number goes up.

Foxborough Reporter – Laura Franc recently wrote an article on the chorus with pictures from the FCA and also had an article on the String Fest. Also, there's some PR on the Wind Ensemble in the works with Pam. Cami Tedoldi noted that many students have their own cameras and take lots of photos that could be added to her articles. All agreed that her articles have given much positive attention to the FMA and the music program here in Foxboro and that she absolutely deserves her own byline. Thank you, Laura!

Upcoming Events :

- Wind Ensemble rehearsal 2/29 @ MIT 7-8pm
- Choralpalooza 3/3 @ FHS Auditorium 6:30
- MAJE SE District jazz Band Festival 3/3 @KP
- SE Jr. District Festival 3/4 & 3/5
- Mass All State Music Festival-Boston 3/10, 3/11 & 3/12
- UMASS Wind Ensemble workshop & concert 3/9 @ 7pm
- Wind Ensemble performance 3/14 @ MIT 8pm
- MAJE State Finals 3/19 @ Norwood HS
- Bandorama 3/29 @ FHS Gym 6:30pm
- Spring Concert 3/31 @ FHS 7pm
- MICCA Festival 4/1 & 4/2 FHS

Next meeting March 21st, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Foley

Adjourned 8:31pm