

FMA Meeting Minutes - submitted by Michelle Gardner
September 14, 2015

Attendees: Mr. Massey, Donny Albro, Dale Andersen, Sheila Peterson, Meaghan Scollins, Michelle Gardner, Pam Atanasoff, Katherine Udden, Karen Connolly, Lauren Amico, Jennifer Hoyt, Tina Belanger, Christine Macdonald, Kim Vacheron, Joanna Eva, Neil Kaiser, Tricia Conlon, Lynn Silver, Shannon San Bento, Marybeth Dorman, Terese Todd, Dorothy Relyea, Scott & Liz Hall, Susan Godfrey, Nancy Morrison, Cheryl Moran, Michelle Walsh, Donna McAuliffe, Traci Lorenz
Student Reps: Colleen Macdonald, Emily Connolly, Katie Todd, Rose Morrison

Welcome by Dale. Additional information folders are available for Freshman parents.

Treasurer Report – Final report from last year. We came in \$5,000 ahead, sponsorships up from last year. Let Meaghan know of any updates. She will be presenting budget at next meeting. She will send list of outstanding scholarships to Karen Connolly.
Approved.

Mr. Massey report – He attended his first FMA meeting when he came here in 1980. (It was founded in 1975). He thinks it is a phenomenal group of parents and respects that we give of our time to do significant work to support ALL music students. Mr. Albro introduced. He would like to bring in a former colleague as a guest artist in May for 2-3 days to work with all students in Foxboro. He is a percussionist and composer, it would be an opportunity for kids to interact with a living composer.

Student reps report:

Jazz choir CD was released in July \$10 each. Have 180 left. Make great gifts. Will put out at concerts. Robert Kraft had donated \$10,000 of sound equipment to Jazz choir program last year. It was suggested they send the CD to him.

Marching Band performed at first Football game last week. Excited about the program. Thank FMA for water.

Concessions – need one volunteer to help Michelle and Dorothy at each concert. Signup sheet passed.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser kicking off 10/23 – 11/9 - Dale

Baking with Joy Fundraiser – Will start after Thanksgiving until right after Holiday concert 12/10. Post form on Website. Kids bring them in. Student reps to collect.

Karen Connolly reported that website has been updated and is live and active. Get any suggestions to her. Current news, concert schedules, photos, T-Shirt and Sweatshirt order form are there. It has also now been backed up.

Governing documents are outdated. Need volunteers to look at and update By-laws since they need to be posted as we are a 501c3. Sheila Peterson and Jenn Hoyt will begin the work. It was suggested that we post contact info of chairs as well as officers.

There is a continued desire to be more proactive in our communications. We have made big strides.

Discussion of Social media and idea of having an FMA business group in addition to the current one that is more interactive. Sheila Peterson is working with Pam Atanasoff and Katherine Udden on this. Anyone interested in being part of the discussion is welcome.

Tricia Conlon is interested in helping. Anyone who hasn't joined the FMA Facebook page, please do. It is currently a closed group.

Colleen Macdonald created the FMA Twitter account last year, has over 100 followers. Tweets updates from Facebook. Will put FMA website on Twitter page.

Laura Franc also working on Press Releases and visibility for all the music groups in the Foxboro Reporter. Paula Bishop continues to provide great photos. Posted on Paula Bishop Photography on Facebook.

Also in the interest of communication – Katherine Udden will pass on info on how parents can connect with FMA that can be sent to Cami Teodoldi to distribute to her email distribution. Mr. Massey will distribute to those parents emails he has. Mr. Raymond has a blog.

Marching Band T-Shirts – some families reported not receiving the right orders. Mr. Massey will find out from Drum Majors what orders were missing and refund money or determine if additional can be ordered. It was also suggested that kids signoff on name spelling before they are ordered in the future as there were some errors.

Bottle and Can Drive – All set for this Saturday 9/19. Also has a Facebook page. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. Signs are available for folks to take if they live on a major route.

Neil Kaiser – Positive feedback provided on FMA Potluck video. He would like this year's senior pictures and baby pictures by February. FCA is always looking for volunteers. Help is needed at concerts to run cameras, especially at Ahern concerts. If you see an empty camera, please come forward. Appreciation expressed to the FMA for all they do to support us.

Cookout is 10/16. Takes place after Marching band rehearsal and before Football game. 8th Grade students sign the National Anthem and band members join the FHS band in stands. Carl Andersen will be looking for volunteers via Google group. Will need chips, desserts, drinks, rolls, grills, tables, etc. Signup Genius will be used.

Mrs. Donegan is taking Senior pictures for buttons tomorrow.

Reviewed upcoming events.

Next meeting October 5th 14, 2015 at 7:30.