

Foxboro Music Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 9, 2016

Meeting began at 7:32 PM

Attendees: Lauren Amico, Dale Anderson, Karen Connolly, Scott Connolly, Michelle Gardner, Jennifer Hoyt, Michelle Kenney, Mr. Massey, Colleen McAuliffe, Donna McAuliffe, Julia Metivier, Nancy Morrison, Rose Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Meaghan Scollins, Lynne Silver, Amy Spognardi, Ms. Tedoldi, Mary Waters, and Karen Wheatley

Welcome - Dale Anderson welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming out on a cold January day to the meeting.

Secretary's Report - December 2016's minutes were emailed to all on in the google group on January 8th. Copies were available at the meeting. The December minutes were approved unanimously. Jenn Hoyt also mentioned that Mass Commonwealth approved application for incorporation so we are moving onto the paperwork for filing for a new EIN number and the transfer of the non-profit status.

Treasurer's Report - Meaghan Scollins said that PayPal charges fees. She added PayPal fees in to the bank/administrative charges line item so that line item will be a little higher than originally anticipated. Total profit for apparel is \$823, but we're still missing a few payments. Total sales for apparel were \$3092 and \$2281 for blankets. Sponsorships were at \$14,475 last year. This year we're at \$13,613. Last year there were 108 sponsors; to date this year there are 92. All but two scholarships were claimed. The money set aside for the last two (totaling \$202) was returned to the general account. Yankee Candle money and Finish at the Fifty (that were not accounted for last month) are included in January's report. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Steve Massey's Report- Originally Mr. Massey stated that he had no report this month, but then when asked about District he spoke. He was asked about District rescheduling. He said that it's sad, but it probably won't happen. Miss Tedoldi said that they would get back to ticket holders about refunds once more was known. Some schools didn't even come Friday because superintendents wouldn't let the buses drive. Mr. Massey said that the Friday rehearsal is the best part for the kids so it was still a positive opportunity for the kids. The snow day wasn't an option because the venue had been changed. Mr. Massey called this the "perfect storm." Mr. Massey thinks the SEMMEA board made the safest decision.

Student Reps - Mary said she and Rose have the rest of the senior pictures for the potluck. Julia is still missing a few for choir.

Jazz Symposium - Saturday 1/28 - Dale Anderson said that Karen Wheatley is coordinating the luncheon and dinner. The luncheon is just for faculty (students will need to provide their own lunch) and the dinner is for all involved. Karen will be reaching out for volunteers for set up (beginning at 4:00) and clean up, and to solicit donations for water and baked goods. Nancy Morrison asked for clarification on what the jazz symposium is. Mr. Massey explained. He said the event runs from 10:00AM to 8:00 PM. In the morning, all bands work together and play a few pieces (they work on big band techniques). Then there is a performance by the guest artist (this year it is the Greg Hopkins Sextet), then master classes by

instrument, followed by dinner, and then a jam session. There are 4 schools involved (Foxboro, Lexington, Medfield, and King Phillip). It's been very successful for 15 years. The FMA provides lunch for staff (kids bring their own lunch). Dinner is catered and is served to students and staff. The cost is only the cost of a guest artist and dinner. Since the event is not done on stage (it's in the band room) it is not open to parents. Karen Wheatley said that one added benefit is that the kids meet other kids who might be at Ellington. Mr. Massey mentioned that some of the kids form friendships and groups from different schools. The jazz symposium was only cancelled once due to a blizzard.

Scholarships - Lauren Amico said that letters will go out the 1st week in March.

Sponsorships - Meaghan Scollins had already covered almost everything in the budget talks. One additional detail she mentioned is that the sponsor lists are printed in the programs on a calendar year basis. The first concert in January will be the first concert with the new list. Sheila Peterson will ask Katherine Udden and Michelle Walsh to follow up with some businesses to see about getting more sponsorships.

Other Business - Nancy Morrison asked to form a committee to ask for money from Partners in Patriotism. Karen Wheatley agreed, saying we should be getting \$5000 to \$10000 from them. Karen suggested making a full list by grade, group, and date. She said that any programs that we're paying for can be paid for by Partners in Patriotism. They have a budget of \$100,000, and it's only for Foxboro (their fiscal year is the calendar year). Karen and Nancy want to make sure to incorporate music staff's wish list and said that asking for money for public events benefits the entire town. Dale Anderson said that we will form a committee at the next meeting and make it a grants committee to incorporate other grants other than just Partners in Patriotism.

#### Upcoming Events:

- 7th Grade B/C/O Concert 1/12
- 6th Grade B/C/O Concert 1/19, 6:30 AMS
- Jazz Ensemble recording session 2:00 pm FHS 1/19
- All State Auditions -Shrewsbury HS 1/21
- Winterfest Concert 1/26 7:00 PM FHS
- String open rehearsal with Ahern orchestra 5:30 2/6 @ FHS
- Stringfest 2/16 AMS 6:30 PM
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Next Meeting February 13th @ 7:30 FHS Band Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Hoyt, Secretary