

**Foxboro Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday May 9, 2016**

Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

**Attendees:** Dale Andersen, Lauren Amico, Pam Atanasoff, Tina Belanger, Karen Connolly, Emily Connolly, Mimi Foley, Laura Franc, Susan Godfrey, Kristin Hovey, Michelle Kenney, Christine MacDonald, Colleen MacDonald, Mr. Massey, Donna McAuliffe, Nancy Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Stacey Pisarczyk, Dorothy Relyea, Meaghan Scollins, Lynne Silver, Katherine Todd, Terese Todd, Katherine Udden, Kim Vacheron, Tracey Vasile

**Dale** - Welcomed and thanked all for attending and for their continuous help.

**Secretary's Report** - Last meeting's minutes approved. Mimi is looking for a successor to the Secretary Role. A description of the role can be found on FB and the FMA website.

**Treasurer's report** - Jazz Fest was a success. \$901 collected at the door and \$100 in concessions. Budget approved.

**Mr. Massey** – Mr. Massey shared some thoughts on recent performances. He commented that the Symphony Hall performances were fantastic. He also commended how impressive the students were during the recent Tour to Philadelphia and NYC. He really stressed how professional and courteous they were and how many people commented on how well behaved and mature they all were during the tour. They played music 3 out of the 4 days and the performances were of very high quality. He noted that it was great for the students to see Central Bucks High School West in Doylestown, PA which is the foremost high school for choral performance. The Yo-Yo Ma concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra and more recently, Doug Olson at the Jazz Fest were also fantastic performance for the students to see. The level of performance shown by the Jazz Ensemble at the Essentially Ellington Festival was superb and Mr. Massey attributed much of the success of all the groups to the dedication of the students and particularly the student leadership. He thanked and commended the parents for taking the musical careers of their students seriously. Lastly, he shared some anecdotal stories in order to express the level of excellence that is the FHS musical student experience.

**Public Relations** – FB: Pam introduced her replacement duo, Tracey Vasile and Stacey Pisarczyk. Tracey, who is no stranger to FB, will be handling the publicity for the high school and Stacey, now a Burrell School parent, will do that for the Ahern starting this fall. Sheila thanked Pam for her hard work in increasing FMA engagement through FB. Newspaper: Laura will be putting in another article in the Reporter regarding the Jazz Improv. camp. Sheila suggested we send articles to the Chronicle and the Walpole newspaper as well. Laura, who is also seeking a replacement, spoke with Scott Hall who may be interested in writing articles for us. Meanwhile, Sheila stated she could write for us. There is also an opportunity for music students who are interested in journalism to take on this role. Colleen stated she would ask around.

**Finish @ the 50** – Dale finally heard back from Aaron, the road race manager the last couple years. He stated we could run the T-Shirts and that he'd like some other volunteers to send to other places during the race. Dale asked him what the compensation would be and he has not replied yet. It will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. If we take part in this, we will need many volunteers again and Dale is concerned that they lowered the compensation amount from \$2,000 to \$1,200 last year.

**Student Reps** – Emily thanked the FMA for their support at the Spring and Jazz concerts and reception. The Jazz Fest had high attendance this year with students from as far away as Seekonk coming to see the concert. Everyone found the experience working with the Doug Olson particularly exciting. She commented on how moving the Yo-Yo Ma concert was during the Tour. Colleen stated how impressive the Central Bucks High School performance was for everyone.

**Website** – Karen Connolly will add photos and the volunteer list to the website.

**Volunteer Positions for 2016-2017** - Sheila handed out a few volunteer sheets for those who might be interested in volunteering in positions becoming vacant at the end of the year. Please note that the volunteer list has been attached to these minutes this time. There are several openings, so please review and volunteer if you can.

**Sponsorships** – Michelle Walsh will be assisting Katherine. Thank you!

**Fundraising** – Review of fundraisers: We will do the poinsettia fundraiser through Ray Lyons again, but we really need a good replacement for the wreaths which are too expensive. Unfortunately, the bread sale was unsuccessful, so Lynne Silver suggested a soup fundraiser, particularly in the colder season.

**Potluck** – Dale still needs some volunteers and coolers with ice. Kim and Nancy volunteered. Kim is also handling the flowers and the senior scholarships. Scholarships are for \$500 and require only 400 words. Kim needed 4 readers for the essays. Dale, Mimi and Sheila volunteered. Pictures: Sheila will facilitate the senior pictures and Tracey will take the photos. Pam looking to set up the photo area and would ideally like to do the photos before the Pot Luck starts, so she will send out a notice to the senior parents to arrive early, if possible. Colleen agreed to send Pam the contact info for the 39 seniors.

**Memorial Day Parade** – We need volunteers for coolers with ice at two locations – TD Bank and the Common. Nancy, Dale, Meaghan and Sheila all volunteered.

**Founders Day** – Dale would like to do a tent again this year. She will send out a Sign up Genius to man the tent. Aside from the great exposure, we collected \$400 last year, so it

is well worth the effort. There was a request for some students to go around and play music.

**Upcoming Events:**

- POPS Concert – Sat. 5/14 @ 7pm & Sun. 5/15 @ 12:00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Chorus Jr. Jazz & Orchestra – Tues. 5/17 @ Ahern 6:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra, Band & Chorus – Thurs. 5/19 @ AMS 6:30pm
- Chamber Music Concert – FHS Thurs. 5/26 @ 7pm
- FMA Potluck Dinner – FHS Friday 5/27 @ 6:30pm
- Memorial Day Parade 5/30 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Grade 5 B/C/O Concert 6/1 @ 6:30 p.m. Ahern
- Grade 6 B/C/O Concert 6/2 @ 6:30 p.m. Ahern
- FHS Graduation 6/5 @ 2 p.m.
- Percussion Ensemble Concert 6/7 @ 7:00 p.m. FHS
- Foxboro Jaycees Concert on the Common w/FHS Jazz Ensemble 6/9 @ 7 p.m.
- Founders Day 6/11
- Jazz Improvisation Camp 6/20 – 6/24 3-8 p.m. Ahern
- SIMC 6/27 - 7/15 8:15- 12:15 Ahern (no camp on 7/4)
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**Next meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Foley

Adjourned 7:57 p.m.