

FMA Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

Attendees: Dale Andersen, Sheila Peterson, Susan Godfrey, Maria Kerrigan, Katherine Udden, Michelle Gardner, Michelle Kenney, Karen Connolly, Christine Macdonald, Nancy Morrison, Darlene Groves, Karen Wheatley, Laura Franc, Emily Connolly, Rose Morrison, Colleen Macdonald, Mr. Massey

February Meeting Minutes approved

Treasurer's report presented by Dale and approved. It was noted that we are awaiting the invoice from FHS Cafeteria for the dinner provided to the UMASS musicians.

Mr. Massey Report – UMASS Wind Ensemble, MIT Continuum Wind Ensemble, Jr. District and MAJE State performances completed. Six students participated in All State in Boston. Mr. Hagarty was also recognized at All States with the 2016 Paul Smith MICCA Hall of Fame Award.

Festival of Music Tour itineraries are typically provided a month before the date. Mr. Massey is expecting to send out final info next week.

Student Report– Colleen M reported that All State was an amazing experience. POPS tickets will go on sale soon. Tables are available upon payment. Sponsorship letters sent out. Theme is space. Tickets will also be on sale at the Spring Concert.

Emily C reported that Student volunteers will be helping with MICCA setup and directing people. Maria reminded that student volunteers will get a free meal.

MICCA – Maria asked about recycling of returnable cans and since there is no reason this has not been done in the past. Donations of water appreciated, no baked goods needed as they cannot be sold. Some volunteer spots still need to be filled. Maria will post on Facebook.

Scholarships – Michelle Kenney reported that applications are coming in:

So far we have received 9 applications from 5th & 6th grade students, 4 applications from 7th & 8th grade students and 5 applications from High School students. We expect the volume to increase closer to the registration deadline of 3/31 at midnight. Emails sent to music teachers to remind students. Schedules will be sent out April 8th. Auditions are April 25th. It was suggested that a reminder could be given at Bandorama. The 6 volunteer Essay readers are identified.

Volunteer Positions – Sheila reported that current chairs are writing up the tasks of the role as well as whether there is an opportunity for shadowing this year. The goal is to have all key positions filled and ready for next year, ensuring a smooth transition. A good example is the Facebook publicity positions have been filled by Pam Atansoff. She sent the following report:

Publicity-Facebook: A total of 46 new members have joined the FMA fb group since our last meeting, bringing our online community up to 529 members. All are encouraged to share photos and videos from concerts and other events involving students from the Foxboro music program. Outgoing board members and chairpersons are also invited to share a description of their role along with their contact info so we can fill any openings quickly. So far, two volunteers have stepped up to be Co-Chairs of Publicity for Facebook: Stacey Vega will cover the Ahern Middle School and Tracey Vasile will cover FHS. Many thanks to them for coming forward!

Secretary position still to be filled and and Foxboro Reporter Rep Laura Franc is hoping Scott Hall will replace her.

Publicity Update – Laura will be submitting a story about the MIT event on 3/14. She even got to speak to Kurt Bacher at the event, the composer of *Confluence* which was played that night. She will also plan to submit something about MICCA, which Mr. Massey indicated will involve 500-600 Foxboro music students. This will help make more parents familiar with the event process, objectives and value, especially those of younger students.

Discussion of updating the FHS Music Dept website. Possible use of photos for publicity use. Something to work on next Fall.

Jazz Fest - May 4th – The Wheatley family has offered to host a BBQ. Estimate 50 performers. Guest artist is Doug Olsen, Jazz trumpet player(FHS Alum) Director of Music at Medfield.

Reviewed upcoming events schedule:

3/29 Bandorama FHS 6:30pm

3/31 Spring Concert FHS 7pm

4/1& 2 MICCA Festival

Essentially Ellington workshop 4-9pm

4/27-5/1 Festivals of Music Tour

5/4 FMA Jazz Fest FHS 7pm

5/5-8 Essentially Ellington in NYC

5/14-15 POPS Concert (7pm on Saturday, noon on Sunday).

Mr. Massey noted the Addition of Wednesday, April 13th artist in residence, Payton McDonald the percussionist coming to work with our students. Concert at 7pm.

Choral Master Class with John Richter from New England Conservatory is this Thursday, March 24th 6-8pm.

Next meeting April 11th at 7:30pm